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After dropping out of law school, Sam Beaumont fears coming home will either be like sucking poison out of snakebite or drowning in a bathtub of gin. He dreads the whirlwind of being a blue-blood in Savannah, and between his mother and his brother a peaceful existence is out of the question.

Miles away from her ugly past, Annie Clarke is thriving in pharmacy school. Uncomfortable with her own success, she begins to fall back to her self-sabotaging ways.

Then along comes Trip Beaumont, a hot, edgy artist. Every instinct in her says run, which only makes him that much more tempting. The day she finally agrees to go out with him, his younger brother, Sam, shows up. Sam's first words about Trip chill her: "Don't be fooled by the act. Prince Charming is a toxic monster."

Annie soon sees that Sam's callous exterior is a direct result of coping with a family as dysfunctional as her own. Could love shield them both from spiraling into madness, or will their crazy worlds collide like renegade storm fronts leaving devastation and destruction in their wake?

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Crazy Love – Michelle Pace

Review by Yara Greathouse

You know you are reading a great story when you are not ready for the book to end and it leaves you wanting more... This is what Crazy Love has done to me.

Michelle Pace creates intricate, complicated characters that anyone can relate to. She mixes rich and poor, old and new, fun and mysterious like an expert weaver. The end product is delicious and beautiful. Pace is very descriptive without overwhelming the reader, and the supporting characters will also grab you and won't let go.

Crazy love is the story of Annie, who is damaged goods but on the mend, and her relationship with two brothers, Trip and Sam Beaumont.

Trip is an artist who has done a lot of things wrong, but there is a reason for his crazy behavior. This behavior is the cause of his crumbled marriage to Violet, which - by the way - is a beautiful supporting character. They both have a daughter, Maisie, whom Trip is about to lose due to impending nuptials between Violet and her new fiancé. I must confess, I develop a major crush on Trip while reading this novel! I think you will too.

Sam is troubled in a different way. He drops Law School to return home, where he is constantly fighting off a controlling mother and trying to figure out what is going on with his brother Trip. In the middle of everything he finds himself falling for a very unlikely person, Annie.

Jayse is Annie's roommate and best friend. He is supportive and provides a lot of comic relief throughout the book, but takes a dark turn towards the end. I had questions about his behavior, and let me give you heads up – the questions are not answered within these pages... Which gives me hope that there will be a novella or a second book to address this complicated character.

I don't want to go into a lot of details, because of the many turns the storyline takes, but let it be said that it will keep you guessing until almost the very end. Every family has skeletons in their closet and the rich and powerful is also full of them. You need to experience this book all on your own.

The best paragraph of the book, in my humble opinion is this one delivered by Annie:

“I believe that life is one fourth genetic, one fourth luck, one fourth willpower, and one fourth focus. Being out of balance can completely screw up your equilibrium. I guess sometimes you have to overcompensate in the last two categories to keep your life in course while it's careening down the side of the mountain.”

It stroke a chord with me because it is a true statement, but I never really thought about it quite like that. I absolutely love it and will have a special placement in my list of quotes.

Also, as with all of her work, her research is amazing and I end up learning something new from each of her books. This one taught me on the art of Rubbing. If you are wondering what it is, please read the book. With this story, the characters, the twists, suspense and angst, you will end up loving it like crazy. I know I did.

Stephanie- The Boyfriend Bookmark says

Everyone has their own issues, but learning to move beyond those issues is something we all have to do. Sometimes it's just easier to accomplish with a little help from others. Sometimes you have made the attempt too many times and people lose their faith that you can heal. Sometimes you just have to give love a chance to heal from the inside, to trust those who love you and to believe that you deserve the great love that is put before you.

Sam has left his ivy league school because being a lawyer just isn't what he wants anymore. But when confronted with the great question...Sam doesn't have an answer. So he finds himself back home looking for something...or someone, someone to help him figure it all out. That's when it happens, again.

Annie is living her life to overcome her past, daddy issues, mommy issues, lots and lots of issues from the past. She is in grad school and doing everything she can to make something for her future so there is no way she will ever end up in that situation again. Selling her art on the side of school and a job has been very valuable. What she will never do is follow in the footsteps of her mother, who left her and her siblings home more often than not and for days at a time. She will never have those issues because she will never be in a relationship. Yes, she will have sex and she will enjoy herself, but a relationship is just asking too much. But the moment Trip walks up to her selling her art, she knows something is going to happen. She wants it to happen...but who is that guy standing close by? He looks similar to Trip, he looks amazing. Annie is intrigued by him...

Trip has no interest in a relationship. He is still in love with his ex-wife. He has no intent of anything happening between Annie and him. His heart will always belong to his ex-wife and their daughter. So when he sees how his brother looks at Annie, he knows that there really is no competition between him and his brother. But he needs Annie's help to make Violet see how much he loves her and how much they need to be together. But the risks are large and Trip knows that he has some serious fixing to do. He destroyed everything he loved with his drinking and he is determined to fix it, one step at a time.

Will Annie and Sam let their attraction finally meld? Will they be able to show each other how to let love in? Will Trip continue on his road to sobriety or will the internal scars be too much for him to handle? Will he be able to put his life back together and regain the heart of the woman he lost before it is too late?

This book wasn't just about one guy and one girl. There were so many relationship in play and each one was intriguing and moving. All of the characters are amazing and easy to relate to, well except most of the stuff they deal with from their pasts. They are just full of life and given everything that they each have been through, you would really question why.

This is a well written book with a very poignant story line. Recovery comes in many forms and is needed for many things. When all of those things collide the recovery for these characters relies so much on those they surround themselves with. I can see this book with many character spinoffs and would be intrigued to read any of this. It was a great read and kept my interest throughout.

*I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

A.E. Woodward says

Crazy Love Review

This was my first time reading Michelle Pace, and holy moly...where have I been? Michelle takes words and magically morphs them into the most beautiful picture ever imaginable.

"Parents are just people, guys. They screw up all the time. It's an ugly truth that's hard to face." ~Annie

Crazy Love is the story of a group of Georgian socialites who have their share of parental demons. They're new adults dealing with very tough issues. Pace tells their stories through five distinct points of view, with the perfect mixture of humor and angst. Each voice is different and you never confuse one from the other. That my friends takes talent.

Every character has their own form of baggage and their own ways of dealing with it. But, the main focus of the story is Annie who's own demons overtake every aspect of her life. Having been abused growing up she finds it difficult to find the good in people as she was let down by those closest to her so often. My heart was ripped out and trampled on as she came clean about the lack of family support.

"After all, wouldn't it be a relief if they didn't have to worry about me being irreparably damaged." ~Annie

Enter Sam, who was as swoon worthy as they came. A southern gentleman with an instant infatuation with Annie. Problem was she appeared to be involved with his brother, Trip.

"I wish you were here with me." ~Sam

Cue the emotional roller coaster, and buckle up. It's going to be a bumpy ride.

dreamerinxile says

Finding oneself in the vast heat of Savannah 5

I am left speechless. I cannot begin to get over this giddy feeling. OH MY GOD. She's my go to author from now on. I mean how is it possible that a person can write another awesome epictastic read for me and still be the same person yet write in a completely different way. I was lucky enough to meet Michelle, not in real life but when she chose me as a winner for Good Wood and I've been a huge fan. And then one day, I 1-clicked all her books. And from the first lines in Crazy Love I was like wait a minutes doesn't sound like her and that's made me love her more. Her writing skills totally amazes me and I've sort of gotten to know her a tiny little bit. I'm awestruck and losing my head of how amazing she is.

Okay before I digress even more, lemme say that the I wasn't a happy camper with Annie at first, I totally wanted to smack her in the head but back then I barely knew about her past and how her mind worked. While I was going back and forth with my liking and then disliking, Annabelle decided to reel me in and grab me by my shirt and shake me and tell you're going to stick by my side and I haven't moved an inch from her side since. She may not come from money but this girl has a sweet and huge heart. She'd seen so much ugliness in the world but the best thing about her was that she believed in Happy Ever After and so she set out to help a friend. Trip Beaumont was not a likable character at first but then you were looking at the surface and not into the depths. And when you did you find a man who almost lost his soul to protect his brother and to keep a secret for his father.

As for Samson Beaumont, he was the brother who was lost, unsure of what he wanted to do when he stumbles onto Annie and promptly loses his heart. But she's with his brother who has his issues and problems which he pretty sure he will never recover from and so he warns her off him. But Annie is loyal and stubborn so she will continue to be with Trip. While Sam fighting a losing battle he stumbles onto a secret which has almost ruined his brother and is on the verge of ruining him. That's when Angel swoops in and gives a little perspective to Sam. She's aptly named angel, with all the things that were done to her and the things she still gives off to people, she can be nothing but an angel. But this angel has her own demons to annihilate. So who is Annie going to end up with Trip or Sam? Is Trip really as bad as Sam made him to be? Who is Violet? What does she mean to the brothers? And who is the mysterious old gentleman at the club? To learn whether Trip gets his HEA and whether gets his heart broken, all you gotta do it read this amazing story about a family in the South. It's a story about loss, mistakes, finding oneself and maybe at the end of the day finding love.

I have NOT done justice to this book. It's a brilliant read and one of my top reads of 2015. It was an immense pleasure to read Crazy Love which made me fall in love with the South, the weather, the atmosphere and mostly with the Sam, Trip, Annie, Randall, Vi, Jayse and many of the other characters. Oh I almost forgot to ask what happens to Jayse, I hope he gets a little book of his own.

Nina says

Loved this book.

It's not only beautifully written but the characters draw you in so quickly. You can't help but love both Sam and Trip - who are both have their own demons to battle.

Annie - she's a gorgeous character. She's incredibly damaged and uses sex as a weapon of control. Yet, she is also vulnerable and chooses the wrong men to fall in love with so when the right man in standing in front of her she can't see him.

The storyline is also intricate - you have the backdrop of a southern aristocratic family in which name is everything and it's okay for the rich to be drunken morons because ... well, they are upper crust upper class. It's an interesting background to read into and add with it abuse, emotional blackmail, sizzling chemistry and love triangles and it's a very good read.

I'd recommend it to anyone.

Twin Sisters Rockin' Book Reviews says

Overall Rating: 4.5 Rockin' ★★★★★?

Annie goes from an abusive past. Her father left when she was a small child and she had never heard from him since. Annie's mother allowed her to be physically and sexually abused by her boyfriend. Her mother also left a fifteen year old Annie to care for her siblings for weeks. When Annie and her siblings finally went to live with her grandparents, Annie was at a breaking point. But she had survived and finished her undergrad years and now was enrolled in a prestigious pharmacy school in Savannah, Georgia. Annie knew that she was a long way from leaving her past behind, but she had made it to this point and would succeed.

Sam was a member of the entitled Savannah elite. He had finished his business degree and one year of law school at Harvard when he dropped out. Law School was not for him. He really didn't know what he wanted to do, but he did know that it wasn't law. Sam had returned home to wait for his twenty-fifth birthday when he would receive his inheritance and he could start his life away from his family. His brother Trip had messed his life up with alcohol addiction and Mama was so wound up in who she was that nothing else mattered. Ever since his father had killed himself, his family had been on slippery slope. The only thing that had kept him sane was his friend Randall and the training he did at his gym.

Sam is enthralled the first time he spots Annie at the open air sheds at the River Street Market Place. He was hoping that she would be there when he spots her talking to his brother. Her booth sold gravestone rubbings, cemetery art. This could not be happening, the girl of his dreams talking with his messed up brother. His brother introduces Annie to Sam and a sense of this has happened before just in reverse overwhelms Sam. It feels like the time he had introduced his brother to Violet and had lost her to him. Sam feels like he must warn Annie about Trip's problems with alcohol but she lets him know real fast that she doesn't believe him.

Trip tries to convince Sam that he is on the wagon and has been for six months. Sam wants to believe him but the past is haunting him, reminding him of all the times he had rescued Trip from his drunken indiscretions. Sam finds out that Trip has been hiding a secret from him that destroyed his father. He also finds out that Annie is not interested in Trip but him. Will all the pieces to the puzzle come together and heal the past for Sam and Annie?

Hero –Sam Beaumont: 4.5 stars

Heroine –Annabelle Clark: 4.5 stars

Steam: 4.5 stars

Plot: 4.5 stars

Cliffhanger: No

Would I recommend this book: Yes! If you want to enjoy the flavor of southern living while immersed in a convoluted story of lust, love, and family betrayal spiced with a touch of mystery this is a must read! Totally loved the way the author brought her characters to life so that you were right there with them.

Would I read other books by this author: Yes! I really enjoyed this book so much that I went on line to find more books by this author.

Received an ARC of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review

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D says

Crazy Love

I am crazy in love with Michelle Pace's solo debut. I have absolutely loved her previous books that she co-authored on. But reading Crazy Love, proved that Pace can do it on her own and has mad skills for capturing a life and putting it to paper.

Similarly to her joint ventures, Crazy Love is packed full of characters. However, the eclectic array of personalities is neither diluted because character development is lacking nor muddled because you can't keep up with who's who or what they are doing. Although each of the characters' stories is interwoven and could

not occur without the others, the independent sub-stories from each pull you deep into the chapters.

Sam and Trip Beaumont. Their southern charm and gentlemanly ways to have you swooning for the lure of the south. They had me craving sweet tea with a whole lot of manliness, Beaumont boys style.

Annabelle. I loved her tenacity and gift of inner strength and courage. Her perseverance to do better and not let her past be her blight was so good to see in a female m/c.

Violet. This born and bred southern belle has a vivacity to her that goes against what all good southern girls should do. I love that she is her own woman.

Jayse. His flamboyancy and smart mouth took some of the pressure of the angst and some of the heaviness throughout the story. His character would make for a great spin off to Crazy Love.

What I absolutely love about Michelle Pace's stories is how diverse she makes her characters. She is not reluctant or shy to casually (in that it is not forced or awkward) have characters and story lines that are sometimes socially averted (not necessarily and maybe entirely) by authors. Whether it be race, color, or sexuality, Pace writes these characters' stories, not to make a point that they are present but that they just are. Michelle Pace, gave me a story that I easily fell in crazy love for and was sad when I came to the last page. I can't wait to see what she brings us next.

D 4/5

Tamron says

Crazy Love is one of those books that you just feel. I was very quickly and completely drawn in and emotionally invested in this entire ensemble of characters. By the end of the book they ALL felt like real people, real friends, that I will miss. Perhaps that's because there are aspects of their personalities that I recognize in myself as well as my friends and family members. Maybe that is what connected me to the beautifully broken Beaumont brothers, Annie, Violet, Jayse, Dale, Randall, little Maizie...Hell, even Cosmo. I already want to go back to Savannah to visit them again.

Michelle Pace is absurdly good at making her characters seem real. I found myself in awe of her ability to give her characters such a unique voice that, when you're reading from a different person's perspective, you don't question whose prospective you're in...because each voice is different. How a person from up north, who's lived in Texas for under 2 years, can so convincingly nail the dialect of someone from Georgia is beyond me, but she does it! She is such an incredibly talented storyteller that it saddens me that she has not garnered the recognition that she deserves. I have read every book that she's released so far, and she NEVER disappoints. I can honestly say that I strongly recommend ANY book with her name attached to it. There are not many authors that I have such unwavering faith in, but if I made a list, it would be short and Michelle Pace would be on it.

Theresa says

You'll love this crazy story

It comes complete with Southern bells, Adultery, Sexual abuse, Drag Queens, Artists, Bodyguards, Slime balls, Law school dropouts, and more! You'll be pulled in immediately and loved hearing the story from many different perspectives. You will want to kill the bad guys, cheer for the good guys, laugh out loud and be brought to tears all while learning about grave stone rubbings and eating crunch berries. And now a bit about the story...

Abused teen and acting mother to her two younger siblings, Annabelle has a very horrible start to her life. But she is persevering and has moved to Savannah for pharmacy school. Silver spoon, Law school dropout and potential bastard also returns to Savannah from Harvard. When these two cross paths sparks fly, there is only one problem, his alcoholic brother Trip seems to have seen her first. Will he steal Annie much the way Trip stole Violet or will he just torture himself and all those around him.

I loved this story, this characters hid their feelings from each other, but rarely for long, and never from themselves. As we learn in this story -- with truth, courage, and love anything is possible!!

Favorite passages:

- "Good for him. So are you auditioning for the vacant role of town drunk?"
 - "Parents are just people, guys. They screw up all the time. It's an ugly truth that's hard to face, no matter how old you are."
 - My motto? Only say something if you have something to add, not just to hear yourself talk.
 - Common sense stuff, which apparently wasn't so common in the era of Starbucks and Pop Tarts.
 - "Shopping always sounds like a good idea. Kind of like Monopoly. About an hour in, and I'm bored and ready to be done."
 - Jayse was like family, the kind you want to have, not the one forced upon you.
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Kara Pope says

Crazy Love - It's just that. Beautifully written, this book draws you in from the get go. Annie, she's a damaged woman, had a rough life, but she's strong and knows what she wants. She doesn't let her past affect her future. She's able to love through it all. Tripp and Sam, oh these men, so sexy, so mouth watering yummy. You'll probably fall in love with the both of them like I did. Michele did a wonderful outstanding job writing this book and I am so proud of her. You'll regret not reading this one!

Laura says

This isn't the first time I've read a book by Michelle Pace, but it is the first time I've read a book she has written as a solo author, and I couldn't be more pleased. From the get go, these people were my friends. They were people I wanted to hang out with and they were people with real problems. They handled the situations like NORMAL people (ok, or not so normal people...but hey, aren't we all a little messed up?) would and it most definitely wasn't a story of instalove and /or barfalicious romance.

One thing that I really like about this book is the way that the author takes so many characters and turns them into one cohesive unit. There are quite a few "main" characters, but I never once felt overwhelmed with information or at a loss trying to keep up with them. You feel an instant connection to the Beaumont brothers, you wanna slap the shit out of their Mama, you can't help but feel for Annie and well, you want Jayse to be your own gay boyfriend.

The twists and turns in this book, the way the relationships between the characters ebb and flow, the way that we learn what makes each character tic...THIS is what I want when I'm reading "romance." Gimme depth. Gimme substance. Gimme a little bit of drama. Gimme broken characters.

Michelle Pace has hit it out of the ballpark with this one. She nails it all, down to the dialect that characters use and the "isms" that make them do the things that we want to slap them for. We have a range of issues from "Daddy issues" to alcoholism to just plain rebellion and well, I wanna help them all.

Do yourself a favor and one-click this now.

Kelly says

Crazy Love was my first time reading any of Michelle Pace's work and I knew from the prologue that I had found something special. It usually takes me a while to warm up to a book, especially by a new-to-me author, since I don't have the benefit of being familiar with their previous work. With Crazy Love I was hooked after just the prologue and I knew I wanted MORE.

Lately, I just don't seem to have the reading time that I used to so it can take me a while to get finished. With Crazy Love I found myself letting the housework slide so I could just carry on devouring it. Hell, I nearly feigned illness so that my husband would take over caring for the kids and just leave me reading! It's THAT good.

In Crazy Love there's quite a mixed bag of characters I loved every single one of them, even if some of them didn't deserve that love at times (Jayse – I'm looking at YOU!).

Annie was a real firecracker. She'd been through some pretty horrific stuff in her childhood but that only served to make her stronger and I loved her HARD because of that.

Sam, Sam, Sam ... I had a definite soft spot for Sam. I freaking LOVED how he was so affected by Annie. My absolute favourite part of the story, the part that made my heart skip a beat, was when Sam and Annie were dancing together at a Débutante Ball. Their exchange during their slow dance just made me ... feel ... so much. I whooped, I did a happy sigh, I swooned, and I wanted to happy cry.

And Trip? What can I say about Trip? He was just a hot mess, or so I thought. I really didn't want to like him, or root for him. And then Michelle Pace made me fall in LOVE with him. He had his problems and he had real, effed up, reasons for having them. He was dealing with so. much. But when it mattered ... he did the right thing. I loved his loyalty to his family, no matter what it cost him personally.

I realise I am using lots of capital letters and the word LOVED a LOT in this review but I DON'T CARE! I really did LOVE it, CRAZY, right?!

You know another thing I LOVED? Just when I thought I had the plot worked out Michelle Pace changed it all up and threw me for a loop.

Love triangle? Yes? No? Maybe?

Crazy, alcoholic character who doesn't give a shit about others? Yes? Maybe? No!

A past relationship that can't be salvaged? Who knows?!

An explosive secret from the past that could rock everyone's world? YES!

Seriously, I could tell you more about this book but I would be rambling, and I would just relay the entire story to you since there are so many parts of it that I would love to tell you about. That's how much I

enjoyed (see I didn't say LOVED?!) reading this story. So, just go read it and then come back and tell me you agree!

FAVOURITE QUOTES ...

"I awoke with a gasp, confused and sexually frustrated. The ache between my legs was ferocious. Apparently my subconscious is a filthy little slut." – Annie

"Violet was the kind of girl who's born once a millennium." - Trip

"Her mouth, on the other hand...well, I guess looking at her mouth kind of endeared her to me as well. Too bad I couldn't control it with a mute button." - Sam

"I wanted to tell [him] that I was over our little war ... That I'd had a naughty dream about him and that I ached to watch his reaction as I described it in explicit detail." - Annie

"Were all southern mothers drunk when they named their kids, or just the wealthy ones?" – Annie

"I wish you were here with me." – Sam

Philomena Callan Cheekypee says

I love this authors work and this story is yet another fantastic piece of work.

As soon as I started this book I knew I'd love it. The author grabbed my attention from page one and sucked me right in.

Annie has been through so much in her young life. Then she is thrown into the lives of Sam and Trip. I loved these two brothers.

If your looking for a really lovely read then I recommend this book.

Maree Repa says

I really enjoyed this book set in Savannah. So beautiful. When we meet brothers Tripp and Sam who are complete opposites in life. How their life is. And we meet beautiful Anna. Who has led a troubled life as a child. This book shows these Beaumont boys hoping feel through their crazy lives that one of the them can hope love can be there for at least one of them. Well done Michelle Pace for this great read!

Tash says

When love takes its course, who can control it? Crazy Love introduces Sam and Annie as the main protagonists in a character driven point of view narrative written by Michelle Pace. I really enjoyed reading Crazy Love as a new contemporary romance that guided a special tale of love.

As love stories come and go through reading book after book, what stood out with these characters is how they interacted with each other and how perspectives whether they be current or from the past guided the narrative. We the reader got to explore how Annie grew up and explore how she begins to let down her guard to those who she trusts.

Annie reminds me of the fight, that so many young teenagers and adults have to go through. The demonstration of Annie's fight is brought forward when she hangs out with Trip, Sam's brother. A connection that is safe. Sam initially comes across as the bad guy, who to Annie is seen to be playing havoc with what she believes.

One of the strong leads of Crazy Love, is nothing felt forced. Reading through Crazy Love you get a sense of something magical yet nothing is forced from the very beginning. The character's draw so much passion and this book drives a very down to earth romance of passion and feeling.

Overall I rated Crazy Love a 4 Lit-Love because at times I thought the pace was a bit slow but it was a terrific read and showed just how sometimes what you think maybe crazy turns into a sonnet of passion and romance.

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