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One nature guide. One accidental forest fire. And one steamy investigator hot on her tail.

Life would be easy for Jen Kulak if she hadn't just burned down the forest she depends upon for her business's wilderness adventures. It would be even easier if she hadn't accidentally fallen head over heels for the fire investigator tracking her every move.

When the pressure on Jen heats up will she run like she has in the past? Or will she find the strength to fight the accusations that could cost her everything, including her own happily ever after?

Find out in this small town contemporary sweet romance, the second standalone book in the Blueberry Springs series.

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## **From Reader Review Rum and Raindrops for online ebook**

### **Tammy says**

I enjoyed this book. I did not care for the first in the series, but I had bought a bundle of the first 3 books, so I decided to Blueberry Springs another chance. The characters were more enjoyable in this story. Their issues had more depth and seemed like actual obstacles to a relationship.

These are stand alone books within the series, so I would recommend starting with this one.

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### **Vivian says**

Jen ran away from her old life. Left everything and everyone behind to start anew. Nobody came looking for her, and that suited her just fine. The town Blueberry Springs welcomed her with open arms. In turn, she honored their natural beauty by providing hiking and camping trips to visitors and locals alike. Until a fire was started in the mountains. She knew she didn't start it. She was too careful, border line obsessive, to be so careless. But would the investigators agree? This time she wouldn't run away. She owed it to the town's people to prove that she was innocent.

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### **Margaret says**

I love Blueberry Springs, it is filled with wonderful characters. Jen and Rob's story is sweet, fun and full of misadventures. Jen is actually quite accident prone for a nature guide. It is good that she faces the people from her past and is able to move on to her future. I look forward to the rest of the Blueberry Springs series.

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### **Karen says**

Not a bad story...moved a little slower than I thought was necessary...but all in all I liked the characters and story

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### **Julie Dobson says**

Oh no, she's done it again. I love this series and the fact that it can stand alone. However, how she also brings in past characters from other books is awesome. I loved the drinks and how they were intertwined in the story. A quick good read with a few surprises!

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### **PelicanFreak says**

Hi there - I anxiously waited for this installment of the Blueberry Springs series as I was a big fan of the prior two! While I'm generally not a fan of 'chick lit' or 'romance' I was promptly sucked into this series with the first installment as I am often drawn to small town life-settings. While Oram is consistent and maintains great continuity from one installment to the next, and the book did hold my attention, it was highly predictable as it was much like its predecessors. Probably I'll continue reading from this author as I do get into them and keep turning the pages, done before I know it. Anything that can at least do that is a great distraction from real life or a great way to spend time. I am honestly not sure if I liked it less than the other two in the series or if it simply was more predictable because I've come to like this author and subsequently know what to expect from her.

I do hope she surprises me and I will keep reading - thus giving her the chance to. I do not mean to be harsh, only honest so I would like to say that I find nearly everything I read predictable - it is an infuriating thing about me that is not the fault of every writer, hollywood director, etc. in existence!

Personally I did take note of some of her choice of wording, particularly in the 'girl talk' parts; perhaps in her circles they do talk like this - with a bit of reserve despite trying to sound dirty? I'd have been more blunt myself, but that is not always a desirable characteristic! Guess I'm just sharing what little bit I would change if given the chance.

Ms. Oram produced another solid read, maintaining continuity which not enough people bother with, while helping us to get to know another character better in the small town of Blueberry Springs. I do hope to see more in this series.

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### **Cassey says**

All kinds of enjoyable.

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### **Margaret Fraleigh says**

This is the second book in this series.

It is Jen and Rob's story..... it is a story of learning to trust your heart and let people in.

Loved the story and the characters.

On to Book #3 Eggnog and Candy Cane

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### **April Wilson says**

Everybody has things in their past that they would rather not talk about, but Jen has taken this one step

further by fleeing from the place she came from. She works in a sporting goods store and is a nature guide in her spare time. Unfortunately, a forest fire happens while she is out camping on her own and looks like it might head towards the haven she calls home. Enter fire investigator Rob. It is up to him to determine if she set it, intentionally or not. Her reputation is on the line. Will he find her innocent or guilty? Will the sparks that flare between them turn into something both are willing to explore? This was a fun read that had me laughing at some of the scenes as well as the colorful language Jen has. She is a real firecracker. I like her :) Rob isn't so bad himself.

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### **Sarah says**

I really really enjoyed this book. Even tho it is book 3 in the Blueberry Springs series, it can be read as a stand alone book.

In Rum and Raindrops, we are introduced to Jen, a nature guide, who has a past and has problems letting others in. She meets Rob, a fire investigator, who is investigating Jen for causing a forest fire. Sparks fly between the two, but will Jen learn to open herself up to others and find true love? Or does she keep Rob and others at bay and miss her chance at love?

I have been a fan of this series and have enjoyed visiting the small town of Blueberry Springs. This book delivers again. I could not put the book down. Jen is a character that the reader can relate to. You will laugh with Jen as she figures out how to prove her innocence.

A definite must read!!

\*I received this early copy in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **Charity Bradford says**

I really like Jean Oram's style. Her books are easy to read, easy to get lost in someone else's world and troubles. This one was no different. I immediately liked Jen and Rob.

Jen is a bit of a mess. She doesn't trust anyone, and yet she's still this likable person. You can feel the hope she still has that she will one day find something better than what her history tells her is life. She struggles to stay in Blueberry Springs when everything starts to fall apart. It feels like home, but she feels responsible for the fire. She's certain she didn't start it, but she figures everyone else thinks she did.

Rob is just an all around good guy. He makes you smile in spite of yourself. He's serious about his job though and he knows getting involved with Jen would make things even worse. His heart doesn't quite listen though. The two of them investigate the fire and things just get worse and worse.

The ending to this one was realistic and worth the wait.

I give Rum & Raindrops a solid 4.

1-5 scale and what it means:

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- 1: I couldn't even finish it / just plain bad
- 2: I hope I didn't pay for this / disappointing
- 3: I didn't hate it, but it was still missing something / forgettable but inoffensive
- 3.5: On the line between good and ok / like, not love
- 4: Solid mind candy / worth reading
- 4.5: So very close to perfection! / must read
- 5: I could not put it down and I'm still thinking about it! / a true treasure

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### **Jennifer Gallagher says**

Jean Oram has outdone herself with this awesome book the third in the series...The stars of the book are Jen and Rob... they meet under the most difficult circumstances... you can feel the chemistry between them and really feel for them as they are inevitably drawn to one another... The story is full of so many twists and turns.. there is suspicion.. misgivings.. serious trust issues.. and huge insecurities... I laughed out loud so many times that I had tears in my eyes.. the slide down the hill being one chapter...who would not want an HHMH (His Holy Major Hotness) in their lives.. I am positive this is the best book in the series.. I will not give the story away detest Spoilers.. just get the book yourself and read this awesome book you will not be disappointed.. WTG JEAN ORAM YOU ROCK !!!!

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### **Becky Burciaga says**

This is a fun, with a bit of a twist of suspense, chick lit romance filled with humorous situations and characters that are quite memorable. Not having read the series prior to this book, I still found it quite enjoyable and never lost in any of the reoccurring characters. This is surely a story that anyone can lose themselves in for an afternoon of pure reading pleasure.

This book was provided by the author for my honest review.

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### **Karen Such Surprenant says**

Loved the book! Now onto the next in the series!

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### **Heather says**

Jen is a nature guide in Blueberry Springs. She moved here three years ago after leaving her life to start over. Jen has made a habit of following her flight instinct but it seems that bad luck just keeps following her with the forest fire that is now raging in Raspberry Creek Park and she was the only registered user of the park the weekend that the fire started. Jen feels like she's responsible for the fire even though she knows she was careful about all of her fires.

Rob registered for Jen's beginner overnight canoe trip who is now, also the fire investigator assigned to

Raspberry Creek Park fire. Rob has been traveling for his job, living like a nomad, out of touch with family and friends for long periods of time.

Jen has come to believe that the only reason someone does something for you is so that you owe them later. Her history of relationships has taught her that, for good or bad, you can't really count on anyone to have your back. When her parents got divorces, she was just a pawn in their arguments against one another. On the flipside, Rob comes from a close knit family that is used to being involved in everyone else's business. Everyone takes care of everyone else regardless if you want it or feel you need it.

The trigger points are timing since Rob is supposed to be investigating a fire that is thought to be started by Jen. Therefore, the personal timing for these two is way off. Then they each have their own baggage from their previous relationships. Can these two ever fix the timing and communicate in a way that puts them on the same page? This book had you guessing to the end.

This is my first Blueberry Springs book, I've been reading the Summer Sister's series. I've enjoyed the Summer Sister's so I figure it was worth taking a shot. I look forward to reading more of the Blueberry Spring series.

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