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When it comes to her heart, Arabella D'Angelo has moved on—even though she still lives in Mirror Lake, Connecticut, a little tourist town with a long memory for mistakes. Ever the dutiful daughter of a cantankerous widower who holds grudges, Bella has spent the past twelve years raising her younger brother and making a name for herself as a successful psychologist. Now, when she isn't counseling a lonely-hearts club for senior women, she's humoring her matchmaking girlfriends. Bella resists the romancing of their blind dates, yet her friends hope she'll fall for a local and scrap plans for a fresh start in Chicago.

Then, just before Bella's thirtieth birthday, her first love, Roman Spikonos, returns to Mirror Lake. When he moves next door to her family's garden-center business to run his grandparents' orchard, it stirs up gossip—and a tempest of passions—just in time for pumpkin harvest. As Roman and Bella once again get caught up in a swirl of desire and heartache, not to mention her overprotective father's fury, Mirror Lake will soon find out whether the Italian hometown beauty and her unforgettable Greek god can stand a second chance.

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## **From Reader Review Can't Stop Loving You for online ebook**

### **Tamara says**

Second chance romances are a favourite of mine, the passion and attraction is usually evident from the first meeting after breaking up.

Can't Stop Loving You was no different, Roman and Bella had been high school sweethearts but after falling pregnant and losing the baby, Bella told the biggest lie of her life and told Roman that she no longer loved him and he moved on.

12 years later they reconnect at a wedding and the feelings are all still there.

Initially the story grabbed me and I was hooked. I had to know both what had happened and what was going to happen. However the story fell flat for me, both Roman and Bella spent a lot of time not talking about what happened and I feel like some of the drama could have been cleared up much sooner had they actually spoken to each other.

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### **Teri says**

\*Deep Sigh\* I love second chance romances and this one is a goody. After 12 years Arabella and Roman just might have their chance. From tragic young love to pesky judgmental townies, family and friends they have contended with it all. All that's left now is for them to be able to conquer their past so they can possibly have a present and future. An emotional read which touches the heart. With characters you love, are frustrated by and ones that make you laugh out loud. Great read I can't wait to see what this author does with the rest of the brothers.

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### **Dixie-Lee Campbell says**

I absolutely loved this book : Can't Stop Loving You by Miranda Liasson. I loved the cover too !!! The story line captured me from the first page to the last page of this book !!!

This is my first read of Miranda Liasson's books.... I am so very happy with myself for having a feeling from the summary to read this book. !!!

As not familiar with two time lines unfolding alternating with past and present format I felt a bit uneasy first time round ... but, this totally worked for me : enriched the characters and gave better understanding of the circumstances, emotions, and their situations. I loved the proud Italian and Greek pride and bringing them together in the community and their two main immediate families.

I enjoyed the laugh out loud times and emotionally moved by the serious life time events.

I definitely want to read more books from this series and more in the future from Miranda Liasson !!

Thank you for providing this book in exchange for an honest review .... & honestly I am so happy I read this book !!! I held my breathe ... what was going to happen next !!! :-)

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### **Heather says**

I absolutely LOVE it when a book makes me cry and get completely frustrated (in a good way) before it eventually makes me sigh happily, and this book did that. I not only cried, but I actually honest-to-goodness ugly-cried while reading it, and I can't remember the last time that happened while reading a book.

A lot of times when an author writes a series of books, it's easy to point at one of them as the 'weak link' in the series; the book that doesn't quite reach the same level as the others - but that is just not the case with Miranda Liasson's Mirror Lake-based books. They are all solid, high-quality reads, and Can't Stop Loving You is another fantastic addition to her Mirror Lake universe. Although this book can definitely be read and enjoyed as a standalone, I recommend that you start with the other books that came before this one so that you can fully appreciate the many cameos by the citizens of Mirror Lake and because they're just great books.

Roman is the guy that every woman dreams of - he's tall, dark, and handsome, but his biggest asset is his incredible capacity for love. He loves his mom, his brothers, and his Bella...even when she makes it difficult. In this day of arrogant alpha-cavemen cluttering up books with their obnoxiousness, one of Ms. Liasson's strengths lies in knowing how to write male leads who are strong men who love fiercely and are strong men, but who don't have to act like absolute swaggering jerks. As a reader, I very much appreciate that. \*\*Slight spoilers just to end of this paragraph\*\* Roman's Grand Gesture that he used to win Bella back was absolutely wonderful and totally made up for the ugly crying that I did earlier in the book.

Bella is a sweet, but flawed woman who loves her family more than anything; sacrificing even her own happiness to keep her family together. At times, Bella's unwavering loyalty to her father and brother made me mutter as I read, but I also understood why she did the things she did, so it made her a sympathetic - though sometimes frustrating - character.

I'm not usually a big fan of flashbacks in books because oftentimes they're written in a way that makes it hard to keep the flashback and current-time stories straight or they're too full of 'filler' to be interesting, but the flashbacks in this book are utilized \*perfectly\*. There was no confusion at all, and the flashbacks were not only functional in regards to the story, but they were also a fascinating glimpse into the character's teenage years. I loved - and totally ugly cried during - the looks back into Bella and Roman's early relationship.

Whether you have read the other Mirror Lake stories (which you definitely should!) or you're new to Ms. Liasson's world, if you like second chance love stories or stories about long-enduring pining love stories, you'll love the story of Arabella and Roman.

I requested an ARC of this book and voluntarily wrote an honest review.

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### **Nancy says**

This book nailed Italian-American families on the head! Coming from one myself, I found that I related so much with the interplay between the family members. It was actually quite unexpected - Bella's still working for her father's approval, even at the age of thirty. And while this may seem a bit off-kilter from most of the female protagonists in romance novels, this novel wouldn't have been so wonderfully done if that all-too-true dynamic wasn't there.

Bella's desire to gain such approval from her father is actually what made her a strong character, in my opinion. She had a teenage pregnancy - definitely a nightmare for most, but even more so when brought up in a strict Roman Catholic household - and felt like she could never redeem herself. And in a patriarchal family dynamic such as that of Italian-Americans, I really felt for Bella. She'd been raised to believe she was second-best (because she's female) and it takes her a good long time to realize that she isn't.

Roman was also the product of a strong family dynamic of Greek-Americans, and while I'm not as familiar with that culture, Roman definitely did not see Bella as inferior in any way. I liked him; he was level-headed but passionate, and really understood Bella's driving need for paternal acceptance. Most men in real life would be rolling their eyes or telling her to get over it, but not Roman. I loved him a little bit extra for that!

The passion between these two was quite explosive, and I loved their back-and-forth banter/bickering. The ending was perfect - sweet, truthful, and oh-so-satisfying. Four strong stars.

\*I received this eARC from the publisher in exchange for an honest and unbiased review.\*

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### **Geri Reads says**

Started off slow but I ended up liking this second chance romance between a fiery Italian beauty named Belle and a stubborn Greek god, inexplicably named Roman. (Go figure!)

Names aside, I enjoyed the romance, family dynamics, and the small town setting. There were moments where I wanted to throttle the heroine but I get where she's coming from.

Overall, a delightful second chance romance.

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### **Carol says**

4.5 ecstatic stars.

Was so happy to read this as an ARC as this is one of my favorite authors and I have read all her books, so no bias there!

It certainly didn't disappoint. I loved this second chance love story that came with some emotional angst but ultimately delivered my HEA.

Miranda Liasson has a writing style that I adore, I always get involved in her storytelling fast and I did not want to put this book down even for a minute until I finished it.

It is set in the Mirror Lake community that I have grown to love but also introduces many new characters

and is a somewhat poignant story with several flashbacks to the past that tell us more about Roman and Bella's personal history. Can HIGHLY recommend this book and if you have never read a Miranda Liasson novel I also recommend that you start with "This Thing Called Love" which is number one in the Mirror Lake series but this book can be read as a standalone (but why miss out on other great books by this wonderful author).

This is definitely one of her best books in my opinion.

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### **Maddie says**

**And once Again I applied for an ARC because of a band and favorite song!**

**Van Halen - Can't Stop Lovin' You**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYMcS...>

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<https://coyoteuglyswaggerbookblog.wor...>

**Time for that reading glasses**

**A BIG Thank you to the author, Netgalley and the Publishers for trusting me with this**

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### **Trish R. says**

So-so book..

I'm afraid I didn't love it like most of the reviewers did. I mean at 18 you could just feel the love these two had for each other but she hands him some crap about how she wants some freedom, yada, yada, yada, and off he goes. THEN when he comes back 12 years later Bella acts like Roman's the one who hurt her and she's a total ass. I don't get that kind of writing, really. So, we fill 284 pages with angst and misunderstanding and lies? No OMG moments or anything. And I wasn't crazy about the "twelve years earlier" that kept coming up in every few chapters, then "nine years earlier." Together with her lies and Bella choosing her mean old father and brother over Roman, I didn't get that either. Way too much angst in this book for me. I did find myself skimming and that's never a good thing.

Bella was 30 years old and she still felt the need to hide it when she and Roman started having sex again? That's just silly! That's the gist of this book. There was no mystery, no nothing, just angst, misunderstandings and lies. And too many pages of all that. At 85% my skimming got faster so I could be done. These kinds of books would be better if the author would just add a little bit of mystery, something that made a reader want to hurry and turn that page to see what was going to happen next, rather than trying to finish faster. That's just my opinion.

I did like Roman and his brothers Lukas and Drew, and their backstory was interesting, too. And I really

liked the Thursday night therapy session, Effie, Alethea, Glory and Fran. And I liked Ethan, even if he was a little needy.

There was desire in this book and explicit sex. The F-bomb was used 4 times.

As to the narrator: Simply fabulous! Amy McFadden men's voices were great and her women's voices were wonderful; young, old, Italian accent, Greek accent, all different and all unbelievable. She's become my favorite female narrator. She made this so-so story worth listening to. Her emotions when reading are phenomenal. I would give her 10 stars to Amy McFadden's reading of this book if I could.

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### **Claudia Blanton says**

Strict family values with clearly defined gender roles and restrictions and past transgressions never make a good combination, especially if these family members are stubborn, and downright unable to see anyone else's side of the story.

This is what the main character Bella has to deal with when Roman comes back into her life unexpectedly. He is the said transgression, and with that never good enough in the eyes of Bella's family, worse, his family is viewed as direct competition to the family business.

Nothing good can come from this, right? Well, this is a romance story, and we all know that the two main characters will get together, but the ride to get there is a rocky one to say at least.

I did not like the family patriarch at all. Maybe because as a free-spirited person, I could never understand the confines of tradition and over the top pride that tends to come with this type of life, putting honor above personal growth.

The two main characters, on the other hand, are willing to move forward, even if not necessarily with each other at first, AND are willing to work with the family in question, rather than shutting them out completely. For that, I give them kudos.

Now, this is again a book where the rest of the cast is well developed, even if not the most charming at times, and I wish all contemporary romance novels would take the time to do that, even if they are not a part of a series. A flat side character can take me out of the plot, and be distracting while a book, like this one, flows. Which makes me connect more emotionally, which in turn brings on the ugly cry tears, but hey, why read a romance novel, if there are no emotions involved right? Oh, you say, what about the love stuff? That is in there too. And it is steamy. Not 50 Shades of Grey crazy, but hot.

So if you are looking for a contemporary romance with family issues, and a side of steamy, you should pick up "Can't Stop Living You

I received this book for free in return for an honest review

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## **Constantine says**

Rating: 2.0/5.0

Romance novels might not be my favorite genre but I cannot deny that I loved many that I read in the past for all the different reasons. However, this is not the case with this novel. The story is basically about Roman and Bella who had a relationship in the past when they were high school students, They split and now it is their second chance when they are in their 30s.

I might be very critical in this review but I have to give my honest unbiased opinion. I thought the story was one dimension all the time. The secondary characters were not given any slight depth. The two main characters annoyed me a lot. I felt they are not human. They had no worries and no other feelings to their surroundings besides their feeling to each other. All what Bella was feeling was Roman Roman Roman and all what Roman was thinking about was Bella Bella Bella! I mean, there was nothing else going on except how they felt about each other all the time. This is not how people are. We fall in love but we always have other things to keep us busy and other troubles that we face.

For example Bella is a psychiatrist but hardly this job even interfered in her life. It would have given the story more depth if Bella had some patients and some concerns. Again the story says that Bella was looking after her little brother Joey but hardly there is anything about Joey or his relationship with Bella.

As I said the book has lots of problems, all the characters lack depth to them and I cannot recommend this book to anybody except to Romance novel lovers who like the sub genre of second chances.

Note: I have won a free copy of this book by participating in a giveaway

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Slick's review:

Author Miranda Liasson has once again immersed me in her Mirror Lake world with the heartfelt second chance love story Can't Stop Loving You. A couple torn apart in young adulthood by a tragedy and parental influence are back living in the same town and while they both would like to think they are over those old feelings they find that's not true, but can they rekindle what they had and start anew?

For the past twelve years Arabella (Bella) D'Angelo has tried to live down the heartache she caused her family when she was 18 years old, but living in a small town no one forgets despite the fact that she went to college and now owns a psychologist practice with her friend. Now living back home temporarily to help her father after his back surgery, Bella is reminded of the disappointment she caused him on almost a daily basis. Finding out that Roman Spikonos is back in town for good adds to her anxiety especially with her father's agitation towards him.

Despite the fact that I really, really have a hard time with adults who can't seem to move past things that happened in their teen years and successful adults who still feel the need to constantly please their parents, I did love this book.

Roman impressed me with his ambition to start a new venture with the farm his grandfather left him. While he still harbored some bad feelings from the past, he didn't let it define him and he was willing to let go and

move forward with his life. I love that he reconnected with his brother Lukas (hero in That Loving Feeling) and that Drew their younger brother came to town in this book (their family history is a whole story in and of itself) and I'm looking forward to reading about each of the remaining brothers. Roman did his best to reconnect with Bella and to make peace with her father and even when he wasn't always treated fairly, he didn't let it bother him because he had a goal in mind and that was rekindling the relationship and love he and Bella once had.

Bella was one of those heroines that I wanted to love, but there was too much about her behavior that drove me nuts. In her professional life she was strong and confident, but in her personal life she often let people run over her; her father and in all honest her best friend who wanted to be more, Ethan both simply would not listen to her or understand her feelings at all.

One thing that was evident from the first time they set eyes on one another again is the connection they have and it wasn't just sexual attraction. They both admired one another for all they had accomplished in their lives. I enjoyed watching them discover each other as adults and work to repair the hurt from the past and move forward.

While this is a spin off series of the original Mirror Lake series, the town and its residents add a whole lot of color and fun rounding out an already strong story.

A strong character driven story, Can't Stop Loving you was full of emotion, heartache, humor but most of all a whole lot of love.

Review copy provide for a voluntary review.

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### **Brandy says**

I was given an ARC copy by the author for an honest review. This is my first book by author, Miranda Liasson, it certainly won't be my last. In fact, now that I know it's a series, I want to read the ones I missed and learn more about the Spikonos brother's. I admit, this was one of those books, where the cover made me HAVE to read it! In fact, I think this has to be the most gorgeous book cover I have ever seen. The fact that it was a story of young love, which I am a sucker for, was the icing on the cake for me. One of the other reviewer's mentions My Big Fat Greek Wedding, and it does have a bit of that vibe. This was one of those can't put down books. And I wouldn't have if I didn't have things to do. I was REALLY intrigued with the Spikonos brother's back story. Which is why I now want to read what I missed. I liked that Ms. Liasson kept going back and forth from past to present, to see Roman and Bella's love story unfold.

I adored Roman Spikonos. I liked him as a kid and even more as an adult. I liked his adoptive mom as well. I liked Arabella 'Bella' D'Angelo. I liked that she was a psychologist. Bella and Roman had me grieving along with them for the loss of their baby, when they were teens. I didn't dislike Bella's father. I understood his protectiveness and the whole Italian father thing. But, Mr. D'Angelo drove me a bit nuts. Especially when he continued with the ultimatums when Bella is a successful psychologist and almost 30 year old adult. I liked Aunt Francesca 'Fran.' I loved that she got her own love story. I loved the addition of Gracie, the mutt Bella and Roman rescue.

This is just a charming story. And a perfect Fall read :-)

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## **Miranda Liasson says**

### **\*\*Author Review\*\***

I'm very excited to give you Roman and Arabella's story.

This is the start of my new series about the Spikenos brothers, brothers of Greek heritage who were separated as children and who each return to the town of Mirror Lake, Connecticut, to find their lives and loves...and each other.

This book still has the lighthearted tone of my previous books but also has a more serious undercurrent.

I introduced the first Spikenos brother, Lukas, in my last book, **THIS LOVING FEELING**, (although each book can also be read as a stand-alone).

Arabella D'Angelo's had a tough time overcoming past mistakes, but she's built a good life for herself. Her brother that she raised is about to graduate from high school, and she's months away from finally being able to leave Mirror Lake for Chicago, even though her friends' matchmaking efforts are designed to keep her in town. But even she's not prepared when after twelve years, handsome, enigmatic Roman Spikenos returns to take over his grandfather's orchards, which are located right next to her traditional Italian family's garden center.

Seeing Roman awakens past heartache but also great passion. Caught once again between family and her feelings for Roman, Arabella must at last reconcile her past and see if the future can provide a second chance for a love that was cut short the first time around.

Hope you enjoy **CAN'T STOP LOVING YOU** as much as I enjoyed writing it.

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## **DJ Sakata says**

Favorite Quotes:

Italian matchmaking... A favorite pastime of your people. Second only to arranged marriages.

He looked a lot older than thirty, and not just because of his receding hairline. His middle was paunchy and he looked so... pale. Belly-of-a-fish-washed-up-on-the-beach pale. Like he never saw the light of day in that CPA office of his. Ew. Bad visual.

God, my shaper undergarment is killing me. If it wouldn't expose all the wedding guests to my boobs, I'd rip it off and throw it in the trashcan.

'Welcome to the Three Ds - Divorced, Desperate, or Dead... The dead is not for anyone personally...' 'It's

really called the Divorced or Bereaved Senior Support Group,' Bella said quickly. She didn't want anyone to think that the group was a joke. Although sometimes she wasn't sure, what with these characters showing up and bringing their friends like it was senior happy hour.

Greek and Italian genes... What a beautiful combination. It does ensure that there'll be plenty of mandatory hair removal in her future.

#### My Review:

Can't Stop Loving You was my first Miranda Liasson experience and oh happy day - I have found a new author to stalk and more lovely books to add to my TBR. This small town, second-chance romance was amusing, sweet, romantic, angsty, and relevant. I adored the character of Roman - he comprised the sweet and romantic part of my description. However, I frequently wanted to smack the spineless Bella and her obstinate father with my beloved kindle, as they generated 80% of the angsty portion. The storyline and writing both were relevant, engaging, humorous, and easy to follow. The plot followed two timelines twelve years apart, detailing the couple's past and present relationships and interactions. Written from my favorite dual POV, the storyline was never confusing and both were equally entertaining.

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