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By day Annabelle Lee is a perfect small town librarian, with loose-fitting dresses and hair scrunched up in a tight bun. But at night, lying in her lonely bed, her sensuality emerges in scorching, erotic dreams about Mike Sloan. Annabelle's not the only one with a few fantasies. Mike has been dreaming of stripping her out of her prim clothing and getting her into his bed, and when the opportunity arises, he grabs at the chance. Soon they're heating up the sheets, and each other, with steamy sexual interludes. While Annabelle is luxuriating in their no-strings secret affair, Mike is longing for something more permanent-like exploring the exhilarating heights of passion as man and wife.

## Annabelle Lee Details

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## From Reader Review Annabelle Lee for online ebook

♥ WishfulMiss ♥ says

The blurb about the shy and proper librarian & the hot tempting handyman reeled me in but it was the characters themselves that kept me glued to my kindle. Uncovering Annabelle was a really light and easy read. I loved that it was equal parts sweet and sexy. There wasn't any OTT drama or angst, it was straight forward romance.

From the beginning I was mad crushing on Mike. Aside from his bone melting good looks and sleek muscles he was just so damn *sweet*! From the get-go he was considerate and tender towards his h. He never wavered from his feelings towards her and I loved that. It was refreshing to see the H chase the h for something more than just an affair. (I liked that he was the one pushing for a committed relationship with the h, instead of the other way around.)

Mike was definitely one of a kind. One minute he was this super seductive lover and then just as easily, he'd be this endearing protector the next. I loved how much he wanted Annabelle physically but was also just as determined to take care of her emotionally.

When Annabelle finally decides to explore her sensuality, Mike agrees to an affair, but he is hoping to change her mind about the temporary bit.

**He wanted her to know her power as a woman and then choose him.**

Annabelle was a cute heroine. I loved that she was down to earth. I related to her struggles and fears, especially her phobia of drawing attention to herself. Although she was a bit naive at times, I could totally understand where she was coming from. For the most part, Annabelle is happy with her life. She lives in a small town, she has friends and a job she loves but she has never really experienced passion. For the most part the men she has dated always end up seeing her as a friend and never stick around long enough for her to put her guard down and be herself. Even though she was shy and insecure, I liked that she wasn't into radically changing herself. She was happy with who she was, she just wanted to find someone that would appreciate her, as is.

**She was a homebody and saw no reason to change herself because some guy thought she wasn't exciting or flashy enough. Her hobbies ran to cooking and reading, not barhopping and dancing.**

The only gripe I have (and it's a minor one) is the pace. This "affair" starts as a no-strings casual relationship to a full blown marriage/commitment in less than two weeks. Normally this doesn't bug me, but with Annabelle's hang ups I wanted a teensy bit more convincing she was over her insecurities. I would have loved to see her do a big romantic gesture to get Mike back after the fair scene! I still loved it though, it was short, sweet and satisfying!

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## **XxTainaxX says**

3.5 Stars. Mike and Annabelle have lots of sexy times in this book... In fact, it's probably not realistic how often they go at each other. If you're wanting an abundance of some alpha male loving, this is for you. Mike knows exactly what he wants and is not afraid to go for it. Annabelle wants Mike but doesn't know how to handle their new relationship. She doesn't understand her own beauty and how much Mike truly wants her. It's a pretty typical plot device of insecure h assuming she knows what the H is feeling/thinking and keeping it casual for their sake. Nothing really surprising. The writing was good but not great and seemed to start off stronger than how it ended. The best writing was in the sex scenes and the areas of opportunity were mostly in the building of the relationship beyond the bedroom door. All in all a good read especially as I was channeling my inner dirty girl. Safety gang: no rape/abuse, no ow/om, neither are virgins, they use condoms.

ARC received in exchange for an honest review.

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## **HEA Addict says**

Uncovering Annabelle by NJ Walters is an erotic romance with the two most fantasized or eroticized careers you can think of – the librarian and the handyman. It's a quick read, about 12 chapters and the first chapter already starts out with the first erotic scene, so you already know that it's going to be a steamy read. There's a little bit of a tease at the first meeting, but Mike the Handyman quickly moves it along. He moved it along so quickly and abruptly that I had to remind myself that these are two people who already know each other, they live in the same small town, and see each other regularly. The erotic scenes were steamy and Mike was yummy. It's a guilty pleasure to want the alpha male convince the insecure heroine of being more than she realizes, but so much fun to read. NJ Walters packed a lot of sexiness in just 12 chapters. It was a fun and quick read and highly recommended for a late night story.

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## **Erika says**

I really hate to DNF a ARC, but this just isn't for me and I can't make myself go on...at least right now. This is way more in the style of pure straight-up erotica. Not enough romance for my liking. It's just all about lust and the H trying to get the h in bed. My guess is that if I went on, it does expand and the H and h develop more than lust for each other.

Also, as anyone who knows me here knows, I am REALLY sick of very sexually confident and experienced heroes being matched up with a heroine who is either (a) a virgin or (b) only had minimal and awful sex at that. This heroine fits in the b category. She is 30 years old. Had one partner in college and the sex was extremely blah. She says she was bad at it. H isn't a manwhore, so that is great! But still, this plays a bit too close to my #1 biggest pet peeve in romance.

To be clear: I think many of my friends here will enjoy this. So I recommend giving it a go!! :)

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## **Tracie R says**

Uncovering Annabelle is a deliciously hot and sexy start to the Summersville Secrets series.

After losing her father and then her mother six months ago, Annabelle Lee need a fresh start so she accepted a job as a Librarian in Summersville.

Mike Sloan has worked hard to not only own his own business but also be successful. His construction business is thriving and now it another desire he needs to fill.

Annabelle has been fantasizing about Mike for months so when he shows up to fix the libraries air conditioning she is more than a little flustered. Picking up on her reaction Mike will let her know she isn't the only one with desires. But full of insecurities Annabelle has some conditions but when they almost cost her everything she will need to choose what she really wants.

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## **Katrina Berry says**

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

Uncovering Annabelle by N.J. Walters is Book 1 of the Summersville Secrets Series and a super yummy start it is. There is some serious sizzlin' hawtness going on between the shy town librarian, Annabelle, and the handyman, Mike. This is a quick and sexy read that goes from 0 to insta-lust and then insta-love within a few quick weeks. I enjoyed the author's writing style, however I was put off with how quickly everything escalated between the couple considering Annabelle's background. Seeing as there was sex, sex, sex, and very little build-up of a relationship between the two just makes it so unrealistic in the relationship department. With how short the book is (125'ish pages) I can definitely see how that happens but I would recommend the author cut down and/or cut out some of the sex scenes and add more to the couples relationship; doing that would make it 5 star worthy for me. Overall, this is a good read.

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## **Romance Readers Retreat says**

3.5 stars

This book opens with a sex scene and of course I'm never going to be mad at that.

Mike Sloan is the man of Anabelle's fantasies, but she's a shy librarian who's only been living I town for six months and in that short time it turns out she caught Mike's attention too. Mike Sloan had been dreaming about the cute librarian and wanting to know the woman under the frumpy clothes, perfectly pinned hair.

This is the story of a woman discovering her sexuality and making her fantasies real. Mike Sloan is the man that makes Annabelle realise her worth as a woman and cherishes every second of her company. Their relationship moves quickly and evolves into something more. I felt like we were just scratching the surface with this couples story, for me there could be more character and story development, I'd love to know more about both of these characters and get into their lives a little more. So in my opinion this book is a short and sexy romance that has a lot of potential but doesn't quite hit the mark for me.

## **Shirley says**

It is times like this when I wish that you could give books 1/2 star ratings on Goodreads. This wasn't a bad read, and a 3 star review isn't bad either, but it wasn't quite a 4 star either. Oh well, I think you catch my drift. ;)

This was a quick, fun read. Mousy librarian is pulled out of her shell by the hot construction worker. I mean, what's not to like? Sometimes the descriptions and the dialogue got a little choppy, but all in all it was an entertaining read and it was nice to see the man want the serious relationship while the woman fought against it. She had her reasons, and they had a good time working it all out.

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## **Avid says**

What a waste of time. While the male character was somewhat believable, the female character was NOT. There was NO character development - these two characters "fall madly in love" after 2 weeks of having sex, and without any kind of acquaintance before their first introduction. Lame.

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## **Lance says**

I enjoyed the story of Annabelle and Mike because it was a role reversal of the usual romance stories or worse, the romantic comedy movies where the gal wants a relationship and the guy has commitment issues. In this story, when Annabelle and Mike finally get together after having erotic dreams about each other for months, Mike is the one who wants a long term loving relationship and Annabelle is the one who doesn't want to commit to it.

That part of Annabelle is believable as is the fact that she had only one prior relationship. The only part about her that seems far fetched to me is her fear of letting anyone in the small town know that she and Mike are a couple. If she really does want him, wouldn't she want EVERYONE to know? As for Mike, I thought it a little different that he wanted a committed relationship from only erotic fantasies. But...they actually helped this story because the reader will be cheering them on hoping that they can be that loving couple.

The sex scenes are not too graphic but certainly hot. It really feels more like "making love" than "sex" or that other word. Another aspect of the book that makes this very romantic. An enjoyable read.

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## **Sissy's Romance Book Review says**

I received an eARC, from NetGalley and the publisher, in exchange for an honest review.

Annabelle Lee has just moved to a new town just a few years ago and has taken the job as the town's librarian. Annabelle has been attracted to Mike Sloan since day one. But Annabelle feels that he is out of her league not to mention she has had but one serious relationship.

Mike has been having the same feelings and one day decides to move forward with trying to start a full time permanent relationship with Annabelle. When Mike goes forward with asking Annabelle out and pursue this attraction they have, Annabelle thinks it will be a short affair.

This was a really great book! It had some humor, hot love scene, a really sweet and strong male.

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### **Jenn Cunha says**

Received an ARC from NetGalley for an honest review.

This is a fun, extremely hot read. A buttoned up librarian and a handyman...what's not to love. While it is a tad insta-lovey, I liked watching the two of them get together. I wish we could have seen a bit of their relationship before they got intimate though. Also, she was kinda down on herself...a lot...which I get, but it did get a little annoying.

Overall, good quick read (but not if you blush easily).

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### **Emily says**

The minute Mike Sloan set eyes on uptight librarian Annabelle Lee, he knew she was different. Although her exterior is prim and proper, he could see right through her knowing she would be soft and curvaceous. Biding his time he finally plans to stake his claim, the problem is Annabelle has misguided ideas on what their relationship will be and ends up hurting Mike in the process of what she believes is a no-strings affair.

This was just okay, Annabelle seemed almost to naive to me but when it came to exploring her sensual side she was not lacking any inhibitions, in fact she was quite dominating, so it didn't blend the two sides of Annabelle for me.

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### **London says**

God what a snooze fest

Who the hell writes love scenes that last over 5 pages. Bloody hell get to the point already.

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### **Book Reading Gals says**

Title: Uncovering Annabelle

Series: Summersville Secrets Book #1

Author: N. J Walters

Genre: Romance

Blurb: The first book in the sexy Summersville Secrets series by New York Times and USA Today bestselling author N. J. Walters!

Days fueled by desire . . .

Annabelle Lee is content to spend her days as a quiet and staid librarian, revealing her true desires only at night, when she indulges in the rich erotic life that lives only in her fantasies. It is there she dreams of Mike Sloan, the rugged handyman who stirs her passions and ignites her erotic nature.

Nights filled with pleasure . . .

Mike has always yearned to get a peek behind Annabelle's demure nature, knowing there is far more there than she shows. When he finally gets her alone, they unleash a passion beyond any late-night fantasy. Limited only by their imaginations, they set out to explore even their deepest desires, with Mike hoping to win Annabelle's heart in the process.

This is a fully revised edition of a book originally published as Annabelle Lee.

Thoughts: I read this series out of order, and actually wound up reading the first book in the series last – so I can easily say that the books are standalone and in no way affected my enjoyment of the series. Every book in this series has been sexy and sensual with just the right amount of romance thrown in. This one in particular featured Annabelle and Mike, both of which have been somewhat dancing around their chemistry with one another. Annabelle has been somewhat using her son as a shield between herself and any attraction she feels for anyone. Her son is older now, and Mike is finally able to get her alone long enough to explore the chemistry he always knew was there.

Another amazing read by Walters!

Rate: A+

Review by: Sarah

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