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Being the wild child has worked for Mallory Vandaveer for most of her life. She's the good time girl, up for anything—and everyone in her small town knows it. But when her sister came home after years of being away, long hidden secrets came out. Turns out, Mallory isn't who she thought she was. And now everything starts to feel like a lie. In order to figure out who she is she'll have to set out on a journey to find the one man who holds the answers.

Everett Boone is in hiding. Hiding from his past and the press and the demands of a career he put on hold after tragedy struck. When a young woman with secrets of her own blows into town and rents the apartment next to his, he'll have to face the past he was trying to escape in order to understand his feelings for her.

They'll both have to dig deep inside themselves to discover whether or not they're capable of being enough for one another. Finding the person you're meant to love isn't the problem. Sometimes the hardest person to find is yourself.

Book Two in the Escaping Series

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Resch Reads says

This book was everything I wanted in a follow up to Escaping Me and so much more! This is the story of Mallory, Whitney's sister, and her journey to finding herself and coincidentally finding Everett Boone! Mallory has been burned in the past and doesn't do commitment, she only does casual. After finding out her life has been a partial let, Mallory sets out on a journey to meet her father. Along the way she will have help from both Whitney and Cole. She also will meet a delicious young man named Everett Boone.

Everett Boone is also running from his past. He is hiding out, avoiding the public eye, and drowning in the guilt of a past life. This is the story of both Mallory and Everett learning to heal and finding comfort and solace in the most unexpected places. It is about giving second chances and learning that just because one misfortune happened doesn't mean life is plagued by them. This is a lovely, sexy, witty book that will have you wondering how things will play out. As a bonus, the lovely Elizabeth Lee gives us a glimpse into Whitney and Cole's happily ever after as well. You don't want to miss this book!

Michelle Monroe says

Reviewed for Stories and Swag blog
Sexy, Wild and Untamed!

We met Mallory, Whitney's younger sister, in Escaping Me. The bar hopping, trash talking feisty little southern girl who had her life change when she found out her mother had had an affair. That one night changed everything, her parents divorce and the little fact that the man she had thought all those years to be her father, wasn't.

This is her story. She has decided that she wants to get to know the man who fathered her, and why he just left town and never looked back. She knows nothing about him and when she talks to her mom about him, she can see her mother struggle over the guilt of keeping it a secret all these years.

She goes to live in Savannah with Whitney and Cole and every few days makes the 3 hour drive to Charleston, SC to spy on Vince, trying to get the courage to go talk to him and tell him who she is.

"I could rent a place above Vince's shop and maybe that would make it easier to find out about him and meet him, for that matter. It was the perfect excuse to run into him without looking like a stalker. Or maybe that actually made me a stalker?"

When Mallory and Boone first meet, there is nothing but hostility. Mallory, trying to keep the secret of why she is truly in Charleston and Boone, thinking she is a reporter trying to get an interview with him. He soon finds out that Mallory (he knows her as Molly, that's the alias she is using) doesn't even know who he is.

Mallory's take on Boone

"God, he was sexy. In that mysterious, cocky, really-good-at-angry-sex kind of way"

Boone's take on Mallory (Molly)

"Add that to the fact that she has the face of an Angel and sultry blue eyes that said she was anything but and.... What was I saying?"

Mallory

Got a job. Got an apartment. Got a demigod living next door to me that's more than willing to help feed my sexual appetite. Life was good. Now to just tell Vince who I really was and everything will be right as rain.

Mallory is a self proclaimed non attachable girl. She'd rather have a friend with benefits than a boyfriend. She had her heart shattered once and she wasn't about to let it happen again. Boone carries a secret with him that has left him heartbroken and hasn't been with a girl in 3 yrs, he is not looking for a girlfriend. But with them living so close to each other, the sexual tension only gets worse, so she offers that they become friends with benefits, just two adults blowing off steam.

Will they be able to keep their relationship with no strings attached? Will Mallory (Molly) and Boone finally find out the truth about each other? Will Mallory ever tell Vince who she really is and get the father she's always wanted? To find out, get your copy today! I highly recommend it.

This Coull Chick says

Just like the first one, I enjoyed this book just as much, read it on one sitting and even LOLED a couple of times, I really liked Mallory. She was upfront and knew what she wanted, and was kinda real to me in a lot of ways.

Caisey Quinn says

There was a point when I began to literally harass this author for more of Mallory's story. I can't wait for y'all to read to this book because when you have a feisty heroine + a bad boy athlete with a dark past and tons of secrets, I AM ALL IN.

There's more steam than a scalding shower and heartbreak and secrets unraveling with each chapter that will leave you turning the pages like a maniac. I know I was!

I loved it! My only complaint is that I want it out NOW NOW NOW!

Amy Logg says

Full of sassy witty dialogue with a fun and flirty romance!

REVIEW:

The story:

Boone comes from a wealthy family, but despite appearing to have had a privileged upbringing, all Boone really wanted was the attention and respect of his father, a pro golfer. Boone took up golf himself and pushed himself to be the best, but after tragedy strikes, Boone left that life behind him, to live a quieter life. That is until the feisty Mallory moves in next door and shakes his world completely.

Mallory is still coming to terms with the fact that the man she thought was her father isn't in fact her biological father after all. After tracking down her real father and landing on his doorstep, she suddenly tongue-tied and unable to tell him the truth. She decides maybe it's best to get to know him first before revealing her identity. In the meantime, her new neighbour offers some much-needed distraction from her family drama. And as sparks fly between Mallory and Boone, it's only a matter of time before the truth comes out.

The characters:

Mallory is one feisty little firecracker. She's bold and outspoken, and not afraid to have a little fun. But her life isn't all sweet and easy. Not only is she dealing with discovering her real father, she's also still affected by a nasty broken heart. Not willing to put her heart on the line again, she convinces herself she's happy with casual commitment-free flings. But Boone challenges her and makes her question what she really wants.

Boone was a very mysterious character. He's quite closed off at first and very reluctant to reveal any private details to Mallory. He's been through a lot recently, and hasn't really dealt with it yet. Mallory's vibrant sassy personality brings Boone out of his shell and forces him to confront his past and work towards a positive future. Both Mallory and Boone are really good influences on each other, and bring out the best in themselves.

The romance:

After getting her heart broken Mallory isn't looking for commitment. But Boone changes all that. I loved that Boone wasn't afraid to admit he didn't want a one-night stand. It was refreshing to have a hero that hadn't slept with an endless line of women to overcome his past. I really respected his attitude and the way he treated Mallory. These two had great chemistry from the beginning and it just built from there.

The Writing:

This story was told in dual POV from both Mallory & Boone, and I think that worked really well. It allowed us to understand both characters' motivations, in particular Boone. Since much of his past isn't revealed to Mallory until later in the book, it was important for the reader to see his perspective and have him explain what he was thinking.

FINAL WORD:

Finding You is full of sassy witty dialogue with a fun and flirty romance! The characters' past brings a depth and substance creating a strong and beautifully told story.

CONTENT:

Sexuality: medium / some sex scenes

Violence: mild

Language: medium / some f words

Drugs & alcohol: mild

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Lauren at Live Read and Breathe Reviews says

3.5 Finding Stars!!

Source: eARC for Honest Review Courtesy of Author and Wordsmith Publicity

Finding you is the second book in the escaping series. Here is where we follow Mallory on her journey to finally find her father but she ends up finding so much more.

For months Mallory has been going to Charleston to meet her dad but she gets scared and backs out every time until a cocky bastard accuses her of something making her want to prove him wrong. Then all of a sudden she finds herself in the middle of a living a big lie.

Boone is running from his past and his guilt but when he confronts a stranger about stalking him he quickly realizes he's wrong then finds himself tempted for more in a really long time.

Boone and Mallory are like fire and water but with Mallory's outgoing personality and vixen way she cracks open Boone. For Boone he knew that Mallory was always going to be something more than just sex but he played along hoping for more. Mallory had walls for a reason and he broke them down but secrets and lies always have a way of coming out.

Boone has been nothing but honest so when he finds out Mallory has been living a lie it's hard to trust what's real and what's not.

I did like this book and the story. Sadly, I'm just tired of the the really insecure girl with walls 'everyone leaves me' heroine but that's my personal issue from reading too many books and having way too many similar story lines, which at times has left me jaded and it hard to get past that aspect.

Besides the whiny heroine the story was good, Boone was fantastic and this is a cute series.

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Desirae (Dee) says

What a great NA story. I was floored when everything came out about Mallory in the first book. I mean floored, not only because of the truth, but because of the way it came out. Not exactly the way you want to find that truth. But..it sets her on her path, her journey to find her truths. Along this way, she finds Boone. I laughed at their interactions. They were so.. odd. It is the best way to describe it. But it was such a beautiful love story. When he went back on tour, I honestly thought Elizabeth was going to leave me broken. Leave me wanting more for these two. But then, Mal makes the ultimate gesture. I loved it.

Elizabeth does a great job of writing such beautiful love stories. They have just enough personal drama to keep you addicted, but not overwhelm the over all story of the relationship itself. And she has this way of just getting you so involved in the story, you don't realize you have read the majority of it, until it's almost over.

Kim says

Find this review and more at [**kimberlyfaye reads**](http://kimberlyfaye.reads) .

Elizabeth Lee is easily one of my favorite authors and I could've done cartwheels when I learned she was writing a book from Mallory's POV. I loved Mallory in Escaping Me and couldn't wait to get more of her story. And guess what? I absolutely loved it, even though it's hard to put into words why.

After learning that the man she thought was her father really wasn't, Mallory decides to make a big move and find her biological father. She moves to Charleston, South Carolina, and finds a lot more than just her father. It's there she meets Everett Boone – a man who is keeping secrets, too – and, most importantly, herself. I loved Mallory for being the strong, independent and free-spirited woman she was in Escaping Me. But, I loved her even more in Finding You. She was questioning a lot about her life. Mallory was on a journey in this book and I loved watching her grow into the woman she became at the end.

Everett Boone was so freaking swoony. I loved him from the moment he popped up on the page. He was a genuinely good guy. He carried around quite a bit of baggage and it definitely impacted his life. When Mallory (or Molly, as she was calling herself) moves into the apartment next door, he can't help but be drawn to her. He's not looking for a relationship. He's not looking for anything casual and without strings. But, the chemistry between them was undeniable and neither of them could resist too long. Together they were passionate and sexy. I loved their banter and I enjoyed watching them fall for each other. But, love is never easy, especially when secrets are being kept.

In addition to navigating this unexpected situation with Boone, Mallory was getting to know her father, Vince. She hadn't revealed her identity, but she lived above his shop and worked in a diner he frequented, so she was able to get to learn more about him without the pressure of their connection hanging over them. Vince was a great guy and I enjoyed following this very important part of the story as much as I enjoyed the romance.

Fans of Whitney and Cole will undoubtedly enjoy their presence in this book. There are some big things happening in their lives and I'm glad Elizabeth clued us into all of it. Additionally, the support they offered Mallory when she needed it just made me smile. I love these characters.

I was wrapped up in Finding You, Mallory and Boone from the moment I opened the book. I literally read it one sitting without interruption because it was that good. New adult fans who haven't started this series should definitely give it a go. It's well-written, sweet and sexy, with characters you can't help but fall in love with. Each book can be read as a standalone, but they're both so good, I don't know why you wouldn't want to read both of them. ;)

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Erin says

This was such a fun, sexy, sweet story about second chances in love and life. Elizabeth Lee has some of the most intriguing female characters for her stories, and Mallory Vandaveer was no exception. Finding out that she was fathered by someone she'd never met, and having the only father she'd ever known walk out on her and her mother, left her feeling pretty much lost and unwanted by the men in her life. But she was strong and determined to figure out who she was, and a big part of that was meeting her real father. Vince, the man who was the first to leave her behind. Little did she know that breezing into his life would bring a lot more than she'd bargained for.

Tracking her father down to an ironwork shop in Charleston, SC, Mallory goes into full-on detective mode. I loved the shy little girl side of her we see here, where she's so curious about this man but is terrified of what she's going to find. You can't help but hope he turns out to be a good guy after what she's been through, and the added bonus of Vince's sexy employee Boone definitely got my attention quickly!

When Boone and Mallory first meet, it's a collision of misunderstandings. Both of them are hiding from the truth: he the former pro golfer avoiding the spotlight after a tragedy, and she the unknown daughter trying to spy on dad without being found out. So to say that things are a bit tense between them is an understatement, but it makes for some great sexual tension. As Mallory inserted herself into Vince's life, Boone was a part of that package, and moving next door to him above the shop just made the temptation that much stronger for both of them. The question wasn't whether or not they'd give in to the attraction, but whether or not it would end there. Readers get plenty of steamy good times to drool over here, and the tender side of Boone that he slowly lets Mallory see made him even sexier!

As the truths started to come out and the time Mallory spent with Boone became more than just sex, there were some heart-wrenching twists that kept me flipping pages right up to the end. There's no question Mallory deserved to find happiness with a family and a man who truly loved her, and Boone had his fair share of healing that he needed help with, too. It was a bumpy road, but in the end a beautiful story that I thoroughly enjoyed!

Quotes:

Seeing her there, with her lips parted—the hint of a grin still lingering—I felt something stir inside of me that was a whole lot more than just sex. It wasn't love. It was too early for thoughts like that. This was the first stage of addiction. ~Loc 1199

I knew that I didn't know Boone, *per se*, but looking around his apartment I was intrigued to find out more.

Drummer/welder/housekeeper/golfer? Who the fuck did I just have sex with? ~Loc 1228

They weren't kisses that two unattached lovers looking for sexual gratification shared. No. There was something laced into them that made them lethal to my way of thinking. ~Loc 1514

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Book Addict Mumma says

LOVE LOVE LOVE!

I have another fave author to add to my list, Ms Lee just keeps getting better and better. I love her characters, they are tough yet sweet and soft hearted in different scenes. Her writing style always hold my attention and gets me addicted to the story.

I truly enjoyed Finding You, it was just what I needed to get over my reading slump.

Nicole says

Finding You (Escaping #2), is one story that I was definitely looking forward to since I met Mallory in Escaping Me (Escaping #1).

The sassy little sister to Whitney is back for her own story. And if you haven't read Escaping Me yet, it is a MUST. Cole and his "hammer" awaits you. ;-P

A little about the story: Ok, so what can I say without spoiling any of the plot for Escaping Me...Mal leaves home in search for "someone." During her search for this "someone", Mallory meets Boone. The sexy professional golfer who is on-a-break from the life he once knew. He quit golf when tragedy impacted his life. He needed to escape his life for a bit so he found refuge in Charleston, SC working at an ironwork shop. The attraction is immediate but Mallory is a no commitment type of gal. So will they just be for fun or for the long haul?

What I loved: I loved hearing the voice of sassy Elizabeth Lee again. Her female characters are just as lovable as she is, and just as fluent in sarcasm. I believe that she writes all of them based on at least a little of her own character. And we all know the love I have for her so... :-)

We also get glimpses of prior characters that I loved in Escaping Me. It was great to see that all was going well. And, can I just tell you how much I love Mallory and Whitney's mom?!? She is another lively one.

And then of course, the #BooneSwoon. It was actually quite enjoyable (yes, I said enjoyable) to read Boone's perspective as a former pro golfer. I haven't read any book up until this one where the potential love interest was a golfer. I actually really like to watch golf, and NO, it's not always boring. So having those relatable elements in the story definitely made it fun. Why yes, I did recognize her shout out to David

Feherty!

What I didn't love so much: DISCLAIMER - I am currently addicted to the Outlander series SO it was very hard to clear my mind from what was happening with Jaime and Claire. AND as much as I complain about how detailed and long the Outlander books, I think I have now become accustomed to them so... with that said, I felt that at some parts of this book there could have been more detail and at other parts, I felt some unneeded repetition I also found the story to be a bit predictable. Besides these (IMO) minor imperfections the story was very sweet and by the end I was a happy girl.

Favorite Quotes:

“God, he was sexy. In that mysterious, cocky, really-good-at-angry-sex kind of way. A little hate fuck never hurt anyone, right?”

“Whatever you say,” he said, sarcastically. “I knew you had the hots for me,” he teased. “You need to know I’m in love with your sister and as flattering as it is that you are in love with me, it’s never going to work out between us.”

“Mom, you do realize that when you refer to yourself as a ‘working girl’ you’re insinuating that you’re a hooker, right?”

“That’s exactly what I meant,” she deadpanned. “I’m making really good money these days, especially without your mouth to feed.” Her sarcasm was beyond. It was no wonder I had a smart mouth, it was hereditary.

Parting words:

This story was very Elizabeth Lee; a little bit of drama, a whole lot of fun, plenty of sass, and a HEA by the end. Thank goodness she always delivers the HEA...well, sans her combined writing with Caisey Quinn, Storm Warning, where they ripped our hearts out and left us hanging for almost-a-freaking-year now... So I take it Caisey is to blame for that evil? ;-p Anyway, do yourself a favor and READ THIS SERIES. The characters are divine.

Aldy says

Me gustó muchísimo! Si, no fue nada que me sorprendiese totalmente pero es una historia que se lee fácil y nunca deja de entretenerte. Realmente, hacía mucho tiempo que no leía a personajes libres de drama, las únicas situaciones "conflictivas" lo eran apenas, nada ex desquiciados, delitos y familias descarriladas, el único punto que hubo me pareció que siempre estuvo medido por ambos personajes y el final fue sumamente tierno, dejan a las cosas fluir en su debido tiempo y no aceleran su tiempo para (view spoiler).

El final y el epílogo me encantó :)

Me encantó Mallory en el primer libro de la serie, es muy chistosa y no tiene miedo de decir las cosas tal como son, muy boca sucia y directa, es divertido en contraste con los personajes tan inocentes que hay

usualmente.

Igual, me parece que detrás de todo ese humor constante oculta una gran tristeza por el tema de su padre, espero que salga pronto su historia porque mientras que leía el primero esperaba encontrar partes donde ella apareciese!

Además, en el prólogo que la autora publicó, está en un momento muy especial para su hermana :) todo pinta muy bien.

Elizabeth Lee says

I am so excited for everyone to read Mallory's story and meet the guy that tames her wild ways. :-)

Asheley says

Read my full Three-Things Review [HERE](#) at Into the Hall of Books.

I fell in love with Finding You the same way I fell in love with Escaping Me. I started the book and couldn't put it down. Mallory and her sister Whitney are one of the best things about this book and I love their relationship. Their hilarious back-and-forth banter and interaction made me smile because they remind me a little of myself and my sisters, minus the looking-for-my-father part. They look out for one another and there is genuine love there. The other characters are fun too with great backstories and once again, the story takes place in a great setting. I'm in book love.

Mallory makes no apologies for who she is, for who she used to be, and for who she wants to be. She embraces everything about herself from the wild-child ways of her high school years to the feelings of "I'm a little unsure of exactly how this is going to play out!" that she is experiencing while she is dealing with her present situation. I can't imagine how I would deal with not knowing my dad, then finding my dad, then moving closer to my dad, then having to work up the courage to introduce myself to him. *I love love love* how this was written into the story and incorporated into the romance as a whole. Mallory made me laugh all along the way, which is exactly what I expected after meeting her in **Escaping Me** , and I loved her for it BUT ALSO she brought this really cool sense of reality to her situation that made me feel connected to her story. It wasn't so serious that this book become bogged down with issues, but it was the perfect amount of real-life and romance.

Basically Mallory is my favorite type of female lead, the both strong and vulnerable kind, and she wears this well.

And Boone, what a guy. Again! Author Elizabeth Lee always seems to write some of my favorite romantic guys. Here we have an ex-athlete with a thing in his past that he is trying to work through - he isn't alpha-male angst, he just needs someone to show him some kindness and be nice to him. He's a drummer. He's handsome. He works with metal. **MAYBE THE BEST** thing about Boone? The way he and his family have reconnect after the big event that I've been hinting at strained their relationship, which suggests personal growth and development. I am **ALL ABOUT** some family reconnections lately in books and **YES YES YES** to this one.

This romance is fun because it sneaks up on Mallory and Boone when they don't plan it, they don't expect it, and they really don't want it. I LOVE THAT. Both Mallory and Boone have these awesome, nerve-wrecking, **I LIKE YOU SO MUCH BUT I'M SO NERVOUS** feelings. So fun! It's so fun to see Whitney's sister get a chance to tell her story AND so fun to see Whitney and Cole pop back up in the book.

I recommend **Finding You** to fans of New Adult Contemporary Romance and fans of characters that make big life changes. Readers that enjoy sibling relationships and family reconnections may also love this one! **This is a companion that can be read as a standalone, SURE, but I love the heck out of the other book in the series too so why not give them both a try?** I'm so excited for Whitney and Boone, you guys. I want you all to be excited too.

Laura Duval says

Loved It...It Was a Page Turner

I loved Cole and Whit but Mallory shines in this story...well it was her story. It was nice to have a but if Cole and Whit mentioned in this one but I was glad to see that we learn so much more about Mallory. She's definitely a spitfire. Boone was much more emotional than Mallory but she has enough spunk in her to make up for him. All the characters were loveable. My only question is what happened to Zeke? I hope he gets his HEA too.
