



Blend

Georgia Beers

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

Blend

Georgia Beers

Blend Georgia Beers

When the widowed owner of the wine bar Vineyard decides she wants to take some time off and travel abroad, she leaves her business in the very capable hands of the two women she trusts most: her daughter Piper and Vineyard's general manager, Lindsay.

For Lindsay Kent, Vineyard is her dream job. She's thrilled when her boss leaves her in charge (well, half charge) and tells her to feel free to make changes. Lindsay has tons of ideas that she's been dying to put into action, and this is her big chance to increase the success of the business and prove she's more than ready to run things solo. But getting the boss's daughter on board is harder than expected. The uptight and annoyingly attractive Piper is blocking her every move.

For Piper Bradshaw, Vineyard is not her job. She already has one. She's VP at a large tech company, and she's damn good at it. Who cares if people say she's a workaholic and an icy bitch? She didn't get to the top by being prone to whims and experiments. She's not happy when her mother suddenly decides to gallivant all over the country and furious that the family business has been left in the hands of the happy-go-lucky, born-a-generation-too-late hippie who manages it. Good thing Lindsay can't make any changes unless they both agree, because Piper doesn't intend to.

Lindsay and Piper are like night and day. Working together won't be easy, but not falling in love might prove the hardest job of all.

Blend Details

Date : Published April 17th 2018 by Bold Strokes Books

ISBN : 9781635551891

Author : Georgia Beers

Format : Paperback 242 pages

Genre : Romance, Lgbt, Contemporary, Fiction, Glbt, Lesbian, Queer

 [Download Blend ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Blend ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Blend Georgia Beers

From Reader Review Blend for online ebook

Corporate Slave says

Well it's Georgia Beers so the writing is very good as expected :) the storyline though, not as much. I loved both characters, I loved reading about wine, and the connection between the characters was great. The reason why I couldn't go more than a 3 rating is because the storyline was somehow predictable and very slow. I just hoped there was something more interesting in the middle!
If you want an easy, romantic and smooth read on the beach without any complications, go for it :)

Danni Mladenovic says

I have to say I'm becoming aficionado of Georgia Beers' books with all the credits. I was always a fan, she was always in my Top 5 lesbian fiction writers, but, unlike some that go from great books to mediocre at best, she's getting better with each book. I can honestly say that "Blend" goes up on my Beers' books, and very high on the list! Piper and Lindsey are such great characters, with so much chemistry between them! Plus, you know, it's always the little things that makes your heart warm up towards the certain book. Here, I was in love with descriptions of Lindsey, seen through Piper's eyes - the little details about her hair, her smile, her moves when she touches the hair... Those parts are the ones that give a book depth, soul, attraction...
Well done, Georgia Beers, well deserved 5 stars!

Kara says

"Blend" is a very enjoyable sweet romance, narrated wonderfully by Paige McKinney – she's so lyrical!

A year after their first, and only meeting, MC Piper and MC Lindsay are forced to work together when Piper's mother, the owner of Vineyards wine bar, decides to take time off to travel. Contrary to the book blurb, btw, she travels to Florida and other states, she does not travel abroad. Lindsay is put in charge of day-to-day management and running of the wine bar, but Piper controls the bank account and must approve of any significant changes, which essentially puts Piper in charge.

Lindsay considers Piper to be *"uptight, snobbish and fucking hot"*, whereas Piper considers Lindsay to be a hippie, remembering her as *"very friendly, and smiling too much"*. Much of the book is very fun, as Piper and Lindsay continue to be attracted to each other, and yet battle over changes to Vineyards.

Piper is highly adverse to change in general, and to changes in the wine bar in particular. For her, it's the embodiment of her deceased father, whom she misses terribly. Lindsay, though, is excited and anxious to implement changes and to grow the business by making enjoyment of wine less stuffy. Their interplay is very fun, and the title "Blend" is perfect as Piper comes to accept and then embrace blending in wine, and as a metaphor for life.

Two humorous (to me, anyway) things I just have to point out, though. Piper is portrayed initially as a wine snob, insisting on a glass of fine wine instead of a blend. So she orders a Castle Rock Pinot Noir ?. Sorry to sound like a wine snob myself, but that's a very mediocre, low-priced wine; hardly something a high-end wine bar would have on offer, or that someone like Piper would order! The other flaw is when Beers refers to

kayaking Piper as wearing a “life jacket”. Sorry, Beers – it’s a PFD (Personal Flotation Device). Ok, these are quibbles, but I enjoy wine and I enjoy kayaking, and I loved that both played significant roles in our characters getting to know each other, and their slow burn romance, and it just struck me as humorous that Beers wrote so well of wine and kayaking, yet doesn’t appear to do either herself.

Most of the book is just really delightful, and there are lots of very funny moments, such as when Lindsay introduces her dog “Rocket” to Piper...using her Rocket dog voice...*”My name is Rocket”!!*

There are also some very sweet moments, such as when Piper accompanies Lindsay to her step-sister’s graduation party. Family gatherings are very anxious times for Lindsay, until this event!

Most of the time, I felt like the MCs were in their mid-twenties, but Piper is 38yo, and I think Lindsay is around 35yo. Still, both characters are very likable...until. Yep, at the 85% mark, Beers succumbs to a common, yet annoying, theme in lesfic – an artificial angst moment created by non-communication and/or a wrong assumption by one of the characters. Sigh. In this case, drunk Piper says and does something hurtful. I didn’t like that, and for me, the inevitable reconciliation and HEA felt unsatisfying. For me, the problem is that I’ve found that what people say and do while inebriated often reveals more about their true character than what they say and do while sober. It’s hard to forgive hurtful words if you can’t be sure that a sober apology might reflect more of who a person wants to be, than who they are.

So, what was a very enjoyable and highly entertaining sweet book derailed for me. I still recommend it, and I probably will even listen to it again one day...so much of it was so very fun, lighthearted and even silly. But, it’s not a 5* book because of the last 15%, and even my 4* rating is the result of rounding up, not rounding down.

Gaby LezReviewBooks says

This book is in my list of recommended books of the month:

<https://lezreviewbooks.wordpress.com/...>

'Blend' is set in Vineyard, a wine bar property of Piper Bradshaw's mother who decides to take an extended vacation and leave her daughter in charge along with general manager Lindsay Kent. Piper has a full time corporate job and very little interest to liaise with Lindsay as they seem to be completely opposites. Piper is a control freak, distant person while Lindsay is creative and cheerful. Will they be able to manage Vineyard without conflicts? And what if opposites attract?

Lately I've been a bit disappointed with Georgia Beers's novels, I rated her previous one 'Right here, right now' 3.5 stars and I've never got invested in her Puppy love series either. Fortunately for her many fans, Ms. Beers is back! 'Blend' is a fantastic book with lovable but realistic characters, slow build-up sizzling romance and an expertly crafted plot. The book is a perfect blend (pun intended) of wit, humour, romance and conflict that keeps the reader turning pages and wanting more. The dog character is superb with his own personality and 'voice'. The landscape descriptions are picturesque and the wine metaphors are strong and well rounded, like a good Malbec. This is an easy 5 stars book for me and will be in my list of best lesfic books of this year.

Overall, a very entertaining and beautiful novel for all lesfic romance fans. Georgia Beers at her best. 5 stars.

ARC provided by Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

See all my reviews at
www.lezreviewbooks.wordpress.com

Pippa says

3.5 stars

Georgia Beers is one of the reliable lesbian romance writers. Beers can write a good plot, infuse it with enough detail to be believable, and embed characters appropriate to the story. She's done all that in this book too.

Lindsay Kent is the general manager of Vineyard, a wine bar. Trusted by the owner to run everything while they go on extended leave, Lindsay is busy making changes to improve the business she loves.

Piper Bradshaw is the super organised daughter of the owner of Vineyard. A VP at a large tech company, Piper hasn't shown any interest in the business since her dad died a few years ago. For her, Vineyard is intimately tied up with memories of her dad, and she's been avoiding it. Now she has to face those memories, as she is tasked with financially guiding Lindsay in the management of the wine bar.

When Piper and Lindsay are thrown together, sparks fly, and not all of them in a good way. Will they realise that under the prickly outside is warmth between them?

It took me a little while to get into this book. The plot felt awfully familiar, as I've possibly read a few too many of these types of books for this one to be fresh. However, Beers has a good grasp on what is needed and the characters naturally seem to gravitate towards one another. It is still a romance with a fairly common storyline, but the characters lift the book above the mundane. The book seemed to improve as I read it, largely due to my increasing connection to the characters. It started as a 3 star read, but finished as a solid 4. It is worth sticking with this book as it improves page by page.

Advanced reading copy provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

Farah says

Warning, if you're a fan of Ms.Beers then skip this and look for the 4/5 stars rating reviews.

Mine, Too Close To Touch, Zero Visibility, and Blend - these books are quite similar, strong, competent, easy on the eyes girl next door hs.

Their potential soulmates are usually quite similar, minus the girl next door personality + add in angsty, judgmental, stupidly stupid and someone you might love to pull out from your reading devices and throw them into the Colosseum to face the gladiators.

The kissing scenes in this book - worth checking out / rereading, Piper's stupidity - inexcusable, the secondary characters - love them all, Lindsay - you're perfect just the way you are but you should have made Piper grovel harder as you sing I Will Survive by Gloria Gaynor to her, repeatedly if possible.

Recommended? If you're allergic to stupidity then you might need to proceed with caution.. However, the kissing scenes are not to be missed.

Sprinkles says

Mm, I devoured this one and I wish I had a glass of sweet red wine to wash it down.

Georgia Beers is back with the kind of romance I needed as the "spring" weather fails again. In this lovely story, we follow Lindsay and Piper (MARRY ME) as they butt heads over the regulation of Vineyard, a hip wine bar, until they decide to bump their lips together instead.

The characters are solid. Piper is a super sexy ice queen, even when her bad choices make me want to drink more wine than the characters (just kidding, that'd kill me). Millenials like myself are all about the wine life, so I appreciate Beers' immense research. Another hipster interest of hers conquered!

On a random note, the names of Blend's mcs are tremendously well-done and attractive. Piper Bradshaw and Lindsay Kent. Hot. Also: their pets are TOO cute.

If you're on a search for a romance to curl up with and savor like a fine Malbec, look no further.

Netty says

Nah, not for me I'm afraid, just another non memorable romance, the sex scene was hot-ish but as for everything else I got bored, at first I thought "oh yeah I'm gonna love this" but then it got dry very quickly and I think it's because piper stopped being a bitch.

I'd recommend this to people who love your run of the mill romance but for someone who likes a little difference like me, then no I wouldn't, in all honesty I can't really fault this book as a romance, the characters were fine and the book was written well, it just didn't rock my boat...

3.5 stars

An ARC was given for an honest review

Linda J says

Girl meets girl. Girl hated Girl then liked girl, bedded her, had a fallout, girl realised her mistake and finally got back together. That's the story of Lindsay and Piper. A slow build-up to the romance with not too much angst. Book was well-written and enjoyable - a sweet love story.

Agircandream says

I haven't read anything by Georgia Beers in a while so it was a treat to read this entertaining love story filled with women I'd like to meet and a wine bar I would love to frequent.

Lindsey Kent is all optimism and great ideas when Vineyard's owner decides to take a sabbatical leaving Lindsey in charge of the wine bar. She knows she can grow the business and attract a younger, hipper crowd.

Too bad she is handcuffed by Ellen's request that her daughter Piper be included in financial decisions involving Vineyard. Piper has a pretty low opinion of Lindsey and is less than enthusiastic about any changes she wants to make to the wine bar designed by her late father. The clashes are inevitable and sparks do fly when Lindsey and Piper are forced to work together.

No spoilers when it's obvious these two strong independent women will eventually learn to respect and admire one another. Lindsey has to wear the Teflon undies for a good portion of their story while Piper reins in her anger and bitterness towards just about everyone. At first I thought two years was a long time to mourn the loss of her father but then I remembered how devastating the loss of a parent and confidant can be. Kudos to Beers for giving us characters we can relate to, even if we don't match their beautiful bodies and athletic pastimes.

Tuck into Blend and pair it with a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon and some appropriate cheeses and enjoy this sweet traditional romance.

ARC received with thanks from publisher via NetGalley for review.

Alexis says

This is my 13th book by this author and as it turns out an unlucky choice. Although the book started off good and I liked the introduction of all the characters well enough, I was immediately wary of Piper. Normally I'm a huge fan of the ice queen character but she was just a straight up judgmental snob and I found myself really disliking her.

However as the story progressed I began to really like her and Lindsey as a potential couple. They have great chemistry together and their relationship seemed to be moving along fairly well. Of course Piper being Piper and lesfic being what it is lately all hell was about to break loose.

I won't go into details but I am really disappointed at the way this book turned out. The ending was super rushed and I found myself even disliking Lindsey at the very end. (view spoiler) Thank goodness for the dog, he's the only character I ended up really liking.

Lex Kent says

3.75 Stars. I'm a Beers fan. It's pretty hard not to be as she has had such an awesome career. I think this is the 10th book I have read by her. I have to admit I have not been as crazy about some of her more recent books. But I'm happy to say this felt much more like the classic Beers that we are used too. I believe romance fans will enjoy this one.

The story is about Lindsay Kent (great last name) who is given the opportunity to run a wine bar when her boss goes off on sabbatical. The only catch is she must run any financial decisions by the boss' daughter before she can implement them. The reason this is an issue is the boss' daughter Piper, does not seem to like her. Piper is not happy her mother has taken off to travel. Not only that but she has left a women who seems flighty, in charge. Piper realizes she needs to keep a close eye on Lindsey and her family's business. But what if in being close to Lindsey feeling start to develop? Can these two strong women work together in wine and love?

This was a really nice slow burn romance. It went from two people who could hardly stand each other, to a chemistry filled romance. I want to be clear on this, the chemistry was turned way up in this book and I really enjoyed that. It went from these two women wanting to yell at each other, to ripping each other's clothes off. I love books where the sparks are so brilliant you can actually see them. The romance was well written and classic Beers.

As much as I really enjoyed this read, I do have to mention my one main complaint. I was reading this book, loving all the characters, the storyline, the romance, everything was going great, but I was waiting for something bad to happen. I was looking down at my Kindle and it was getting closer and closer to the end. All of a sudden I got excited. It's too late now to throw in some crazy angst for these characters to overcome. I started thinking if there is conflict, it won't be much and maybe the characters were work together and it will strengthen their relationship. Yay, this is going to be one of those books filled with good feels. Nope, all those happy thoughts hit a wall, very close to the end. (view spoiler) Wow, if felt super late to throw in all this forced conflict. And forced it really seemed as half of it didn't even make sense. Unfortunately, because of this late conflict, the ending felt extremely rushed and the HEA balloon was slowly leaking all over the place. I really was so disappointed because this was going to be at least a 4.5 star book before the rushed ending.

While I was personally quite disappointed towards the end, I still really enjoyed this read. We all have some pet peeves, and this book just ended up hitting some of mine. However, I really think overall, romance fans are going to enjoy this book. Most of it was wonderful and classic Beers. So while I'm a bit bummed, I still recommend this to Beers and romance fans.

An ARC was given to me by BSB, for a honest review.

Tiff says

I really like the way Georgia Beers writes. I love the way she develops characters that are interesting, dynamic and well, hot. It's been a while since I have read her stuff, the reasoning, I have not a clue why, but I am so glad I picked up her latest novel, Blend. This is a fantastic romance novel. So good, fabulous!

Lindsey Kent is the general manager of a wine bar, Vineyard. Lindsey is likable, cheerful and always has something positive to say. She loves her job. She lives and breathes wine and has an amazing relationship with Ellen Bradshaw, the owner of Vineyard. When Ellen tells her she is taking a sabbatical to explore the world, Lindsey is truly excited for the widow. What is is not excited about is learning that she will need to run all of Vineyard's business decisions through Ellen's youngest daughter, Piper.

Piper Bradshaw is the direct opposite of Lindsey. She is an ice queen with a hard, no-nonsense personality. Her job is in the financial sector, and she has learned to be hard-nosed and closed off to thrive in this male-dominated field. Piper's work and the loss of her father two years ago has hardened Piper's heart. She is a closed off control freak. Having to work with Lindsey throws her orderly world off-kilter.

These two get off on the wrong foot. Neither is excited about working with the other. Lindsey has big ideas of how to take Vineyard to the next level and draw in a younger hipper crowd. Piper is hesitant to change anything, not wanting to change anything her father created when opening the business. The butt heads, but as their time together increases the begin to see each other in a new light. The walls fall, and perceptions fall away. The chemistry between these two is dynamic and sexy.

You know a book is good, first when you don't want to put it down. Second, you know its damn good, when

you're reading it and thinking, I'm totally going to read this one again. Great read and is absolutely a 5-star romance.

Rosi says

This is a book with a fairly common story between two women who apparently dislike each other, who are forced to work together and that because of this they discover that there are more things that unite them than those that separate them.

Actually this author has a formula quite similar when developing their books. Instant attraction but not recognized by the protagonists themselves, secondary characters with more or less prominence, usually less than more, and pets.

In this case, the story is a bit lame with many points without defining or solving. They are situations in the life of both protagonists that seem important enough to define their character. This is shown briefly, but then they are not treated again. As for example Is Lindsay's family. Not to mention Piper's sadness for her father's absence. And there are also rare threads like Mr. Can I Taste That or the copy of Lindsay's ideas at the nearby bar.

But in general this is a book that can satisfy those who like light romances, with some sex, not much, some drama, not much either, and without many complications.

An ARC was sent to me from Bold Strokes Books through NetGalley for an honest review

Yoly says

I think at this point I need a template to write all my Georgia Beers reviews. Phrases like "she has done it again", "she doesn't disappoint", "can't wait until the next one" are usually what I write on my reviews for her books. And what can I say this time? She has done it again, she doesn't disappoint and I can't wait until the next one :)

Georgia Beer's characters always feel like "real people" with "real chemistry" and after you finish the novel you wish you could spend more time with them and this time is no exception.

Great read as usual, it was nice to spend a weekend with these characters. Again, I can't wait until her next one :)
