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Angel Sabato has been in love with best friend Grace O'Brien for 10 years--but he's only just realized it. Too bad she doesn't take him seriously when he tells her about his feelings. Reeling from the rejection, Angel hightails it out of town.

Now Grace is left to wonder if her problems from the past are keeping her from opening herself to love. But she brushes these "useless" musings aside, concentrating instead on the work she's doing as an apprentice to folk healer Tante Lulu and keeping up with the old woman's good deeds.

Such as starting a foundation to help families still homeless after Hurricane Katrina. One family consists of 5 children who lost their parents. The eldest, only seventeen, has been struggling to take care of her siblings and lying like heck to the state agencies in order to keep everyone together. Tante Lulu and Grace take the children under their wings and decide the foundation will build a house for them.

Re-enter Angel, who helps with the construction. Unbeknownst to Grace, Tante Lulu has decided to try her hand at matchmaking again. And Tante Lulu has never failed before!

## **So Into You Details**

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### Vintage says

From the blurb....

Hero: *it's hard being good with his past as a bad boy biker, treasure hunter, and Playgirl centerfold.*

Heroine: *ex-poker-playing nun and folk healer*

Nuff said.

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### Linda says

This is book eight in the Cajun series. We are back in the Bayou with Grace O'Brien and Angel Sabato. Grace's history makes her shy of relationships and Angel wants everything with her. This story winds around the people who have been abandoned after Katrina devastated their homes and the foundation that Tante Lulu starts to help the homeless.

Tante Lulu might be ninety-three years old and five feet tall but her heart is large and pure. Between her and Saint Jude, there is thunder bolts on the Bayou and Grace and Angel better watch out.

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### ?Karlyn P? says

Another hot, funny, sexy Cajun story. Love this author!! She is a guilty pleasure to read.

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### Tami Winbush says

There are not many times that I will stop half way through a book and just stop reading. But for some reason I had to stop with this book. I'm not quite sure what it was about it.....The characters were great, they had spark, but it just didn't flow for me. The book seemed that every time it got moving it was stopped with a break by the author and started another flow. I would have liked to finished and seen what happened, but I just couldn't seem to bring myself to do it.

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### Katy says

This was a \$3 book from one of the Dollar General Stores. If it's Sandra Hill, I will most likely read it. I've read most of the Cajun stories with Tante Lulu, and I find them a hoot! This one is the same, although it does not involve her nephews or nieces, but a couple whom she likes and respects, Grace and Angel.

I was amazed at how the LaDeux brothers had aged, gracefully but still --- with teenaged children, and for Remy to be 53?!! I was glad to see how they are still family---eager to help others. I've missed some of the

"in-between" stories about the brothers (like T-John's story), but I am looking forward to finding Hill's other stories and reading them. And don't we all have a Tante Lulu, that older person who does embarrass us but whom we love unconditionally?

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## **Cathiecaffey says**

O INTO YOU by Sandra Hill was absolutely the best 'pick me up' mood read for me! This book so captivated me from page one til the very end where I ended in wanting to read anything and everything of hers! I really enjoy contemporary romances that have a strong romance, meaning the emotional and sexual tension that grows as their romance grows. This book so perfectly had it! I was on the edge of my seat at times, teary eyed and other times laughing right out loud!

Even though I haven't read the JINX's books of Sandra Hill's (I'll be changing that soon!), this book so stands on its own. SO INTO YOU is the first in the Bayou Angel series and they connect too with the Jinx Series (WILD JINX, PEARL JINX and PINK JINX), which are centered around an elderly but young at heart, Louise Rivard, known as Tante Lulu.

Tante Lulu is a 93 year old Traiteur and folk healer. Grace O'Brien, an apprentice to Tante Lulu is tagging along with together to learn as well about folk healing. Set 4 years in Louisiana after the Katrina Hurricane and devastation of the families and homes there, Tante Lulu pairs up with another foundation that helping wishes become true. Together they call it Louisiana Hope Foundation consisting of Starr's Hope and St. Jude's Angels. As Tante Lulu has her faith in St. Jude, she's determined to keep families together, specifically the family that lost both parents over time and a young 19 year old taking care of keeping 3 other siblings and her together and out of Child Protective Services reach. Bringing together too her nephew and family of the LeDeux's, Tante Lulu brings in Angel Sabato who's a half brother of Tee-John (John LeDeux's) wife (WILD JINX). As Tante Lulu and history of her matchmaking adventures in her previous books, she's at it again, this time bringing Angel back to help this family in building a home and fund-raising to keep the family together. This also brings Angel back with Grace to work together. Angel is determined for Grace to see beyond their friendship and Tante Lulu is there to help!

As times I cried when I felt so much for Grace's past and all the healing she's needs to do, I felt like I was going through it with her as I read this book. This author Sandra Hill writes in a way that will have you feeling the empathy, sensitivity and reactions as the characters do. Without giving away her past and secrets, I could so understand and sense the hesitancy that Grace felt to make big steps in her life. As she make changes through her life from being a nun, to a poker player and now learning about folk healing, her helping this family in need brought out so much of her heart in how well she relates to others and children. Angel has his own heart to heal about Grace's past rejection and making decisions about setting down to find his own home and where his heart belongs, as his racing away from rejection doesn't ease the pain. Tante Lulu is there with it all! I so much laughed that I had to elbow my hubby 'read this' 'read that' and he did with delight! Other times I was teary eyed and looked up to him and he knows that even tho these characters may not be real life ones, there is still so much true in them about our own growing in our life that never ends both personally and in our relationship with our significant other. Too, it so brings out how we should not forget the devastation of what Katrina did to Louisiana and surrounding areas and states. The need there still continues today. I not only fell in love with Angel (gosh his hot and heaven!) and Grace, but I absolutely

adored Tante Lulu! I never had anyone in my life like her but I had parts of her in my life with others in my extended family and friends. Everyone who reads this book will find parts of this book or the story as a whole, reflecting in their own life but even more, laughing, which is just wonderful! I so tried to do a 'professional' review of this but the best words that came were from my heart. There's no other words more I can say but read SO INTO YOU by Sandra Hill! If you haven't read Sandra Hill yet, you can start here or with the beginning of her various series listed at her SITE. Since this is my first contemporary of hers and she has all that I love from a contemporary romance, I'll be diving in from the beginning with THE LOVE POTION. Don't hesitate with her Viking historicals which I enjoyed a few that I read so far and looking forward to more of VIKING HEAT is coming 9/1/2009.

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### **Rachel says**

Grace, an ex-nun, turned poker player, turned treasure hunter, now natural healer plans to never marry and have children due to the mistakes of her past. Angel, who played poker and treasure hunting with her, doesn't know her secrets, but loves her and wants a relationship. The humorous story is made wacky by the crazy Tante Lulu, who with St. Jude, is always butting into others' business. I read the ebook. 4/5

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### **Terry says**

I did not like this book as much as her other Cajun books. I wish some of the H&h's from previous books played a more prominent role in this story. (Luc is the only one who has a true supporting role in this story.) In some respects I think the purpose of this story was to introduce characters that will become the H&h in future books.

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### **Jess says**

This wasn't quite as funny as some of the other Cajun stories, but the sweet story made up for that. This book focuses on Angel and Grace, both were poker players turned treasure hunters in the last 2 books in the Cajun series. Angel tells Grace he loves her, and has always loved her and Grace shoots him down. The rest of the book chaos and love ensue, with some of those lovable Cajun's in to stir things up.

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### **Kat Bryan says**

I enjoyed this book a lot. At times the antics of Tante Lulu were almost laugh-out-loud funny. What a character! It would be nice if there were more people like her in the world with her generous spirit and willingness to help others. Grace and Angel were both hard-headed but when they finally get together the sparks really fly. The author does very well describing their actions and emotions. Great chick lit book.

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### **Brenda says**

It was great to revisit the characters of this book. I didn't realize until I picked it up that Sandra Hill's "So Into You" was a sequel!

I got to pick up with Grace O'Brien past nun, treasure hunter, world famous poker player and her friend Angel and all of the wild cajun characters in her/their lives.

She and Angel pick up where the last story left off I believe as friends, but now Angel has decided he's in love with Grace. She has serious problems with commitment as she has a past that she is ashamed and deeply bothered by and doesn't wish to commit to Angel.

Along with some very hot love/sex scenes, and some wild characters, the book takes you along a great ride of a story, which you don't need to have read the previous book in order to pick it up, and ties it all up in great endings for everyone. I don't know if you would consider that a spoiler I guess I'll check that box.

I enjoyed the book, it kept my interest, not as fast a read as some of mine, so I'm giving it 4 stars.

It was full of strong characters, very eccentric, with a lot of cajun style fun. Pick it up, I'm sure you'll enjoy it for a great summer read!

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### **Kelly Moran says**

Author Sandra Hill is the best-selling writer of more than twenty titles including: Tall, Dark, and Cajun, The Cajun Cowboy, The Red-Hot Cajun, Pink Jinx, Pearl Jinx, and Wild Jinx. She resides in central Pennsylvania with her husband the stock broker, her four sons, and very large dog.

Listed as Cajun Book Number 8, So Into You follows Grace O'Brien, a redhead who has been a nun, poker player champion, treasure hunter, and folk healer. She's up for just about anything except marriage. So when her best friend and co-worker, Angel Sabato, declares his undying love for her and proposes, she freaks out. Heartbroken, Angel leaves town as fast as the plane allows. Grace begins working with Tante Lulu helping a poor teenage girl trying to keep her siblings together in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. But starting a foundation, avoiding social services, and building a house are more than they're cracked up to be. Tante Lulu, with match-making forever in mind, goads Angel back to Louisiana to help. And down in Cajun country, love sometimes comes with a mess of trouble... Trouble that can throw Grace and Angel into each others arms where they belong.

This book is dedicated to the Hurricane Katrina survivors, and though the foundation in this book is fictitious, the author has several charities listed on her site for this cause if you wish to check it out, [www\(dot\)sandrahill\(dot\)net](http://www(dot)sandrahill(dot)net).

Though Tante Lulu was a hilarious Cajun southern Louisiana woman of ninety some years old, I did find her dialect a bit tiresome to read toward the end. Then again, I just don't know how the book could have done without it.

In saying that, it is apparent that Sandra Hill, good ole humor, strong characters, and a witty plot go hand-in-hand. Fans of her previous books will not be let down with this new book in her Cajun Series. Sandra is planning a new blog on her website with Tante Lulu (a fictional character in this series), of which I cannot wait. Who knew a meddling old southern woman could be so addicting? This book is the perfect example of how secondary characters should be. The setting was phenomenal, the dialog hilarious, and the romance frustrating and sweet. The plot will hook you from page one.

So Into You, by Sandra Hill, delivers a punch packed with true southern charm, romance, and fun-filled hilarity.

Kelly Moran,  
Author and Reviewer

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## Tammy says

Former Playgirl model/treasure hunter/world poker champion, Angel Sabato, confesses his undying love to his best friend of 10 years, Grace O'Brien, former nun/treasure hunter/world poker champion. Then he double whammies her with a marriage proposal and an invitation to leave with him the very next morning on an overseas treasure hunting expedition. When Grace hesitates, Angel ~~thoughtfully~~ suggests a friends-with-benefits relationship. He'll take anything he can get.

*Oh be still my wildly thumping little heart!*

Grace's reasons for rejecting Angel are two-fold: 1) He's her best friend. She doesn't love him THAT way; and 2) She is punishing herself for sins committed when she was 15-years-old. Grace never intends to marry or have children. *But alas, no one - not even her best friend - can know about the sins of her childhood.* So Angel stomps off hurt and angry and, one month later, marries a stewardess.

This all takes place in the first chapter.

The next half of the book is stretched out over a one-year period with no contact between the h/h and involves a mish-mash of (connected) subplots ...

-An adopted teenage girl, her abusive father and attempted blackmail.

-A 19-year-old waitress (with health issues) who is struggling to raise her younger siblings after the death of her parents during Hurricane Katrina.\*

-The LeDeux family (from prior Cajun books) and the Starr family set up a foundation to aid families suffering from Hurricane Katrina. Several board meetings commence. \*yawn\*

-Tante Lulu is dating the head of the Starr family - a man who is described by the author as looking like both Colonel Sanders AND an elderly Elvis Presley. (Now there's a visual!)

-And there are several little rabbit trails involving the LeDeux family, Tante Lulu's clients, etc.

\* Interesting note - CPS caseworkers are the villains in this story.

## FINALLY ...

Our hero and heroine meet up again. Needless to say, it is not a happy moment. A now-divorced Angel returns to Louisiana to take charge of building a house for the 19-year-old waitress and her siblings. This spins off into Tante Lulu planning a poker championship benefit for her foundation with Angel and Grace facing off in the main event.

*And this is where things are gonna get a little graphic ...*

Graces loses the poker game. The penalty is one night of sex with Angel, anyway he wants it. Given my past experiences with this author, I expected a few paragraphs about wild monkey sex, a few tender moments and another profession of undying love. Instead, I read this purple prose crap ...

"She arched her hips up off the bed as he put his mouth to her pubic hairs, rubbing his face back and forth ..." (And then he calls her his melted honeypot. Um ... yuck?!)

"You are so pretty here, Grace ... All pink folds with this rose here in the middle." (A rose? That smells like honey?)

And my personal favorite ...

"He filled her, and all of his penis wasn't even inside her."

"Take all of me," he urged in a hoarse whisper."

"How? she wondered, but then she half sat up, put her hands on his shoulders, and bucked up against him, once, twice, three times 'til she could swear her womb moved and made room for him to slide in even farther. They were both stunned for a moment."

This lasted for 7 hours. In the shower. With fruit. You name it! The author makes references to his "furred and heavy balls" and numerous guttural sounds. Several orgasms later - one during which Grace actually faints - she leaves and the fighting/bad feelings between the two commences.

Never at any point did I feel the two actually falling in love. They were barely even friendly! There were a few tender moments the next time they make love, and I really appreciated that until Grace suddenly gets mad and punches Angel for forcing her to do something as "perverted" as the doggie style position. Really?! She is going to turn prudish now after the previous 7 hour marathon of *anything goes*?

I have to say my biggest disappointment with this book was Tante Lulu. Part of her charm in the former books was how she kept her nephews on the straight and narrow. She would slap them upside the back of their heads and quote Bible verses, but in this book Tante Lulu was a trash-mouthed, crude little old lady. Everything that popped out of her mouth was about sex - sometimes when children being helped by her foundation were within hearing distance. Out of the blue, she would ask complete strangers questions about their sex life and she tried to dress the part. *It was so over-the-top and weird!* Near the end Tante Lulu switches back to her old self and gives Grace sound advice, bringing up St. Jude's plans for sex within marriage. But it was too little too late for me.

The ending was rushed. Too rushed. The author tried to resolve the plethora of subplots and create an ~~unconvincing~~ HEA for Angel and Grace. (Schizophrenia set in and sweet Grace started playing head games and acting like a spoiled brat.) I honestly wish the author had ended the series when it was still a success. The Cajun bad-boys are on my keeper shelf, but I can't recall a single time I laughed out loud during this attempt to keep the series going.

On a positive note - I appreciated the glances into the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Obviously the author has a heart for those that are homeless and helpless and I greatly respect that she uses her writings to educate people. If the romance in this book hadn't failed so miserably, I would gladly recommend this book to all of my friends.

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## **Teresa Buchanan says**

Fabulous sheer joy to read... Tante Lulu I love you!

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## **Linda George says**

I was a little disappointed in Grace's character and that she was wishy washy. Oh well she succumbed to love in the end.

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