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Andrea Blake's life has order. Everything is meticulously laid out and planned, from her house in its quiet neighborhood to her career path at Hagan's, the largest supermarket chain in the Northeast. Andrea knows what she wants.

Enter Kendall Foster, the distractingly attractive woman in charge of sales for her family's local microbrewery, and somebody who wants very much to get her beer onto Hagan's shelves. A decision that happens to be Andrea's.

The physical attraction is immediate and hard to resist, but Andrea doesn't need a complication like Kendall in her life, not when she's rocketing toward predictable security. But Kendall is fun. And smart. And oh-so-sexy. Can she convince Andrea that her rather flat, flavorless life could be way better with just a little bit of spice?

A Little Bit of Spice Details

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Judikt says

I feel... Disappointed, don't get me wrong, this is a good book and I liked it, it's a light feel good traditional romance, but it could have been so much more! It had a lot potential, unfortunately it didn't live up to my expectations.

Let's see, the premise is simple, two "rivals" women, who knew each other for years and on the surface hate each other, the book start with Kendall (the volleyball ref) getting yelled at by her old high school volleyball rival Andrea. Turns out even though years have passed since their high school rivalry both women still don't get along.

So far I was super exited, I absolutely adore stories with funny banters, with the main characters getting in situations that makes them question each other motives, and obviously try to fight the heavy sexual tension they feel, add to that their business connection and we get ourselves an explosive romance. I honestly thought "A Little Bit of Spice" was going to have it all but unfortunately it does not.

After the 5th or 6th chapters and 3 small confrontations, the characters fall in love (lust) and the rest as they say is history. The volleyball thing? Forget it, it was just a few paragraphs to introduce the characters, their old high school rivalry? Forget it too, it was just there to give us the "You're my soul mate thing".

Expect a few chapters with the MC's having the same internal monologue about why they should not be together, it was almost a copy/past, kinda lazy from Ms Beers to say the least.

We get an extended course of beer making..etc. Which felt like reading a wikipedia entry and frankly I didn't care for it at all.

All in all, it was still a good romance and I liked it enough to give it 3 stars, and I'm sure others will like it too, it's just too bad that Ms Beers took the easy route with the traditional romance formula and didn't take any risk.

Ted says

Loved Abby Craden in this as the voice actress. She always does the MC voices different in a way when you know someone's speaking versus story narration. I laugh but I was like her voice is so familiar. So I looked and I've listened to 8 other books from Georgia Beers and Gerri Hill.

Bethany says

You know... even though they're always a bit formulaic, Georgia Beers can just flat out write a great

romance novel. The chemistry is always sizzling, and it's always a feel-good-happy ending. Ok, so there's also always the whole 85% disaster and super fast make-up at the end also, but let's be honest - I'm still always going to pick up her books anyway.

Solid 4 stars.

Choko says

*** 4 ***

Kendall and Andrea. Another adversaries-to-lovers contemporary romance - the second one in a row!!! And I am obviously in the mood for this romantic formula, because I enjoyed this one as well ?.

So, Andrea is a very sporty and attractive red-head who is in a recreational volleyball league. She is pissed at the ref, who missed a call and Andrea is going at her. The ref of the game is an old school rival of hers, Kendall. Kendall is mortified with embarrassment and retrieves to a bar with some friends and some beers?. Turns out, she has no love lost for Andrea either, despite the physical awareness and secret attraction she harbors for her. I understand - a sporty red-head with fiery green eyes and bossy as hell, I think I would have difficulty not being attracted to her either...

Kendall is single at this time, her last relationship falling apart because of her work schedule. She works as a part owner of the family beer brewing company. She is a workaholic and still lives at the family farm.. The next day after being berated at the game, she and other brewery representatives are to meet with a large national store and pitch their product. Getting in business with the large chain would mean a significant boost in profit for whomever gets the contract. Imagine the HORROR when the chain representative is Andrea!!! But Kendall's initial shock turns to pity when it becomes obvious that Andrea knows next to nothing about beer. This is how Kendall becomes a personal tutor to Andrea on everything ?!

The beginning animosity quickly turns into attraction and despite some conflict of interest, the two find a way to get together,??.

The story is very light, sugary sweet and predictable. However I thought the two of them had some sizzle and I am all for escapism and Happily Ever Afters at the moment. Not for you if you are looking for an edgy, dark or moody. Only gentle romance here and more information about beer brewing than you might possibly need?.

Now I wish you all Happy Reading and many more wonderful books to come!

Ivy says

I LOVED IT

I LOVE GEORGIA BEERS. I cannot say that enough. I love an “enemies to lovers” story and this one was nothing short of great. I loved the heat and the electricity between Kendall and Andrea. In my mind they made a beautiful couple and they complimented each other so well. Great love story.

Heidi says

Georgia Beers' books always end a little too quickly. Meaning I want them to keep going. I always fall in love with one of the characters, more often than not both of the lead characters. The dialogue and chemistry in this book is amazing. How can you resist an auburn haired, green eyed beauty? I even think I will have to try a couple of new beers this summer, just because they sounded so good!

Tiff says

"I like it". That's what went through my brain the entire time I read A Little Bit of Spice. Anytime you start a book and the first sentence has a well placed F word, you have my attention. This is a good romance novel.

The book introduces us to our two protagonists at a recreation league volleyball match. Volleyball, apparently brings out the beast in Andrea Blake. She is the dirty foul mouthed F-bomber. The referee, Kendall Foster, is our other lead and she is the one Ms. Blake is dressing down. Great start for love right.

When Kendall isn't being cussed out, she is one the partners, and the main sales rep for her family's microbrewery. Here is where things get sticky. The Foster's want their beer carried by the main supermarket chain in the area, Hagen's. Well, just who do you think got promoted to head of beer distribution? Well of course, the super hot, volleyball monster Andrea Blake. The only problem is that Andrea knows very little about beer. Then, after an ill timed outburst on Kendall's part, in a board meeting no less, Kendall begins to teach Andrea about beer and its varieties. This begins the olive branch towards friendship and then more.

This book revolves around missteps and preconceived notions the two have about each other. It has just enough angst, and a whole lot of chemistry. I liked the interactions between Kendall and Andrea. They were funny and sexy.

My one problem with the book is that while we started with the whole volleyball, high school rivals scenario, it was never explored again. Not even brought up in a casual conversation between the two ladies. More chapters please! Is there an unwritten rule out there that books must end before 300 pages are written?

Tara says

This is Georgia Beers at her best. I think it might be my favourite of hers. Sweet, sexy, and all around fun. I will definitely be reading this again.

Vic says

Not a terrible read, and not badly written exactly, just not all that riveting. I was waiting for more sparks to fly, as the book began with promise, but it just kind of fizzled out.

Some nice scenes, but overall it won't stick in my memory anywhere near as much as some other books by this writer.

Sprinkles says

People. Georgia Beers wrote a story...involving BEER. My god, could I be more observant? (The answer is yes.)

Georgia Beers is quickly becoming my go-to for pleasant, happily-ended slow burn romances when I'm craving lesbian fiction that'll leave me fuzzier than a gay peach.

I got the necessities: attractive women with distinctly believable personalities, cheeky humor, sexual chemistry, and animals! What more could a gal want? Zeke was a hyper little cutie. However, I found myself taken by Buster, Kendall's black Labrador mix. I want his square head to rest on my lap after a stressful day.

I learned so much about beer. I find the stuff gross, but those fancy craft brews may convince me otherwise. There must be at least one that I'll enjoy, right?

Gorgeous epilogue, by the way. Kendall's spiced, symbolic gesture for Andrea had me fanning myself of major swooning. Adorable.

Megzz says

uninspired, cheesy, unrealistic.

I'm so disappointed, I am used to SO much better by Georgia Beers. Seriously, what happened? and how the hell did this get such a high average rating? This read like a debut novel.

The story was promising. Rivals? Who've known each other since high school? exciting. But the execution is so terrible. The characterisation is superficial at best. The protagonists themselves are nothing special, neither interesting nor intriguing enough. Apart from one hot first kiss I didn't feel much chemistry and the rivalry lasts no more than 2 chapters. A bit rushed, don't you think?

When I read that first scene that took place on a volleyball court, I was excited! I thought "yay! some sport! and real competition! Probably some SEXY SWEATY competition!". Turns out the volleyball thing was just an excuse for Beers to kickstart her plot. Instead I was left with endless chapters about types of beers and how to produce them....

I was also very frustrated that their past as high school rivals wasn't explored, like at all. Why write about it if you're not going to use it as fuel for a really passionate romantic story? I don't get it. Where was the spark? Where was the slow burn of love? Where was the angst?

It's so ironic that the story is called A Little Bit of Spice, because this is one of the blandest stories I have read in a long time. So vanilla. So uninteresting.

So sloppy.

Frank Van Meer says

While I appreciate the diverse range of topics in today's lesfic, I have to admit beer is not something I'm really interested in. And while the author explains in her foreword she did not like beer at all when she started to research the topic for this novel and came to the conclusion she was wrong, and encourages us to at least try it. If that was the book's purpose, it failed for me (coffee-flavoured beer, really? Why?).

Two women, who have hated each other since highschool, are reluctantly thrown together when a silly question during a sales meeting upsets one of them and the proceeds to bribe the other to teach her the, supposedly, wonderful world of beer. This gives the author the opportunity to launch a lecture of brewing and its many virtues. Of course, sparks fly, reluctantly, and I'm patiently reading their voyage and the inevitable break-up and reconciliation that is telegraphed somewhere around the third page.

The supposedly hatred between Andrea and Kendall just doesn't show. Andrea says Fuck you twice and that's the extent of their hatred. If you want to read about two women that really hated each other since highschool and somehow end up together in the twenty years that followed, read Iza Morau's *The News in Small Towns*. That's how you do things.

The solution to get them back together is painfully obvious and the opportunity is too convenient.

The title is exactly what's missing in this book. If you want to read about how an alcoholic beverage is made, I'd suggest *The Crush*.

Nikki says

A Little Bit of Spice Holy chemistry, batman! That is all.

MJS says

I was disappointed by this one, it goes completely counter to the way it's set-up. The rivalry we're told of at the beginning doesn't amount to anything, and the obvious conflict of interest isn't actually really an issue. Developing either of those might have provided an interesting storyline.

I did learn something though - beer is boring. There are endless sections devoted to the crafting of beer, and none of them are interesting. Unfortunately, there's not much else happening here to keep you interested. The romance is pretty standard, and features the usual contrived breakup at the 85% mark, and even that is fixed very easily.

When the kitten is the most interesting character in a book, you're in trouble. Georgia usually writes better stories than this, but this one seemed phoned in. The only highlight for me was seeing Gretchen and Kylie featured again, the book would have been a complete loss without that. Can't recommend this one, but if you haven't already read it, I'd suggest you head for *Starting From Scratch* instead.

Maria says

I really liked this book, it was a very smooth read, the characters had a good development through the book and i felt the spark between the main characters from the very beginning. Obvs i love enemies to friends sort of books. Definitely a nicely written romance, a hard thing to find lately.
