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From Reader Review **Lucky in Love** for online ebook

Shawna says

4 stars – Contemporary Romance

A nice addition...and start of a new trilogy...in the *Lucky Harbor* series. Ty and Mallory made a sexy, spontaneous couple with chemistry in spades, and their love scenes were fun, steamy goodness. They might have started out as a fling but it was obvious those two were perfect together and meant to be.

Lisa Kay says

Update July 29, 2013

I got tired of trying to find an alliterated “LL” title or author for a “double decker” challenge; I just fell back on a re-read of a wonderful book. Just my cuppa tea. I can’t believe it’s been over a year since I listened it the first time!

Original read/review June 1-2, 2013

Alex O'Loughlin as Ty

★★★★½ (This is a review of the audiobook.) Young, old, male, female, **Suehyla El Attar** does a great job delivering the variety of voices in the fourth installation of this series. She also balances Ms. Shalvis’ unique ability to be light and fluffy and still deal with heavy topics.

I had to return to *Lucky Harbor* for more of these characters, if only to find out the identity of “Mysterious Cute Guy” – and with whom he connects. In fact, I got it as soon as it became available on audible.com

Turns out the MCG is Ty Garrison, Navy Seal. It is the local nurse’s luck to assist him when a freak storm arises and he is injured. And Mallory Quinn, looking to leave her comfort zone behind her for a night, *is* lucky. Yum.

Ty, coming in from a swim.

Too bad he can’t remember making that date with her for the hospital auction.

Once Ty acts on his attraction to Mallory, he really takes care of her needs, wherever and whenever they happen to arise. As a nurse myself, I appreciate a man who knows how to take care of a woman who gives of herself all day.

A perfect Summer (or is it late Spring?) listen. Definitely a GoodRead.

valee says

"It was not enough. It was too much. It was everything."

***SIGH, this book was just **P.E.R.F.E.C.T!** This is just one of those reads that makes you reconsider all the ratings you have been giving lately, one of those reads which leave you feeling all blissful and chirpy, just too content to concentrate on doing anything else. My mind is all dizzy, I just can't focus. This is how all HEA should be, I feel all light-headed and happy, which is an AMAZING way to feel after a month of too much work. My god, the previous books had been outstanding and this one was just as much if not more. JILL SHALVIS has become one of my favourite authors in the cont-romance genre, I just adore EVERYTHING she writes, and I seriously mean EVERYTHING.

The introduction of 3 amazing new Heroines...

Wow, I don't even know where to begin. Let's start by pointing that from this book onwards we get to read about some new characters, but also about some secondary characters we already loved from the previous instalments.

This second part of the series starts when 3 different women get locked in the town's diner -the Eat Me Café- because of a scary-huge storm, leaving them with zero chances of getting out time any time soon or ask for help as the power went out and no cell phones were around. So what can 3 scared-to-death women do? Well, of course talk about their whole lives and what they would like to change about them, and all while eating the best chocolate cake of their lives, lol. And that's how the Chocoholics help group was born, with weekly get-togethers from all 3 members to share their sorrows and lame moments in life.

"Strength is the ability to break up a solid piece of chocolate - and then eat just one of those pieces"

One of the best couples I have read in a VERY LONG time...

This story was about Mallory, the town's good-girl, the one everybody knows and treasures, the one who always puts others' well being before her own. I adored this heroine, she truly was friendly, good-hearted and kind, but what made me fancy her the most was that she had a very cute brave and defiant side. It really made me laugh to see this nice and charming girl developing a cute mean-streak to defend those she cared about.

And then we had our to-dye-for sexy Hero, Ty, or should I call him *Mysterious Cute Guy* as everybody else in Luck Harbour called him. So much to tell about such an interesting and complex character. It was definitely fun to see him falling in love with our heroine while he couldn't even noticed it himself. I loved that, he seriously had no clue at all, he was so nice to her, the perfect gentleman, but always so sure he didn't want anything serious with ANYBODY. Military men as heroes always work for me. I know, I'm such a cliché, but there's just nothing that gets to me as a heroine helping her hero heal. He might have been Mallory's first guy on her Bad boys list but he definitely was everything she needed. They simply made such an amazing and couple, really complemented each other.

I guess it's just the way this author writes because no matter what or who she writes about I end up ADORING all her books. Can't wait for the next one, keep them coming JS.

Jaci Burton says

Guh. This book was fantastic. Every time I think Jill can't top the last book, which I loved...she does. Ty Garrison, aka Mysterious Cute Guy, is smoking' hot, flawed as hell, with secrets from his past that he keeps secret from everyone in Lucky Harbor, a place he's bound and determined not to put roots down in. And Mallory is just the perfect Jill Shalvis heroine, filled with angst and compassion and lust for Ty--her perfect Mr Wrong type of fling. I can't say enough good things about this book, other than RUN out there to get this book on release day, because you're going to love Ty Garrison and want to bring him home with you, and you're going to fall madly in love with Ty and Mallory's story. Another winner for Jill. I couldn't put this book down, and I was on a deadline when I read it!

Dee says

4/5 Stars

We are taken back to Lucky Harbor where we originally met the Moore sisters and their partners and although they are mentioned we don't really get to meet up with them again. It would appear that the next few books will be centered around Mallory Quinn, who was born and raised in the town and known as the towns 'Good Girl', Amy Michaels, the waitress in Eat Me diner who we met in the previous books but didn't really know much about her and a new character Grace Brooks, who is just passing through town but strikes up a very close friendship with Mallory and Amy so decides to stay and the three of them regularly catch up at their Chocoholics meeting at least once a week at the diner.

The story starts on a very bad stormy night when Mallory stumbles into the deserted diner after a shift at the hospital. Due to the weather the diner is deserted and there is only Amy and another lady (Grace) there but just as all three of them were about to leave a tree came down and shattered the glass front and blocked their exit. It is during this time that the three of them formed their close friendship and bonded over chocolate cake.

Whilst they are trying to work out how they were going to get out of the diner they find a man who was injured when the tree came down and it turns out to be 'Mysterious Cute Guy' as he was named on the local Facebook page as nobody knew his name or anything about him. Whilst waiting for an ambulance the Amy and Grace try to manipulate Mysterious Cute Guy to take Mallory to the benefit dinner because she helped him, and she doesn't have a date but as he is suffering from concussion he later doesn't remember saying yes.

As the story unfolds we get to know that Mysterious Cute Guy's name is Ty Garrison and that he was a navy SEAL medic but was now working for a private contractor but had been injured and was in Lucky Harbor recovering.

I really enjoyed this book and was pleased to go back to Lucky Harbor and stayed up until 3am reading it and refused to go to bed until it was finished. Even when I had finally managed to climb into bed I still spent the next half an hour or so thinking about it, and was debating about foregoing sleep completely and getting back up again to start the next one in the series. I woke up a few hours later and instead of going back to

sleep I got up and was about to start the next one but realised that it didn't upload onto my ereader properly and couldn't turn the computer on as there was a power cut! *sigh*

As I said I did enjoy it but would have liked to have caught up a little with the Moore sisters and their guys but that wasn't to be. In the previous books Mysterious Cute Guy had been mentioned and although we hadn't been given any details about him we knew that there would be a story involving him. I loved the little ditty about chocolate that Ms Shalvis gave us at the beginning of each chapter and several of them made me giggle and some made me stop and say...if only! I loved everything we were told about Lucille and her antics to update the towns Facebook page, that old lady is star and is amazing and I would be happy to read about her in all future books in the series. The sex/steam has been ramped up and has more content in that area than the previous books which I am sure will please quite a few readers, me included!

Next up we get to read about Amy and Matt (who is Ty's friend), the sexy forest ranger, and then we will have Josh's story who I am sure will be paired up with Grace.

Some examples of the chocolate ditty's we are given:

All you need is love, but a bit of chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

Stress wouldn't be so hard to take if it were chocolate covered.

Chocolate is cheaper than therapy, and you don't need an appointment.

When the going gets tough, the tough eat chocolate.

There is nothing better than a good friend, except maybe a good friend with chocolate.

Strength is the ability to break up a solid piece of chocolate—and then eat just one of the pieces.

A life without chocolate is no life at all.

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SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

I wondered if I would struggle with this book, as I loved the first three so much and how the burgeoning relationship between Maddie, Tara and Chloe was woven through the first three books.

Mallory Quinn plays it safe. Is a good girl, taking care of everyone else and devoting her life to this.

Mysterious Cute Guy, AKA Ty Garrison, is solitary, does not want involvement, no connections!

They both carry the emotional scars from the past, and the guilt of that has led them down the path they are both treading!

So what happens when Mallory decided she does not want to play it safe, be the good girl, always thinking of others?

At first, I struggled to connect with Mallory, mainly as I was missing the sisters! The whole "Chocoholics" thing with Amy and Grace felt almost forced, as if to recreate the magic that was interwoven through the first three books with the sisters.

But, in saying that, after the first 20% or so, I was drawn into the story of Mallory and Ty (although I do wish we had had more glimpses of the first 3 couples! They are all of an age in a small town, surely they would be friends!!).

Again, as with the other Jill Shalvis books, it is a lovely heart-warming, almost gentle read about two souls overcoming their own demons and issues and realising they belong with each other, with a great set of secondary characters and a great setting, it makes for a fun, light, relaxing read.

However, maybe because I have read the first 4 (well, 4.5 books if you count the little Christmas novella) one after the other, I am noticing slight little niggles!

It is like, when you first start going out with a boyfriend you really really like! That first rush of joy and almost giddiness for having found something you can love, you just do not notice faults. But after a few weeks or months, do you still love the boyfriend? Well, probably, but you are noticing the faults, the little niggles that annoy you!

I have started to spot the book equivalent of leaving the toilet seat up or dirty socks on the floor! Is it a dealbreaker? No, does it make you grit your teeth ever so slightly for a few seconds in annoyance! Yes.

I pointed this out at the end of book 3! But details details details! If you mention someone has brothers in one book, when you get to their book, make it so they have brothers! if they have blonde hair, keep it blonde, not change it to brown etc!

In this book, it is said that the nurse Lance has been seeing for a few months is called Nancy! In book 3, when he first started seeing the nurse, she was called Renee. (and it was not told as if it was a different woman, and given Lance's situation, and it is said in this book they have been together for a few months, I will assume it is meant to be the same nurse!)

Also, Ty, during a flashback dream, mentions he got to one of his friends first, Kelly who was already dead. Later on in the story, when he is telling this to Mallory, it is Tommy he got to who was already dead.

Now, little things like this may not be an issue for other people! But *for me* it pulls me out of the story, and I am thinking "Wait..what..but I thought...?" and then I have to go back pages, or go back to another book to check the facts!

But, it is still a 4 star! And I am going to carry on and read what I have on my kindle, as I already have book 5, 6 and 6.5 waiting to read, and I am determined to read what I have before I buy any more!

But, I will have a Jill Shalvis break after that, so as those little annoying niggles do not get blown up to a real annoyance and then I have to have an author/reader break up! I love Jill Shalvis, she has a formula that works and that I really like! But even too much of a good thing can be too much!

Jenny E says

Second Read: September 2013

First Read: May 2012

** 5 stars **

Typical Jill Shalvis for sure, but "Typical Jill Shalvis" makes me go to three stores until I can find it on the shelf early and then I proceed to blow everything and everyone off until I've devoured it... so yeah...

This is right up there with Simply Irresistable and the lovely Jax. I think it might have surpassed it actually. Contemporary romance doesn't get better than this in my estimation. The chocoholic group was really great (liked it better than the trio of sisters), and I loved the women giving Mallory the shoes to walk on the wild side!

Shalvis' wit and ability to pull at your heart strings shines in this book. I laughed out loud (literally) and cried. I could really relate to Mallory and loved her. She is definitely my favorite Shalvis heroine. Shalvis writes a most excellent tortured hero, and the Mysterious Cute Guy did NOT disappoint! I loved everything about his character, and even though he was "short timer" and a commitmentphobe, it fit his character and so I didn't mind it as much (because it seems she always has one in her books!). Loved the growth that the characters made through the book.

This is definitely a keeper on my shelf that I'll be re-visiting.

Can't wait for Amy and Matt's story!

Ana says

I listened to cheesy pop songs while reading this book (don't judge). Maybe it's just me being weird, but this elevates my reading experience.

I am always trolling for a good read. There is nothing quite like a good book to make time fly and lets you escape the stress of daily life. And nothing beats romance.

Jill Shalvis knows how to write awesome romance novels. Strong and likable characters made this an amazing read.

To be honest I've been putting off reading this for a while. I finally picked it up and I'm so, so glad I did though and I can't believe I waited this long - if the rest of the books are even half as good as Head Over Heels and Lucky in Love, this series will be amazing.

Mallory is the good girl of Lucky Harbor. She is a nurse, devoted daughter and a generous friend. Her predictable life goes awry when she meets Ty Garrison, the mysterious new guy in town.

Oh Ty how do I love thee, let me count the ways... well here is one reason. Ty Garrison aka Mysterious Cute Guy is very much swoon worthy.

I love a story in which the male hero is strong and macho, but also tender and kind to the heroine.

Mrs Shalvis gave me everything I want in a romantic novel- a multilayered heroine and a hot hero. There's romance, humor and awesome secondary characters that I absolutely adored.

"He knew he had no right to touch her, crave her like air, but he did both. And when he put his mouth on hers, he recognized the taste of her, like she'd been made just for him."

If you want to read a different type of romance, a romance about good guys, no abuse or cheating, a book that is upbeat, smart and that will bring a smile and grin to your face, then this is your book.

Michelle [Helen Geek] says

4.5 Stars

I'm a sucker for brown eyes. Not sure why, maybe it's because I've always been surrounded by blue eyes. Incredibly beautiful blue eyes, but blue eyes. Not a brown eye in the room. A pair of brown eyes the color of milk chocolate with a dash of golden toffee sprinkles. One of my favorite memories and so when this was verbiage was captured so eloquently in this book, just perfect, even if it was to describe Mallory's eyes. Still perfect.

I love this author. I have a few authors I go to for a consistently good read. Over time I've come to expect really heartwarming stories from Jill Shalvis, with a bit of fluff. I'm not sure what has happened in the writing world, but the fluff factor seems to be a bit more serious lately and I like it. I like it because the subject matter they try to tackle in their stories really doesn't play well to fluff, they know it and respect it.

This book is about Mallory who is a saver. She saves or tries to save everyone, except for maybe herself. She is a giver. By giving and saving others, she may be able to save the sister she lost. A sister who reached out but who Mallory ignored. She was sixteen. It is also about Ty. He is recuperating from an injury so he can go back to work. He is a former Navy Seal Medic. He is also recovering from the deep personal loss of losing his entire team in a plane crash. He was the lone survivor and his efforts were not able to help the others and he blames himself. To compound, as he was recuperating from the injury, he formed a slight dependence on painkillers, so he is struggling with this too. He needs saving. Here comes Mallory ... to the rescue. He wants a one time thing, she thinks she does [trying out her "bad girl" self] and can handle a 'one-timer', so there you have it.

What did I like about this book?

1. Mallory and Ty. I liked the back-story for each. I liked them and I like them together. Perfect in their struggle to resist each other and get through each day.
2. The town of Lucky Harbor. Don't you wish places like this existed? Just a great scenic environment; the coast of Washington. Great people who care about each other, even perfect strangers. If anyone knows a place like this, let me know and I'll plan a trip to check it out.
3. The use of social media, primarily Facebook, in this story. It made it quirky and fun. I always wonder how technology in a story will look like if I read it in 5, 10, ... years. I've read an older story lately that had a "bag cell phone". What was that .. 20 years ago?

Just an all around great read and I know I'll read it again. It can definitely be read very easily as a stand-alone and I like that too. My only issue was a slight "cheese" factor in a few places; unnecessary and distracting. Cheese is an insult to my intelligence and I'm not a fan.

Let me leave you with something,

"In the cookies of life, friends and lovers are the chocolate chips". Loved the chocolate references at the beginning of each chapter. Kept remembering those brown eyes *sigh*. A real sucker for brown eyes...

Happy Reading!

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

In the cookies of life, friends and lovers are the chocolate chips.

We've all been there... looking for something to read. Craving a certain type of book... something special... something guaranteed to make you feel good. You know the ones - the stories you can lose yourself in. The ones that'll pull you in right from the start, with characters who will win your heart, completely? Yeah, and when that's what you're in the mood for, nothing else will do. Well, that's the kind of story I was looking for, and that's *exactly* what Jill Shalvis delivered with *Lucky in Love*.

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Lucky in Love is the fourth book in the *Lucky Harbor* series and another funny, romantic, steamy story. Ty Garrison is a great alpha male – sexy, troubled, strong yet vulnerable – my idea of the perfect hero. Mallory Quinn is a wonderful heroine – compassionate, independent, smart... and she too is troubled and vulnerable. I enjoyed the way their relationship developed, the way they had each other's backs, unconditionally, regardless of the situation. Their sexual chemistry is off the charts and their romance... not easily earned, but well deserved.

The bottom line: There are so many things to love about Jill Shalvis' stories, but what I've come to appreciate most is that, without fail, I can count on her to deliver something unique, something special. *How* she delivers it is the true magic of her writing, but the fact that she does so, again and again, is what keeps me coming back for more.

My sincerest thanks to netgalley.com and Grand Central Publishing for providing me with an eARC of this wonderful story.

Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

Posted on Under the Covers

Ah, welcome back to Lucky Harbor. I have to say how much I enjoy Jill's writing. It's fresh, it's fun and it's just the perfect read to lift your spirits and make you smile.

This time when Shalvis returns to Lucky Harbor, readers finally get to discover the man behind the moniker Mysterious Cute Guy. As a walk on character that caught reader's interests, Shalvis did a great job of creating a persona that was larger than life and certainly...larger than what the small town of Lucky Harbor was used to. Ty Garrison is taking some time off to heal old wounds, both physical and the emotional. After losing his team in a plane crash, the usually tough as stone military man is now off kilter. He is plagued with nightmares and often keeps to himself. He doesn't make an effort to fit into the friendly town of Lucky Harbor, hence everyone's avid interest in the man who remains a mystery.

Mallory Quinn and Ty Garrison could not be any more different than each other. Mallory is a nurse, someone kind-hearted and helpful while Ty likes his solitary. However, when a freak storm caused by Mother Nature brings them together, sparks fly and the chemistry sizzles. Mallory and Ty were a great fit and while both were initially hesitant about their relationship, it is clear from the beginning that they belong together.

Recently, I have noticed the increase in sexiness in Shalvis's book and I am NOT complaining! Mallory and Ty get freaky in this one and I have to say, I enjoyed it immensely. For once in Mallory's straight arrow life, she is taking the wheel and doing something she has always wanted to do. Ty and Mallory's relationship was supposed to be just a walk on the wild side. A one time thing. Instead, it became something unnerving. Something unexpected and both are really thrown by this because neither expected it to become something more than just sex. Somehow Mr. Wrong turned into Mr. Right.

I was really impressed by Shalvis's ability to make me love these new characters when I so desperately loved the previous characters of this series too. The scene that stands out for me is in the beginning during the storm where Mallory, Amy and Grace are scared like rabbits in the darkened Eat Me diner. Mother Nature and chocolate cake bring them together and I thought that Shalvis did a fantastic job of creating a strong bond between three new characters quickly. It set up the next books in the series well and forged a bond that makes me love this book even more. For readers hoping to get a glimpse of the past characters, there is some mention of Jax and a couple good scenes with my personal favorite hero, Sawyer. But hopefully there will be more walk on scenes with the others in the next few books.

Speaking of the next book, Matt Bowers, sexy forest ranger and Amy have their story set up well in this one. There is some sparks, some sexual tension and already I can see some of Matt's possessive side. Me likey. Overall, I enjoyed this book immensely. Like a fat kid who loves cake, I devoured this book in one afternoon. But when something is this good, I'm bound to devour it quickly. I'm already looking for seconds. More please?

*ARC provided by publisher

Anne OK says

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. (Charles M. Schulz)

“Lucky In Love” begins a new chapter in the “Lucky Harbor” series. In the first three books, we met the estranged sisters, Maddie, Tara, and Chloe, who all got their HEAs. Now it's time for three more lovely citizens of the town to get the same chance at love. And, of course, author Jill Shalvis, one of the reigning

queens of contemporary romance serves as the perfect matchmaker.

Using her trademark skills for mixing a full palette of emotions, along with her superior skills for writing the best sizzle and steam scenes, Shalvis ramps up this character-driven storyline with so many unforgettable moments between Mallory Quinn, the town's beloved good girl who's looking for a walk-on-the-wild-side and Ty Garrison a/k/a "Mysterious Cute Guy," a more-than-willing-to-accommodate ex-Navy SEAL suffering from PTSD.

An outstanding cast of supporting characters enrich the storyline with their quirky and lovable antics. Their well-drawn emotional connections, quirky and endearing personalities, and the shared kinship offer a welcoming aura to the town. The author also does a great job balancing the main storyline while setting up future storylines and introducing new characters into the series.

I'll be looking forward to returning to Lucky Harbor for some summertime fun when the next two books are released.

At Last (Amy and Matt) - June 26

Forever and A Day (Grace and Josh) - July 31

Nicola says

Hands down my favourite in the *Lucky Harbor* series. Which to be fair I've said after I've finished each book so far, but I loved everything about this story...especially *Mysterious Cute Guy* Ty Garrison.

Five bucks says Mr. Wrong will rock her world."

That love extended to Lucky Harbor's *Nurse Nightingale*, Mallory Quinn who was like a flower coming into bloom as her confidence built throughout the story. And true to form with this series, they're verra sexy together. Must dash, the towns forest ranger, Matt is waiting for me.

Lady Heather says

5+++

I 'literally' gobbled up this book yesterday, and when it was done I wanted more!!!

GOD! I LOVE Ms. Shalvis's 'Lucky Harbor' series, and this book did not disappoint!

Mallory and Ty...AMAZING!!

Laughed out loud so many times, and then in the next moment my heart would break for the loss they've both suffered and still were continuing to deal with.

They ended up being each others BEST therapy.

Once again the writing, story, and characters were brilliant! I particularly liked crotchety Mrs. Burland, and of course the ever nosy and Facebook tell-all Lucille.

CANNOT WAIT TO READ MATT & AMY'S STORY!!

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

?????????? **5 STARS** ??????????

Jill Shalvis, I'm packed and ready to move in Lucky Harbor, you have a place to recommend where I could stay? Near the next best alpha bachelor in town maybe?

No? I'm sure Lucille would have an idea...

♥?♥?♥? In love with this place and all the people living there.
