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## Ford Details

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## From Reader Review Ford for online ebook

### Lisa says

I loved reading Ford's story. Small town boy who could not wait to leave town and does not like to go back very often or for long periods of time. Ends up having to come home due to a family emergency. When he meets Callie someone he knew of when he was younger but didn't really know. He is instantly attracted to her but tries to stay away not wanting to get involved with a small town girl. And Callie is definitely a small town girl, who lives Eagle ridge and does not want to leave. I love the scene when they first run into each other. I found myself smiling many times through out this book, and even chuckling along the way. It is a great story you will want to make sure you read. I am looking forward to reading about the other guys in the 7 Brides for 7 Soldiers collection.

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### Sandy S says

FORD ( 7 Brides for 7 Soldiers #7 ) by Samantha Chase

4 stars

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REVIEW: FORD by Samantha Young is the seventh and final instalment in the multi-authored 7 BRIDES FOR 7 SOLDIERS romance novella series focusing on 7 former military heroes (family and friends) who return to their home town of Eagle's Ridge. This is thirty year old Navy sailor and carpenter Ford Garrison, and twenty six year old kindergarten teacher Callie James' story line. FORD can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty. Any important information from the previous story lines is revealed where necessary.

Some of the characters cross over between story lines and authors.

Told from dual third person perspectives (Ford and Callie) FORD looks at the building relationship between Ford Garrison, and Callie James. When Ford got the call that his beloved eighty-eight year grandmother's house had been damaged in a recent storm our hero returns home to discover that the once feisty woman now lay injured in the hospital with less than happy prospects for a return to her once independent lifestyle and way of living; and a childhood acquaintance is currently renting the cottage on the family owned property. Enter Callie James, Eagle's Ridge newest kindergarten teacher and the woman with whom Ford will fall in love. What ensues is the building romance between Callie and Ford, and the potential fall-out as Ford finds himself trapped between family obligations, and his need to run from everything Eagle's Ridge represents- both past and present including the small town gossip, and never quite meeting the expectations of his otherwise successful parents and kin, in this Ford's attitude is a bit disconcerting; the maturity level is questionable as he struggles to accept what is and what could be.

Ford Garrison had no idea what his grandparents had in store for his future but returning to Eagle's Ridge our hero discovered more than he could have ever imagined including the knowledge that his heart truly belonged in the town in which he grew up. Callie James has had a crush on Ford for as long as she can remember but Ford's need to escape the small town mentality and busybodies of Eagle's Ridge meant there was an expiry date on their growing love- a love Callie knew was about to break her heart. As Ford struggles between head and heart, Callie begins to pull back fearing the loss of the man that she loves. The sex scenes fade to black or are mostly implied.

All of the previous 7 BRIDES FOR 7 SOLIDERS story line 'heroes' make a cameo appearance or play a secondary and supporting roles. We are introduced to Ford's beloved grandparents Ben and Margaret Garrison, his parents as well as Callie's mother Ruthie James.

FORD is a story of family and friendship; expectations and revelations; falling in love and letting go of the past. The premise is heart warming; the characters are colorful and dynamic; the romance is passionate.

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## **Jaime Fiction Fangirls Book Review says**

### **Sweet Easy Read**

This is the first time I'm reading a book from this series but this can totally be read as a stand-alone. However, now that I've had a glimpse, I know that I'll be going back to read the others.

I have to admit that Ford wasn't the easiest character to like. He was so bitter and angry about having to be back home and feeling pressured into taking over her grandfather's business but it felt like the person putting the most pressure on him was himself. He spent so much time trying to fight his return home that he didn't seem like a very enjoyable person to deal with. Except when it came to Callie. He was a little more soft and happy when he was with her but he was still holding back.

Callie was the confident and strong one in this story. I adore how she wasn't afraid to call Ford on his bs.

She understood and respected his feelings and the pressure he felt but she didn't hesitate to stand up and tell him when he was in the wrong. She was honest and straight forward with him and it was refreshing.

This was another sweet, easy read from Samantha Chase. I love that she writes stories that keep me interested but don't totally tear me apart from the inside. This was a perfect weekend read.

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## **Irene says**

4.5 stars

Ford by Samantha Chase is the final book in the 7 Brides for 7 Soldiers, and what a sweet and heartwarming read Ford's book turned out to be.

I loved Ford and Callie together, they were likable, endearing characters and I found myself easily connecting with them. Watching their relationship unfold had me turning the pages late into the night. I needed to see how this was going to end, Ford was so determined he didn't belong in Eagle's Ridge. Sigh... Ford you stubborn, beautiful man, how could you be so blind to what was so obvious to us all?

The 7 Brides for 7 Soldiers series has been such a joy to read, each book has been engaging and each couple has touched my heart with their story.

*I highly recommend this book and series.*

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*\*I received an advance copy in exchange for my honest thoughts.\**

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## **Vânia Nunes says**

The end of a series that brings a lot of romance, friendship and self-discovery.

Ford Garrison had a great connection to his grandfather, Ben. Together they talked and worked on small and large projects. His grandfather was the founder of Garrison Construction.

But if there was one thing that Ford detested was the way of living in the small town, where everyone knew everyone's life, and they had a mania for gossiping. So when he got a chance to get away from it, he did.

Ten years later, and five years after the death of his beloved grandfather, Ford is back at Eagle's Ridge to help rebuild his grandmother's ranch.

Ford did not expect to find Callie James, a kindergarten teacher, whom he had known in childhood.

Ford just wanted to finish his responsibilities and leave.

But Callie became a distraction impossible to avoid and forget.

Now, he would have to review his priorities and decide if it was better to go back to his quiet life in Virginia, or if the turmoil of Eagle's Ridge, with Callie in his arms, was his future...

Samantha Chase delights in her romance bringing us everyday issues and at the same time so profound subjects.

**5 stars**

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### **Marybeth says**

Samantha Chase never ceases to amaze me with her wonderful words and the way she evokes so many different emotions from me. Ford is such a sweet and heartwarming story about a man, Ford Garrison, who left his small hometown for the navy and basically never looked back. Sure he went back home to help his Grams whenever she needed him to, but he never stayed long and didn't want to. He left the small town problems of everyone being in your business or their misconceptions and expectations because of his name and is happier without them. Or so he thought. Now he is home because his Grams is laid up and her home has some serious damage.

Ford agrees to stick around long enough to take care of everything and then leave again. Until Callie James. Callie had a major crush on Ford when they were younger and finds that not much has changed where that is concerned. Their chance meeting in the middle of the night, changes both of their lives forever.

These characters are both so real and likable, as are all of the supporting characters. I really love that about it. Can two people who are perfect for each other find the home they have both longed for for so long with each other in a place Ford vowed never to return to?

Absolutely amazing story! I would give it more than 5 stars if I could.

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### **Bookgasms Book Blog says**

Shucks, who doesn't love a small town romance with all the townspeople getting all up in the couple's business? Well, Ford Garrison for one, hates all that stuff . . . hates all the sharing of details, most of which are twisted and turned and so far from reality. Hates it so much he planned to never return to Eagle's Ridge for longer than a quick visit with his grandmother or his friends.

But when tragedy strikes, Ford drops everything to return home to help his beloved grandmother out, he's planning to stay just long enough to make the repairs to her home and then leave. He's got a life outside of Eagle's Ridge and he's happy on the west coast. But what Ford wasn't banking on is meeting Callie James.

Callie's always loved Eagle's Ridge and she's thrilled she gets a chance to stay in her hometown teaching in the elementary school. She's also loving the independence she has by renting the guest cottage from Ford's grandmother. Sure Callie knew Ford when she was younger, sure she had a crush on him like every other girl in school, but she never ever thought Ford would look her way!

Oh man, there were some seriously swoony moments between Ford and Callie. I loved Ford's protective side and how it came out with Callie. I loved the slow burn of their relationship, that they lived in the moment, but that the future was always on their minds.

I did struggle a bit with Ford's attitude toward Eagle's Ridge. He was a bit rigid in his views about small town life, due to things that happened when he was a teenager—he seemed view Eagle's Ridge through the eyes of his youth versus taking a true look a life there as an adult. But once he finally did, the story took off for me!

I am truly sad that this excellent multi-author series has come to an end! I've loved my time spent with these characters in Eagle's Ridge and have loved each of the *7 Brides for 7 Soldiers* stories. ~ Missy, 4 stars

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### **Bev Sten says**

Sadly the last book in the series. I love this town of Eagle Ridge. Ford never wanted to come back to Eagle Ridge, especially to live. When a tree fell on his Grandmother's porch, Ford finds himself back to fix things. One fix leads to another. When he arrives in Eagle Ridge in the middle of the night he decides it's too late to find a place to stay and his Grandmother's house may not be stable so he decides to stay in Grandmother's guest house. Ford goes to the guest house strips to his boxers and climbs into bed all in the dark. A little while later he's woken by a scream. And so he meets Callie, a girl he hadn't seen since she was a teen. Well, she's nor a teen anymore. Thus starts the story of Ford and Callie.

Ford is one hard-headed man. He can't see the forest because of the trees. The matters concerning him are, should he take over his Grandfathers business like he was always expected too, can he really stay in Eagle Ridge where everybody knows your business, and how does he feels about Callie.

Ford's story is awesome. It's about friends and family and love.

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Samantha Chase continues to showcase what a treasure she really is. Ford is realistic, simplistic and complicated. It's amazing that a subject that is so simple can breed so many complicated emotions. Ford has spent his life running. From home, from responsibility and mostly from himself. Callie has spent her life wishing for a place to belong to. A home of her own, people who love her and a life that makes her happy. Ironical isn't it that both were searching for the same thing. Acceptance. A place to belong. A sense of security. Each was searching for something they always had, but failed to realize. A HOME. Ford is an epiphany moment. The manifestation of something special and the realization of something wonderful.

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### **Tracey Warren says**

I love a book that tugs at the heart strings, made me laugh out loud and swoon with a sigh. This book does all of that in spades. Samantha Chase has a writing style that I love, and this story grabbed me and took me on a heck of a trip. Ford's story, his history in Eagles Ridge, is suffocating until he finds himself in bed with a beautiful girl totally by accident!! Callie a kindergarten teach might be able to change his mind, will he consider staying, take on the ranch, the company, will it be too much pressure, stay with the gossips, help his Gram? You'll have to read it to find out, it's a amazing.

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## **Jessica Alcazar says**

This story had all those little touches everyone loves in a romance journey ... A dash of sweet. A sprinkle of warmth. A dusting of laughter. And a good dose of heart! I love when all these ingredients are woven together into a journey and cocooned with lots of love!

This story wasn't just about a romance journey. There's a lot of individual growth happening here and it made for the HEA so much more appealing. I not only was rooting for Ford & Callie as a couple, but I was rooting even louder for Ford himself. The man carried serious burdens on his shoulders and he not only needed to realize it, but he also needed to learn how to let go and live .... Such a sweet and poignant story you guys!

I do have to say one thing that is not really a big deal, but it's a thing with me .. this cover. It does nothing. It doesn't add nor does it subtract from the overall package and I am a 100% believer that covers should add. It's just plain. But the story is not ... it's anything BUT plain. Anywho, the cover is not a win for me but I also wouldn't put it in the loss column either .... like I said, it's a just a thing with me :)

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## **Jennifer Schultheis says**

Ford by Samantha Chase proves that you can come home again and when you do, you might find exactly what you've been looking for.

Ford Garrison left Eagle's Ridge as soon as he could. With a small town, everyone knows everyone's business and that's exactly what he wanted to avoid. Now he's back because his grandma had an accident and her ranch needs to be fixed up. What Ford didn't expect was finding Callie James.

Callie has had a crush on Ford for years and now that they are living close together, maybe she can change his mind about leaving. I loved Callie and Ford together. The romance was sweet and had me swooning at times.

Samantha Chase really did an amazing job with Ford's story and I would highly recommend this one!

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## **DJ Sakata says**

Favorite Quote:

Chocolate ice cream. A girl needed to have some premium dessert items on hand when she was spending all of her nights alone.

My Review:



I struggled some with this novella, as Ford was a difficult character for me to appreciate. Ford was pretty much a selfish, cranky, tedious and whiny jackass. He should have known this as his amusing and clever friends had told him so, and he also had a few brief moments of uncomfortable insight. He had fled the gossipy small-town of his youth as well as his cold and stifling parental expectations for the Navy twelve years prior, but he hadn't really enjoyed that either. He had temporarily returned to his hometown to oversee the renovations of his elderly grandmother's home after significant storm damage, although his insufferable and calculating parentals had other plans in mind for granny's property. During his efforts, he was highly frustrated, received a few shocking revelations about his family, and was lucky enough to have attracted the sweet and patient attention of a lovely neighbor who just happened to have had a long-standing idolizing childhood crush on him. Circumstances that should have made him happy just seemed to cause him more irritation, hmm, could his friends possibly have pegged him correctly? I think they were being kind, but of course, I myself am always a total delight. ;) Thankfully the light bulb popped, a major epiphany ensued, and all just in time for a sweet HEA.

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## **Evelyn says**

Originally reviewed for [www.buriedunderromance.com](http://www.buriedunderromance.com)

FORD, the seventh and final entry into the Seven Brides for Seven Soldiers series, is a delightful look at a man who is inexplicably drawn to home and family despite his efforts to separate himself and start a new life on the opposite side of the country. This series is an unusual collaboration between seven different authors, each with their own style and their own following. Best-selling author Samantha Chase was charged with the enviable albeit difficult task of wrapping up the series, and she does so with flying colors. The characters are wonderfully complex and the plot, as simple as it sounds, is well-written and compelling.

Ford Garrison grew up in one of the most prominent families in the small town of Eagle's Ridge, Washington. He hated growing up in the public eye so he decides to relocate to the east coast. He finds himself unable to resist the call of home, however, when friends or family need his help. It was on one of these missions to help his grandmother that he has a chance encounter with Callie James, the daughter of one of his grandmother's maids, leading him to question everything he thought he wanted in life.

I found Ford to be a fascinating character, even though at time, I just wanted to throttle him! He had a vision for his life based on events from his youth which totally blinded him to the reality of his life and new possibilities. Callie, on the other hand, was open to new possibilities in her life, but I wanted to throttle her, too. She was still intimidated by the differences in their backgrounds and in awe of the idealized Ford of her fantasies. While there is never any doubt that these two will eventually find their Happily Ever After, the carefully crafted journey with them to get there takes us through highs, lows, laughter and tears.

I have been a longtime fan of Ms. Chase's ability to develop strong characters and solid story lines, and I have been especially appreciative of her ability to develop the romance between the characters without resorting to explicit sex scenes She knows when to shut the door and let the reader's imagination take over. While I loved the story of Ford and Callie, the book was not, however, without flaws. These flaws were not the fault of the author in my opinion, but rather the fault of the collaboration of seven very different authors. First of all, I have not read any other books by any of the other authors so there was nothing that brought me to this series until this final book by Samantha Chase, who is one of my favorite authors. The seventh book of any series, even one written totally by the same author, is not usually a good standalone novel, and I felt that I had missed so much of the background info on Ford, his friends and his family, that I never quite put all of the relationships together. The epilogue was a good summary of the series for those that had read all, or at least most of the books, but for those of us that had only read Ford, the epilogue was basically

meaningless.

Regardless of the problems that I found with the series itself, I enjoyed the story of Ford and Callie and will not hesitate to recommend it to readers, especially those that are already fans of Ms. Chase. Looking forward to the next book and series that are wholly hers again.

I voluntarily read an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

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## **Maree Repa says**

Five Amazing Stars

Return to Eagles Ridge

I was just absolutely thrilled to read this most exciting seventh book from the Seven Brides for Seven Soldiers. Written by the most wonderful, Samantha Chase. I so enjoyed this moving and emotional book. Absolutely romantic to the fullest one I just couldn't down even once!

Ford Garrison had finally returned back to his Grandmother's home, the ranch. His poor Grandmother had previously been hurt with an injury from a huge tree falling. Margaret was always the toughest woman that Ford had ever known. No one could ever stop her even one at her amazing age either. She was staying in hospital for this moment in time from her injuries.

Ford, who had spent ten long years away with the Navy. He used this time to keep himself distanced from his past. He never really even wanted to ever return. Only wishing to now return knowing he was much needed now. He had to help out with repairing the house she lived in and help out in Ben, his Grandfather's business. Especially now after he had passed away.

Ford had realised that there was also a sweet smaller house on his family's property. He realised that was where he would have to stay so he wouldn't wake anyone up. He hadn't made it inside yet, falling asleep in his car. After waking up this morning entering the front door it just wouldn't open. It was locked.

Eventually finding the key, which was hidden he walked inside towards the bedroom. He started stripping off his clothes to get into bed as he settled down to have some sleep. When suddenly a woman's voice screaming out loud. Neither could see each other as it still was too early for light. Ford told her who he was, but she still thought it was a lie. She told Ford her name, Callie James. Remembering who's daughter she was. Poor Ford was thinking where could he stay. Although Callie did let him stay in another room. Where he soon fell asleep immediately.

Callie was committed, thrilled and just so excited to how she met up with Ford. Callie was a teacher who worked at the local Eagle Ridge School. Now living here, retesting this house, away from her home made her journey into work everyday a lot easier too.

Callie noticed that Ford Garrison was still so much sexy. She now thought he was just so unbelievably gorgeous guy. Ford, who was now dressed entered into her kitchen still noticing there was still no electricity since his Gran had that accident with the falling tree. Ford still hoped he could still work in his Grandfather's workshop to fix up his Grandmother's home. When he said this to Callie, she was happy indeed!!

I simply adored this marvellous, romantic tale. It was so wonderful magnificent. Simply a brilliant masterpiece. I thoroughly adored these wonderful characters. It was a complete masterpiece. Congratulations Samantha Chase for this wonderful book!!

\* I recommend this book to everyone!!

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