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"The wonderfully talented Sophie Gunn has concocted a real treat for readers--a small-town romance filled with humor, tenderness and warmth. It's the perfect feel-good read for a long winter night."

--Susan Wiggs, *New York Times* bestselling author on *How Sweet It Is* SWEET KISS OF SUMMER Nina Stokes's life is far from picture perfect. For years the small-town artist has waited for the day she'd be able to fulfill her late brother's wishes and hand over his rambling house to its new owner. Yet when a sexy stranger arrives on her doorstep, key in hand, Nina realizes she's not ready to let go of the house and all its memories--not until she gets some answers to what really happened to her brother.

Mick Rivers may be a hard-as-nails soldier, but throwing a woman out of her house isn't his style. Neither is dredging up memories of the past--a past he is struggling to remember. He desperately needs to sell the house, but he finds the brown-eyed beauty with the open heart and warm smile impossible to resist. So instead of moving on, Mick moves in. As sweet summer days lead to sizzling summer nights, Mick must finally face his fears. But can he tell Nina the secrets haunting his heart, without breaking hers?

Sweet Kiss of Summer Details

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Juliette Swett says

I really enjoyed this book up to a point. I'm not sure where it shifted, but there was something about the Bobby situation that didn't ring true. I loved Mick and his struggle with being a soldier, and I enjoyed Nina. I also jumped into this book quickly and did not want to put it down. So, all in all, I was a bit disappointed, but will try another book by this author.

Danielle says

It was okay... I won this book in a contest along with a couple other books by Forever Romance (the other two I really liked and had on my to-read list already), so did not pick it out for myself. I read it and I did not NOT like it, but I was left without very much fondness for it. There were a lot of secondary characters... blah. I did not feel connected to the main characters, but wished them well. The storyline was busy and at the same time, not overly exciting. But the book itself was not bad.. just okay. I have not read anything by Sophie Gunn prior to this, so fans of hers may feel completely differently.

Janga says

I'm hooked on the series, but I liked the first one much better. I had too many problems with the heroine to make this better than 3.5 stars.

See my full review at <http://www.theromancedish.com/2011/08...>

Teela says

I gave this book, Sweet Kiss of Summer, by Sophie Gunn, 3 stars and the cover is what attracted me to the book. It looks like a sweet summer romance type book. But once I started reading, the characters just didn't come alive for me or seem to connect to me. I'm not the author and apparently they have chemistry to her. Nina's brother died at war, Mick, the last person to see Nina's brother, Walt, alive, shows up to evict her and grab the house and sell it for much needed monies for a sick one.

They are attracted to each other, (but really, if someone was trying to take my house from me, even IF they were the last person to see a relative die, and built like a Greek god, I don't think I would be very "chummy" with them!).

The other characters in the book are not strong either. And the Enemy Club, made up of girls that couldn't stand each other in high school, but now are good friends that can be counted on especially in time of crisis. It's just a bit much...kind of like eating a marshmallow for your sweet tooth, but after eating it, still not satisfied.

This might have struck me better at another time, but right now, I just didn't connect and felt like I could have spent my time better by doing something else.

So, that's my opinion and you know what they say about opinions, of the SWEET KISS OF SUMMER.

Stefanie says

For a contemporary romance read, Sweet Kiss of Summer was pretty good. The characters were fun, and the romance was sweet. I also really liked the setting of the town, since I imagined that it was one of the towns surrounding the Fingerlakes. The only really big issue that I had was there was almost too much going on. There were so many characters, which usually I am okay with, but I just feel like some of them didn't even really need to be in the book. The twists of the book were good, although I did call some of them before the end. I actually didn't read the first book by Gunn, How Sweet It Is, so maybe that would have helped me understand some of the characters better. All in all, a fun, summer, beach read!

Char (1RadReader59) says

Really loved this book heart warming - yet oddly sad.

Luci says

The female lead is actually pretty annoying in this one.

Mary Gramlich says

SWEET KISS OF SUMMER by Sophie Gunn
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Can love override everything even duty?

Nina Stokes believes that good will always win, right will smack down wrong, and a rainbow always follow the rain. Mick Rivers believes in doing what is dictated by order and the obligation to his country and family. He knows that life is about the surviving the mission and the one he is on now is not going to make anyone happy, even him.

When Nina's brother Walt was killed by an explosion in Afghanistan she finds out the house she is living in has been left to Mick. In good faith, she tried to find this "supposed" owner, but he never responds. Nina already made a mistake with a financial investment that cost her everything there is no way she is going to be naïve again, especially since nothing about this situation makes sense and she used her artistic gifts to turn the house into a home. The mess makes even less sense to Mick who did not know or really like Walt very much and Mick really does not want to do this but the responsibility of solving a horrendous family personal crisis is lying directly on his broad shoulders as it always has.

Mick may push but Nina is no pushover and she is determined to keep the house and stay away from Mick. Keeping the house is proving to be easier than avoiding Mick because the man just refuses to follow the rule of keeping his clothes on and he sure can cook. While the food is not nutritionally sound, it is delicious and there is allot of food and Mick to deal with. Yet the answers to her questions and the lies that need to be

converted into truths lurk around every corner. Nina asks a lot of questions but all she keeps getting is ghosts from the past that refuse to go away and searches for secrets that lead nowhere. Who is going to be honor bound to tell her the truth and let the situation finally play itself to some conclusion?

Nina has felt deep loss but also elation over the friendship she has gained in three women who were not always this close or even that nice to each other. Now they are the anchor each needs to survive and when one of them needs a problem solved the others step up to serve their duty. However, Mick turns out to be the least of the difficulties that Nina has to face and the person that just may save her.

After I finished the first book in this series "How Sweet It Is," I wondered if another could be as good, and this one certainly is. I felt the horror of war was expressed with sincerity and tenderness but never with pity. We all have a duty to perform and each of us fulfills it one way or another and Ms. Gunn wrote this book to remind us we each play a part and everyone serves in some capacity with the gift they have been given.

Gail says

This is the one where the heroine is the flake in the enemies' club, and the guy her brother willed his house to has shown up two years after the brother died in Iraq. It's slow growing, but very good. I really liked it.

Anastasia says

Nina Stokes is perfectly content working on her paintings and tending to her vegetable garden when a hardened, albeit handsome, soldier comes to town, clutching a letter from her deceased brother that says she must give her house to him. Sure, she may see the world through rose-tinted glasses, but this time she refuses to go down without a fight!

Mick Rivers feels like a jerk for taking the house from his fallen comrade's sister, but it's become a matter of life or death. Sure, he didn't think it'd be a cakewalk, but he never imagined it would be this difficult—especially after he finds himself falling in love with the artsy redhead. But will Nina love him back after she discovers the dark secrets he's been holding on to?

Sweet Kiss of Summer is an emotional rollercoaster, spinning around sexually charged bedroom scenes and plunging through gut-wrenching conflict. Nina's cheery disposition complements Mick's jaded outlook on life, and their continuous push-pull, love-hate dance is entertaining to watch. The conflict is multi-faceted, which each layer revealing not only more about the main couple, but also the secondary characters, who play a vital role in the story. Though Nina and Mick's relationship takes center stage, the story also deals with the aftermath of war and the effect it can have on those who return, as well as the families who are left behind. Ms. Gunn's writing is powerful and captivating, and will have readers chuckling one minute, then holding back tears the next.

*Originally written for RT Book Reviews. Note: Goodreads rating is adjusted to match RT rating equivalent.

E. R. says

Didn't really get into the story nor got used to the author's style.

Esther Somorai says

I won Sweet Kiss Of Summer by Sophie Gunn through Good Reads. Thank you.

An enjoyable story with an air of mystery. Well written and a smooth, easy read.

April says

SWEET KISS OF SUMMER by Sophie Gunn is an interesting contemporary romance that will have you turning pages. This is the story of Nina Stoke and Mick Rivers. Nina Stokes, is an artist, has lost her brother and must sell his house. Mick Rivers, is a soldier, hard as nails, and must face his fears. This story has romance, secrets, duty, soldiers, and is a heartwarming story of love, and sacrifice. It is a loving tribute to Veterans. A must read for anyone who enjoys contemporary romance, passion, a little laughter, and a lot of love. Received for review from the publisher for my honest opinion. Details can be found at Forever, an imprint of Grand Central Publishing and My Book Addiction Reviews.

JoAnne says

Loved the book - didn't know what to expect next. Lots of twists and turns. I laughed and cried. Have to read Sophie Gunn's first book in the Enemy Series now, "How Sweet It Is" and I can't wait to do so! Highly recommend especially if you read books by Susan Mallery, Susan Wiggs, Sherryl Woods. You'll be pleased you did!

Kristine says

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