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Being a doctor is everything to me, but I'm not going to let bureaucrats tell me how to practice medicine. It's about saving lives no matter what, screw them and their paperwork.

When the one woman I could never forget, Ginger Crawford, shows up as my boss all bets are off. The heat between us is tough to ignore but I have to if I want a future at this hospital. It isn't easy. Every time we argue, I want her even more.

But I've got secrets she can never know, and she's always going to be way too good for me. So it's best if she hates me...at least that's what I keep telling myself.

## Southern Nights and Secrets Details

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### Robin Covington says

Oh Reader Friends . . . the Boys Are Back in Town series is over but not without exploring Beck and getting him to the woman he needs.

Beck has always been the "Boy" most clear to me but he's also been the hardest to pin down. As you might know, I've based this series on my beloved hometown and my mountains and some of the country boys I grew up with. Beck was a mash-up of broken young men I loved deeply and who turned out to be fierce, loyal and transformative men. So, I had to get him right . . . and that took me a while.

Beck is not a perfect hero. He doesn't always do the right thing. He takes on pain and loss and evil that is not his own because he feels guilt over where he comes from. He thinks he is undeserving of the love he so desperately wants - not just from Ginger but from the people who chose to be his family. He has a big heart and stumbles and fails in the process of learning to love.

So - this is for my real-life Beck. I see what you have made of yourself. I see how many lives you have changed for the better. You deserve this love and so much more.

Thanks to all the readers who loved my "Boys", loved my mountains and my home. And if you ever get to Elliott, make sure you go to the Southern Comfort Diner and have some peanut butter pie. I'll be in my usual seat at the counter . . . Robin

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### Kim Vanravenswaay says

Beckett is a great ER trauma Dr. He skates a fine line sometimes to ensure that his patients get the care that they need.

Virginia has a very hard job ahead of her, and Beck sure isn't making it any easier. But he's good at that, because he doesn't make it easy for Virginia to love him either.

This is not your usual doctor book. It is full of bad people who will do what it takes to get ahead in life, even if they have to destroy others to get it. And a doctor who is fed up, and ready to take a stand against those trying to ruin life's before they even get a chance to make something of themselves.

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### A Klue says

Dr. McSteamy from Grey's Anatomy came to mind while first reading this on, folks. Beck might be a great, compassionate doctor, whose rough childhood leads him to want to right wrongs in this world (protect children/keep drugs off the street/provide the elderly, underprivileged with medical care) but his hot headedness and moral compass regarding sleeping with fellow hospital employees is likely going to keep him from getting his dream ER job and getting close again to Virginia Crawford (Ginger). She's the girlfriend he dumped nine years ago, supposedly for her own good, then slept with her roommate to make sure she got the message. For this avid true romantic at heart, I think he let his ego get too far ahead of him. Honestly, an "I'm just not into you any more" speech or even note would have worked just as well, don't you think? Ginger deserved better than that forever visual playing out in her head of her ex-roommate and Beck naked/leaning over her sofa.

Now Ginger, also known as Virginia, is back and his career is ultimately in her hands. The big question though is his heart, as well? You really want to like this guy, but if you have low tolerance for a unapologetic “love ‘em and leave ‘em” kind of hero, you may have trouble doing so. Even though he wasn’t with OW during this storyline, I wasn’t fond of knowing his past relationship with Trish, the ER nurse he worked with. But that’s just me, folks. Former lovers being flaunted in my face is a big turn-off for this reviewer.

Ginger definitely came across strong, confident, and professional, my fellow romance book-loving friends. Even with Beck’s past and present behavior, she was always going to give him a fair shake at his quest for this prestigious position. Unfortunately, I wish she would have held out longer and made this Dr. McSteamy sweat more before giving into their smexy encounters. You know it’s not a good sign when they are standing outside her apartment and you find yourself mentally repeating...”Don’t do it, girl! Don’t let him in!”...just as she is slowly unlocking the door. It kind of felt like a scary movie shower scene where the next slasher victim is about to pull back the curtain. No, Beck isn’t yielding a huge, bloody knife, but he certainly is a big danger to this heroine’s heart. At least, she did shove him out the door before the sun came up and declared it wouldn’t happen again. Yeah, this doc finally got a brief taste of his own medicine.

It wasn’t long after that, Beck seems to win her back, just to push her away again with a plot twist that had me thinking, “Oh, really now, here we go again!” For a second time, he proves he’s willing to rip her heart to shreds for her own good. I admit it sure felt like a sucker punch to the gut. You truly felt Ginger’s heart breaking.

From pretty much then on, about 70% into it, the plot and writing seem to ricochet all over the place. Almost like the author didn’t quite know how to conclude the drug lord/action packed portion. The ending result felt more formatic than authentic/unique. Needless to say, I skimmed over the rest and just wanted it to reach its predictable HEA conclusion. Here’s to hoping it was just the ARC version I was gifted in exchange for an honest opinion, and the final edited version of the ending will be better. As an avid mafia romance reader, I really was looking forward to the drug lord showdown. Even with someone getting shot, I just didn’t find it particular heart pounding. Probably because I’m biased from reading so many exceptional mafioso romantic tales.

I do wish this author all the best in her literary endeavors. Though I really enjoyed the beginning, my overall rating was affected by the hero's tainted past behavior/decisions and the should have been better conclusion.

Title: Southern Nights and Secrets, Series: The Boys are Back (Book 4), Author: Robin Covington, Pages: NL, stand-alone but part of a series, HEA, good doctor with a bad boy reputation/past who sleeps with co-workers, second chance romance, hero dumped heroine 9 years ago “for her own good”/then slept with her roommate, bi-racial romance, dad made him sell drugs as a kid, drug lord causes problems, VERY graphic, steamy scenes with lusty language that often took over the storyline, hero is injured, heroine gets kidnapped, co-worker romance.

Book 1 - A Night of Southern Comfort

Book 2 - His Southern Temptation

Book 3 - Sweet Southern Betrayal

Book 4 - Southern Nights and Secrets

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### **Bette Hansen says**

I feel like I've been waiting forever for Beck's story and I am happy to say the wait was well worth it! This is an incredible story of someone who pulled himself out of a horrible situation and with the right people and love behind him made something of his life. That's not to say he hasn't made mistakes along the way and his biggest mistake of all just came back into his life! Virginia Crawford is the one woman that Beck could never forget. They were together in college but Beck broke things off. Certain he was the wrong man for her he made sure she would run far and fast. Now she shows up in his hospital with all the power. He knows he should stay away from her but some things are just inevitable.....

Definitely a great read and a fantastic way to wrap up this series. This is a book I highly recommend.

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### **Rebecca Whaley says**

This was very good! The hero was hot. Tattooed and pierced. He is somewhat of a man whore but I can forgive him for that. The heroine keeps under tight control but there is a volcano underneath. They spark off each other something fierce.

The storyline was great but sometimes irritating when the h/h butt heads. This book is definitely worth reading though so I highly recommend it! This is by one of my favorite authors and I was so glad I got to read it early. This was given to me for an honest review.

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### **Lisa McWhinnie says**

I loved Gin and Beck together. Two souls that were once together, lost due to family circumstance, and then faith brings them back together. Two personalities that apart and powerful but together are combustible. Applause to Robin for such a heart warming story about compassion, passion, heart and soul.

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### **Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says**

DNF at 26%

Nope! I so don't care. I don't like Beck. I don't feel he can come back from the bullshit he pulled 10 years ago. I don't like him period. I am bored with Virginia and I am bored with this plot. I tried to give some fucks but I have none to give. So Imma tap out and move on. I enjoyed the other 3 stories but this one just wasn't working for me.

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### **Elaine says**

This is a brilliant second chance romance, with many inspirational aspects to it. The hero is Beckett Sanderson, as a child he was brought up by his drug dealing, abusive father on the wrong side of town. He

knows what it is like for children growing up there, he's been there, experienced it and was lucky enough to escape when he moved to live with very caring foster parents. He's done well for himself. He's a trauma doctor back in his home town and has started an amazing charity to try to help other children escape from the gangs, drugs and danger in his old home area.

This story tells about using the acronym DRAGON to inspire the youngsters "D is for dream big, R is for respect yourself and others, A is for achieve, G is give of your talents, O is for open your mind, and N is for never give up." Personally, I think this is brilliant and inspirational for children and, via twitter, the author kindly agreed it could be used in school – thank you, Robin!! It is now, slightly tweaked to suit the children, up on the wall of a classroom.

Sorry, back to the story . . . The characters are complex, with many of their personal issues contributing to the story. Beckett's relationship with 'Ginger' is steamy hot but this is a second chance romance and their history and Beckett's past both impact severely, having a negative effect on any possibility of achieving their HEA together. Ginger hasn't realised how her family has also influenced Beck's attitude and reaction. This is an enthralling story, involving many different aspects of community, parenting, childhood and, of course, trauma treatment centres and their staff. It is a heartwarming story of overcoming the past, moving on and ensuring lessons learnt are used to beneficial effect to protect others. A great and potentially inspiring romance that is another great read from this amazing author.

I was gifted a copy of this book by the publisher, via NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Jessica Alcazar says**

I'm a little bummed that my first book in the series is the last, but it doesn't interfere with my perception and enjoyment of this story. After writing my review, I went ahead and read some of the reviews already posted and I'm floored at the amount of people who judge Beck for *past* doings that if you *really* look and understand, are not questionable actions at all. If anything, it was him, protecting Ginger (ALL those years ago) and making sure the message was clear ... that's all I will say on *THAT* small point because I don't want any of the story to be spoiled for you future readers.

This is a really good second-chance story. But it's also a really great growth story. When Beck and Ginger meet again, it's kinda explosive. The spark is still there. Both the good and bad spark. That made it entertaining for me of course. I'm not the one living it! LOL They have a lot of history, and it's not all rainbows and gumdrops ... it's complicated and hurtful and just plain *sorry* on both sides but once their eyes meet again ... BAM! *Robin Covington* did very well with these two. The story was very well balanced with sexy and heart :) my favorite!

I will warn you that past characters do show up in this book and for a person like me who doesn't like to miss anything, it irritated me because the book should have been labeled as standalone with interlocking characters... so I've gone back and marked the rest of the series on my TBR.

**A word of advice: Don't read reviews with low ratings before you decide to pick this book up. The rating are not a reflection of the book but of personal opinion and everyone should form their own. It is written in great form and characterization flows well thru the book. Make your own opinion. This is mine.**

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## Roksana says

Self Note: This Heroes moral ethics are really slim...and he's a doctor? Sleeping with his co-workers Not cool

Definitely there are much better "Romantic heroes" out there to read

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

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## Irene says

3.5 stars

Southern Nights & Secrets was a good addition to the The Boys are Back in Town series and a lovely way to bring the series to a close.

I enjoyed watching Beck and Ginger get their second chance at love and loved revisiting the previous couples.

The Boys are Back in Town series has been a very entertaining read, each book can be read as a standalone and I highly recommend them all.

\*Thank you to Entangled Indulgence via Netgalley for the advance copy\*

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## Dísir says

This was a hard book to read and harder to review, not least because I went in knowing exactly what to expect after realising what some readers had to say about the plot and its triggers. But reading it didn't make it any easier when I could see were the author's valiant attempts to make an unlikeable and unreliable - at least when it comes to matters of the heart - male protagonist worthy of a HEA with a woman who rightly shouldn't want to have anything to do with him.

Unfortunately, it didn't work too well at all for me.

But if I liked Ginger Crawford immensely for her independence and her strength (though she was a little too soft-hearted), I found Beckett a sorry excuse of a cocky womaniser who uses his debilitating, broken past as an excuse not to commit and to push Ginger away - by sleeping with her roommate. That he felt Ginger was too good for him is an overused cliché that I'd outgrown decades ago and seeing it again in action - and the kind of behaviour it elicits - nearly made me not finish the story at all.

9 years later, when this story takes place, I'm not entirely sure this attitude has changed.

There's the admission that she was the girl he'd always loved, but broke it all up with her for her own good and for his own selfish reasons, then took up with a revolving door of women didn't do anything to endear me to him at all. Suddenly wanting Ginger back after all this time because she shows up where he works felt

more like him wanting to recapture what they had yet not showing any sort of remorse for his halfwit, inexcusable behaviour. That he chalked it up to the right timing when he and Ginger finally slept together incensed me further because all it highlighted was his cocky smugness when he finally put effort into getting her back. In fact, I found him irredeemable insofar as women were concerned, despite the good work he does with children and at the hospital and to term him as a romantic hero would be a misnomer.

I wasn't entirely too sure what happened next apart from the sex happening despite all futile attempts at resistance because I finally skimmed, but there were parts that involved a fair bit of characters from the previous books which I didn't read and an insertion of drug-related activities (with some mild suspense) that I felt compromised the plot's already tenuous hold on my attention. In short, this is unfortunately not a book I can recommend at all, and that's not because of Robin Covington's very excellent writing but really because of a questionable male protagonist whom I can't even call an antihero deserving of that happy ending.

\*ARC by netgalley  
(painfully grateful, as always)

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## Nicola says

We've had a bit of a wait for Beckett Sutherland's time to come in this series, but they do say all good things come to those who wait and, whilst not my favourite of the four books, *Southern Nights and Secrets* is an enjoyable sexy second-chance romance with a couple who have a heated chemistry and a story that has a nice dose of action and drama to it, but is also easy going at the same time.

Before I go on, I do want to say that I have heard mentions of this containing cheating banded about. In my opinion, which is just that, mine and I'm not discounting other's feelings, this isn't the case. Yes, Beck does pull a bit of a silly frustrating stunt, one I'd have preferred he didn't, but no cheating is involved. And, regardless of frustration factor, it actually plays a part to subsequent events in the story. Anyway...

*"I'll let you control me, Ginger. Any way you want. Anytime you want. For as long as you want."*

Dedicated, passionate and committed to his patients, ER doctor and commitmentphobe Beck is loved but also not-so-loved by the hospital board. And Virginia joining the management team could scupper his chances of promotion to ER Team Leader. Because they have a history, one filled with passion, pain and regret, but from the moment they're reacquainted the chemistry between them burns bright and Robin Covington does what she does well; balances emotion and heat.

There were moments in this story where my heart hurt for Beck. His past is one no kid should endure, one that has left him with a more vulnerable side which opens up as the story unfolds, but he is surrounded by wonderful people who love him and this shone through. And the banter between himself, Jack, Lucky and Teague was as perfect as always. Ginger is perhaps a little more forgiving of him than I might be, but Beck is a charmer so who knows. What I do know is that Robin has wrapped this series up nicely and, seeing as it's been a while since I've read the previous books, I think a re-read could be on the cards (I'll turn a blind eye to the fact that there's a continuity error with regards to Lucky and his brother's name being the same between books). All in all, *The Boys are Back in Town* is a series I'd not hesitate in recommending you

check out.

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## Claire Robinson says

### 3.5 - "I bought a door..." Stars!

I am in the main a huge fan of Robin Covingtons' writing, as the fourth book in her *The Boys are Back in Town* series, *Southern Nights and Secrets* can certainly be read as a standalone, as I haven't read any of its predecessors.

I think the first thing I need to clarify is that this book was in the realms of a five star read for me for the first 70% or so, but the author then chose to re-introduce a plot twist, that had already been used in the early stages of the book, when setting up the background story between Ginger and Beck, and for me it was one use too far. There are other reviews that give more insight, but I would like to say that I think the decision of the reader as to how they view what happened is very subjective, and my opinion does differ from others on this point.

(view spoiler)

However, take out the 15-20% of the book where this situation occurred, and this was still a pretty good read for me.

### "Are you friend or foe?"

The author bought heat and sizzle between Ginger and Beck as soon as they set eyes on each other, and considering they have a lot of past between them, and not all of it good if you take into account their original parting over nine years previously, it didn't take long for them both to realize that they still share a lot more than just memories with each other.

### "I can keep our personal business out of our hospital business."

Beck is your standard commitment-phobe, known for his man-whore ways, but loved nonetheless around the *Shenandoah Regional Medical Center*, mainly because he is also extremely passionate about the work he does and the patients he deals with. Ginger has the potential to become a huge fly in his proverbial 'ointment' when she joins the hospital staff, and is essentially part of the management team who gets to decide his future at the hospital.

*"... We meant something to each other at one time"*

### "And it ended. A long time ago..."

There is a lot of emotion between this couple, especially as the story between them progresses, and you are given the background to Beck's motivations in the past, Ginger is an extremely forgiving woman in that

respect for me, because I still think I would have struggled with Beck's justification of the things he did. You then have to add in the potential collision his work in the poorer areas of the town and his rubbing up the wrong people doing it is likely to cause, and this is the point in the story where I personally think the author went the wrong route with this couple's story.

**"Beyond this point lie dragons."**

Of course, my opinion is just that, and you should totally draw your own conclusions from reading the book yourself, but I just wish in this instance the author had chosen for the couple to communicate rather than one party taking the choices and making the decisions on their own, and for me in totally the wrong direction.

**"I'm never going to let you free fall by yourself."**

The last chapter and epilogue pulled the book back up for me, just not enough to give it more than the rating I have sadly. One thing is certain, I absolutely have to go back and read the previous three books of the series at some point.

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**Erika says**

NOT planning to read.

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