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Senior Firefighter Adam Healey is a man with a mission: get promoted to lieutenant at the Guff's Lake Fire Department. It's time, but more important, the promotion will finally earn him the respect of his dying father. Single mom Samantha Everett's deadbeat ex has left her to fend for herself, and she's working hard to support her young son with her baking business. Neither Adam nor Samantha is looking for a relationship. But love has a way of surprising people...

Mr. January Details

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Laurie says

The cover of this book piqued my interest, and when I found out it was a firefighter hero romance, I knew I wanted to read it!

Samantha has to decide if she's willing to take a chance on the very sweet, tortured, and handsome Adam. Samantha had a smart and warm persona. She and Adam were a great couple and worked well together in finding a solution for what has the potential to tear their love apart.

William, Sam's son, was adorable. It broke my heart how his biological father didn't care enough to stick around or at least put forth an effort to be a responsible parent.

Adam's yearning to make his ailing father proud was frustrating, but both Adam and Sam learn how to move past their misconceptions about themselves and those who have hurt them.

Mr. January is a terrific book that focuses on the characters growing relationships and embracing love and forgiveness. It is a beautiful story and sizzling romance.

~ Laurie Kozlowski

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Deb Diem says

Mr. January is not my first book by Ann Roth. I was again impressed with Ms Roth's story telling abilities. She has delivered a well written book with lovable characters, drama, humor and sizzle. Mr. January is an engaging story and held my attention from cover to cover. I enjoyed this book and look forward to reading more from Ann Roth in the future. Mr. January is book 1 of the Heroes Of Rogue Valley Calendar Guys Series, but can be read as a standalone. This is a complete book, not a cliff-hanger.

Rebecca says

Not bad although the ending got a bit simplistic and unrealistic on several points.

Jo-Anne says

Adam Healey is a firefighter for the Guff's Lake Fire Department and is also Mr. January. When he's injured on the job, instead of taking it easy, he studies for his Lieutenant's exam because he wants a promotion and make his father proud of him.

Samantha Everett is a single mom with a young son, William. She's working hard to get her new baking business going when she meets Adam. She doesn't have the interest or time for romance but William is quite taken with his new friend, Adam, so Sam doesn't think she has a choice but to let Adam into their lives. Everything is going along smoothly until Sam's ex emails that he wants to visit William. This scares Sam since he hasn't had anything to do with William for years.

I really liked this book. The smooth writing style made it easy to follow the plot. The characters were great too. Who doesn't love firefighters? Adam wasn't just a big, handsome man who was great with kids but he was also insecure about his father's feelings toward him. This made him a more human character. I admired Sam because of everything she had gone through with her ex and that she was starting a business while building a life for herself and her son. William is a cute little boy that I couldn't help but like. My heart went out to him because of his father's lack of interest.

I love stories about firefighters though this one didn't have any on the scene action in it. It's a good romance with likeable characters and a good read.

Allyson ?? says

The writing was a little stiff. Sam was like never pleased. There wasn't much of a relationship. Just not a fan..

Teon says

Enjoyable happily ever after

Really fast, easy read. Relaxing. Single mom w/ 5 y/o son meets sexy fireman. They deal w/ very realistic issue and end up in love.

Stephanie L. says

What's hotter than a buff and handsome firefighter? Nothing. Unless, of course, it's a buff and handsome firefighter who is also a good and honorable man, trying to prove himself to his bitter and unloving father, yet somehow able to show kindness to a young boy who's been abandoned by his own dad.

Blue-eyed Adam Healey, aka Mr. January, is a professional firefighter, but the real heat in this story comes from the fireworks that ignite when he meets Samantha Everett, a single-mother struggling to support herself and her five-year-old son, William.

In the end, it's hard to say who rescues who.

Once again, Ann Roth gives us a fast and engaging read, with a satisfying and, of course, happy ending.

She also introduces us to the small town of Guff's Lake, a place most of us would love to call "home".

I can't wait to read about the other firefighters in this series!

(BTW, where can I order that calendar???)

Marie Mckenney says

Love this book

Adam and Samantha are truly opposites but neither are looking for each other or anything serious because of past marriages. They fight the feelings for each other throughout the book. Adam's friends are funny and help him out. His dad has issues and brings Adam down at point. Samantha's son William sound so cute and helps the couple through some issues even though he is only 5. Her ex sounds interesting. Glad that she found Adam. Love the cover guy also. Glad that they work through all the issues that they have throughout this book. Can't wait to read the next book.

Chris Bainbridge says

This was a cute, romantic story. I liked it. Easy and fun read.

Bonnie says

Adam Healey is Mr. January from the Guff's Lake Fire Department. Injured on duty, he's not slacking off. Instead, he's bent on acing his Lieutenant's exam and getting a promotion.

Samantha Everett is a single mom struggling to provide for her son while getting a new baking business off the ground.

Neither Adam no Sam want to complicate their already busy lives with romance.

The only problem is they can't keep their hands off each other. And William, Sam's son is already attached to his new friend, Adam.

Love comes when you least expect it and don't want it, but once it comes knocking, Adam and Sam have to answer, if not to each other, then to William.

At heart, Mr. January is a love triangle of the family kind...a story that Ann Roth excels at!

Highly recommended!

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Toni Gomes says

Nice start to series

Nice slice of small town life. Change and growth for main characters, long time coming, once it starts it

happens quickly.

Minga Dotson says

A good story about forgiving and moving on to happiness.

Well written with a happily ever after ending, this tale explores how holding on to anger with someone can put a damper on your ability to live again.

Heather in FL says

This story was cute, but I got annoyed with all the push and pull on both sides. Neither one wanted a relationship, but it was obvious there was real chemistry that they couldn't ignore. I understood Sam's need to protect herself and her son, but I dunno... couldn't she relax just a bit and see where it goes? She didn't want anything long-term, but quickly realized Adam was special. Why is it so weird to think maybe the same could happen with Adam over time? Besides, Adam was more into her son than her ex ever had been. Anyway, it all worked out, but it wasn't a great read for me. They broke up so many times during the story, it just got old for me.

Amanda (Hootie) Clark says

Sooooooooooooooooooooooow!

God! This book was painfully slow. I don't think I've read a book that I actually finished where it was this damn SLOW! From the start to about 70% nothing happened. LITERALLY! Nothing. I usually DNF books like this but something kept me going, whether it was my curiosity or boredom or insanity, I finished.

A firefighter and a single mom. Sounded good in theory but in execution? Not so much. Adam and Samantha meet during a fire scare at a breakfast out with her 5 year old son William and the sparks fly. Or they're supposed to. Adam doesn't want a relationship due to his father's disapproval and past relationship foibles and neither does Samantha because her ex husband did her wrong and all she has time for is her son. And making muffins. So the first 70% these two skirt around each other with the "I want you's" and the "But we shouldn't" back and forth with Sam's son begging for Adam's attention because he's starved of a male role model and chooses Adam as his. Usually with these kinds of stories the slow build would heighten your anticipation but honestly I was so annoyed that they didn't just shut up and get together it detracted from the chemistry they should have had.

They kiss a little, skirt around each other for a week or two, try to stay away but Adam always shows up at her house where they repeatedly discuss staying away from each other. Then he fingers her, they have an awkward good-bye where Sam pulls up her pants and he leaves. Another week goes by where they both agree to stay away from each other because it's "What's best" for everyone but then he shows up again and they fool around some more. Wash. Rinse. Repeat. Until 70% where they finally seal the deal after some sideline drama with Sam's ex husband forces them together. Not contrived at all. I can tell the author felt like

it would all be endearing but it honestly wasn't. Nothing about this book was genuine or organically fleshed out. Usually when there is a kid involved they add a level of depth with the love interest but that aspect was seriously lacking in this book. Adam seemed to merely tolerate William until the very end when a scare "made him realize" his feelings. *Give me a break*. Don't get me wrong, he wasn't mean to the kid, he just didn't connect with him to an extent where I felt it was natural. It felt off, stilted and not wholly believable. Was their relationship cute? Eh.. borderline.

I'm not sure what kept me going all the way to the finish line. I guess I kept hoping that something would have happened to make the story catch fire. I felt like all this one needed was a good swift kick in the pants to get it going but that never happened for me. Reading this book felt like continuously trying to start a push lawn mower. The kind where you have to jerk your arm back to start it? One long fucking crank. It wasn't the worst book I've ever read and it wasn't the best. It had decent enough moments that were mildly entertaining-ish but overall it lacked something vital to make it stand out. After finishing I feel like the 5 year old in this story who always needed a nap. Probably won't read the other stories because the secondary characters were so sporadically mentioned (and not in depth) that I find myself not caring what happens to them. *shrugs* C'est La Vie. Onto the next.

Tracey Cramer-Kelly says

This is a cute story, but not very deep. I did not care for the opening chapter, it felt completely staged, but hey, he's a firefighter and he's hot, so I kept reading. Only... he was so incredibly tolerant of Sam's seesawing attitude it started to feel like he needed to grow a pair. What hot-blooded firefighter hero would be content with "servicing" his woman and getting nothing in return and in fact, practically being pushed out the door? No, I wasn't a big fan of Sam, she drove me nuts with her Yes/No attitude toward Adam. The ex-husband's newfound "religion" was a slightly interesting twist, and the way Adam realizes he's actually in love was the most "manly" part of his character development. Probably the most interesting thing about Adam is that he was injured in a fire at some point previous to the start of the story. Man, I wanted to hear about THAT! And if you're looking for actual firefighting action, there isn't any other than a very short (and not very exciting) part at the beginning and a tour for Sam's son (which felt like a list/lesson in fire equipment).
