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In the picturesque town of Serendipity, New York, three siblings have grown up in the shadow of their proud and respected police chief father. But what do love, fate, and fortune have in store for the next generation of Serendipity's finest?

Tired of being the easygoing daughter, always ignored in favor of her high-maintenance sister, and no longer interested in being her fiancé's trophy wife, Nicole Farnsworth calls off her wedding. All she wants is to be herself. And where better to find her destiny than Serendipity? The place where she met the one man who made her heart beat faster, and gave her the courage to reinvent her life—even if he doesn't know it.

Officer Sam Marsden calls Serendipity home and he loves it there—even though his childhood sweetheart was stolen by his best friend. After such heartbreak, Sam fears he can't trust his instincts when it comes to love. Yet he's so tempted by Nicole, a woman he met only briefly but who has starred in his dreams ever since. For Nicole and Sam, opening their hearts one more time could change their lives forever. But who'll be the first to take that chance?

## **Perfect Together Details**

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# From Reader Review Perfect Together for online ebook

## Barb Lie says

Perfect Together by Carly Phillips is a wonderful romance that takes place in a small town called Serendipity. This is not the first book in this series, but it can very well be read as standalone. We meet our hero, detective Sam Marsden. While Sam's family all around him are happy, being engaged or married, Sam doesn't want any commitments. He however can't seem to forget a girl he met during a case a few months before. Nicole Farnsworth has just broken up with her fiancée, since she knows that what they feel for each other is that of a lifelong friend. She too, remembers Sam, enough to know that is what she wants to feel about someone she will marry. Nicole leaves her distant and cold family, and moves to Serendipity.

Nicole has never known what family love is about; just to do what is expected of her. But the minute she arrives in Serendipity, and sees Sam, she feels the chemistry immediately. Nicole also meets Macy, who becomes a good friend, and in time she learns what family is all about when she meets the Mardens. What follows is a beautiful romance, with some suspense throughout the story. Seems another reason Nicole left home, is she overheard her ex fiancée's father talking to the Russian mob. Not thinking anyone knew she overheard, she decided to keep quiet and move on with her life. Tyler her ex, and long time friend tries to win her back, though he knows its hopeless but he too is following what his father wants. Macy takes Tyler under her wing, and slowly changes him to loosen up. Besides watching the relationship build between Nicole and Sam, we get to see Tyler and Macy start something on their own, though this is very slowly done.

Sam has his issues being dumped by his ex fiancée years before, but he knows how much he has begun to care for Nicole. He uses his police connections to help both Nicole and Tyler get past the danger that could be life threatening. This was suspenseful and well done. But it is the romance between Nicole and Sam that made this book so much fun to read. Their chemistry was very sensual, and hot. I loved watching Nicole learn to care about the friends she found in Serendipity, as well as Sam's family; especially after we got to meet her horrible mother, father, sister. She loved Sam, but will Sam get past his major stumbling block? Read this book, you will really enjoy it.

Barb  
The Reading Cafe

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## Nicole says

Review originally posted here: <http://thebookpushers.com/2014/02/06/...>

When Phillips announced that the Serendipity series was coming to an end, I was pretty heartbroken. I adore this series, and I was hoping we would get to see so many others in Serendipity find their happily ever afters.

Sam hasn't really been interested in anyone since Nicole left town, but watching his brother and sister settle down has left him feeling a bit lonely. Opening up to relationships isn't easy, but Sam is willing to try, especially when Nicole comes waltzing back into town. Sam soon discovers that relationships aren't easy, especially when he tries so hard to hold a piece of himself back.

Nicole is worried that coming back to Serendipity won't be easy, but something and someone about the town

is worth it. But Nicole's past is running after her, and escaping her ex-fiance and a possible mob hit is more stressful than figuring out exactly what Sam wants from her. As she and Sam get closer, they will have to figure out how they can move forward with their romance once the dust settles.

I loved the Marsden clan, so getting to see so much of them has been wonderful. I adore the fact that Sam is so desperate for a family, despite the fact that he is so scared of opening up his heart again. I love the relationship between him and his mother, and it's great to see the special bond between Sam and the rest of his family. I adore watching those kinds of bonds in romance books, and Phillips does an incredible job with it all.

I really felt for Nicole from the first moment she walked into the series in the last book. From her sister with mental instability issues to her horrific home life to her ex-fiance's push to win her back for reasons that do a disservice to them both, Nicole does not have it easy. However, I loved the fact that she was so ready to take on the world, to venture out into the unknown and take a stab at living the life she's always wanted, instead of what's expected of her.

The romance between Sam and Nicole was so sweet. I loved the fact that they tiptoed around each other a bit in the beginning, despite the fact that the attraction and chemistry was off the charts. They had a super intense physical relationship, and I really enjoyed the way Nicole tackled her inability to emotionally distance herself from sex and demand more for herself. From there, a wonderful friendship and then so much more built not only on their mutual desire for one another, but also the suspense with the threat against her.

I have to say that I really enjoyed the way Phillips wraps everything up in *Serendipity*. While we don't get to see much of the original *Serendipity* couples, it was nice to see not only Nicole and Sam get their happily ever after, but also get the chance to see Nicole's ex-fiance move on with someone who was perfect for him. It was a nice little bow on the final book in the series.

All in all, I'm so sad to say goodbye to the town of *Serendipity*. I've really enjoyed the small town romances that Phillips delivers. I think she created a wonderful cast of characters, plenty of fun romances, and lots of great secondary people to fall in love with. This final installment was no different.

I give *Perfect Together* a B

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## Kimberly says

My review cross-posted from Wit and Sin: <http://witandsin.blogspot.com/2014/01...>

The final Marsden sibling finds love in the deliciously entertaining ***Perfect Together***. Carly Phillips hits all the right notes in this fast-paced, engaging romance.

Nicole is a woman I liked and admired from the start. By moving to *Serendipity*, she's stepping out of her comfort zone and breaking the bonds of her parents' expectations in order to make a life for herself. Nicole has a warm and friendly personality, and when you add in her hidden vulnerabilities, how could you not root for her to find love with Sam? And speaking of Sam, the sexy detective who's the other half of this dynamite pair had me melting. Sam's a devoted brother, son, and friend, but he's wary of trusting his heart to another woman after having been humiliated by his fiancée leaving him at the altar for his best friend. Yet for all his protestations, there's no doubt in anyone's mind that Sam falls hard and fast for Nicole. The two of them are...well...perfect together.

While *Perfect Together* can be read as a standalone, Sam's family and friends play large supporting roles in the book. New Serendipity's Finest readers will surely want to pick up *Perfect Fit* and *Perfect Fling* after finishing Sam and Nicole's book – the Marsden family is just that endearing. And speaking of supporting characters, in *Perfect Together* Ms. Phillips weaves in a fantastic secondary romance featuring Nicole's new friend Macy and a hero whose identity I won't spoil. Even though Sam and Nicole are the heart of *Perfect Together*, the addition of the fully developed supporting cast makes the story truly stand out. The Serendipity community is one I hope readers won't have to say good-bye to anytime soon, for Ms. Phillips has created a memorable town and cast of characters who are simply impossible to resist. However, while I wait in the hope of more Serendipity novels, I'll happily curl up with *Perfect Together*, for Sam and Nicole's love story is one that begs for numerous readings.

*Note: I received this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does **not** affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review.*

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## Cheri says

As usual my backward self read this before the other two. I actually have the first one in the series but grabbed this first. It wasn't hard to figure everything out about previous characters. I enjoyed all of them with the exception of Mommie Dearest! Quite a few laughs, lil bit of suspense, romance and some pretty steamy sex. Welcome to Serendipity readers!

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## Addie H says

Amazon bargain bin

DNF 14%

- "Hi, Macy. How are you?"

"Hi yourself." Her smile, as usual, was infectious.

"I'm good. Busy as usual. You?"

He shrugged. "Same old."

She shook her head, her long dark hair falling over one shoulder, and sighed. "You so need to get laid."

- She'd made a profound impact on Sam. From her dark hair to her big beautiful blue eyes, he felt like he could see inside her soul.

- "Still, these are beautiful." She swept her hand through the air to indicate the panorama of flowers and color spread out before them.

"Beautiful is an appropriate word in more ways than one," he said, speaking more of her than the flowers.

- She shifted from foot to foot. “But it’s not who I am at all,” she said, as if desperate for him to understand and still accept her.

He nodded in grateful understanding. He didn’t want a spoiled princess in his life—and if he had his way, this understated woman would, at the very least, end up in his bed. Still, she was clearly the kind of girl he’d be taking his time with, and he appreciated that about her.

- “Thanks for showing me this place.” She stretched her legs out in front of her and let out a blissful sigh. His groin responded to the sound.

- “It’s smart that you’re not rushing into something. Taking your time to understand whether a business is viable is an intelligent move.” Again, her cheeks flushed a deep shade. “Thank you.”

- Without thinking, he twisted her hair tighter, tilting her head for deeper access, which she freely granted. His heart knocked against his chest, the connection between them deepening along with the kiss.

I’ll let Alan Rickman finish this off for me.

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## **Debbie Lester says**

Author Carly Phillips once again delivers with her latest book in the Serendipity's Finest series, *Perfect Together*. *Perfect Together* is the final book in the series, set in a the small town of Serendipity, New York. It focuses on the last sibling in the Marsden family, Sam. Phillips consistently gives readers stories that make them smile, with characters who are real and engaging. Readers are treated to a bit of mystery and suspense to go with their romance in this one. Phillips trademark wit and humor make this book a must read for Carly Phillips fans and new readers a like.

What I liked:

Carly Phillips is an author that I can always count on to give me a great romantic read. She has a knack for knowing just what makes a romance pull the heartstrings of the reader, without going too deep. Her books are light-hearted comfort reads that are perfect for a cozy fire on a winter night or the sun and sand of the beach. The Serendipity's Finest series has been one of my favorites by Phillips and I was somewhat sad to see it end with *Perfect Together*, but I think another spin-off may be in the offing.

Nicole was such a great heroine. She had a lot of spunk and tenacity. She comes from a very emotionless family who have pushed her to her limits, and into a possible marriage with a man she doesn't love. What I

really loved about this character was the way she decided to take control of her own destiny. She not only calls off the marriage but picks up and moves to a new town for a fresh start. It wasn't her first adventure with Serendipity, but it quickly becomes her best. I thought Phillips gave the reader a real person to root for in Nicole. She was sweet and caring and deserved to find her happiness.

Sam is the youngest Marsden sibling. His brother Mike and sister Erin have already found love, but Sam is resistant because he was left at the altar by a woman who left him for his former best friend. He got burnt and he wasn't looking forward to it ever happening again. I enjoyed the fact that Sam was so realistic. He was okay with a strictly sexual relationship with Nicole but when it came to more serious matters he balked. It was great to see him slowly lose his resistance to both Nicole and to the idea of love. Phillips writes Sam with a sense of realism that is often missing in this type of romance and I think readers will appreciate her understanding of this.

There was definitely an element of mystery in this book. When Nicole decides to call off her engagement to Tyler, she overhears a conversation that alludes to Tyler's father's shady business dealings. So when Tyler shows up in Serendipity to try to win Nicole back readers have to wonder about his motives. Sam is driven to jealousy, but also sees that perhaps Tyler is after something completely different than what he says he is. I liked the side story between Tyler and Nicole's new friend Macy as well. That is the possible lead in to another spin off series that I believe fans really hope that Phillips pursues.

The chemistry between Sam and Nicole started in the previous book in the series, when Nicole helps Sam find her twin sister who was the villain of that novel. It certainly doesn't diminish in intensity in Perfect Together. The love scenes are hot and Phillips knows a little bit about what makes each scene sizzle. Readers may need a cold drink in hand for parts of this one.

What I didn't like:

There were a few scenes here and there that did not seem to have a lot of significance to the story. I wouldn't necessarily call them filler, because I believe it was the author's way of educating readers who may not have read the other books. But it was a bit distracting to those of us who know the background already. Certainly not a major issue. I loved this one!

Bottom Line:

Carly Phillips fans will love this one. It wraps up the Serendipity's Finest series in fine form. All of the Marsden siblings are happy in love at the end of Perfect Together and Phillips always seems to know when it's time to move on to something different. I am hoping for another spin-off and a HEA for Tyler and Macy. One can dream!

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## **Book Reading Gals says**

Title: Perfect Together

Series: Serendipity's Finest bk 3, Serendipity bk

Author: Carly Phillips

Genre: Contemporary

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Thoughts: Perfect Together has everything we've come to expect from Carly Phillips. A hot tortured hero, a heroine determined to make a change, and pages that steam with their attraction.

I have wanted to know more about Sam ever since Dare's book, Karma, where he made his first appearance. Then with each of his siblings books I wanted more and more of him. Partly because he was so secretive, at least until his sister Erin's book (Perfect Fling)...let's pause for a moment in Cole's honor, as he is one of Carly's hottest and best heroes...okay back to Sam.

We met Nicole in Perfect Fling and Sam immediately had a connection with her, but she also had a connection with the person who was stalking his sister. Which made her off limits in his mind. Too bad she was the only woman in a long time that made him want to be with someone.

When Nicole had been in Serendipity searching for her sister she'd fallen in love with the small town. She knew it was the perfect place to live. So she returned to her life and began the process of changing it so that she could do what made her happy.

I loved the story of Sam and Nicole. Both of them have trust issues, but they can't deny the attraction between them. This sets in motion events and feelings that one of them is prepared for but the other not so much.

Of all of Carly's books this is one of those books left me wanting more of the story. I wanted to see what happened next with Sam and Nicole and the secondary love story that takes place. I know it's because I know the series has ended so we don't get to see them anymore, but I still wanted more.

This in my opinion is the sign of an excellent book, one that leaves you wanting more of the characters. Perfect Together does that for me.

Grade A

Review by: Heather

<http://www.thebookreadingals.com>

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## Jess says

Review posted: Happily Ever After - Reads

Blog rating: B

Nicole has made some huge changes in her life: she broke off her engagement to her longtime friend and fiancé, she packed up and moved to the small town of Serendipity leaving her life and parents behind (gladly) and she's trying to figure out what to do with information she overheard about her father's business. His business partner (her ex-fiance's father) has been putting dirty money into their company and business ventures and it extends to some not so friendly individuals. Yup, think mob. Nicole has no idea if her father knows about this and she needs some time away to consider her options and figure out what to do. She's come back to Serendipity after having been there not too long ago for a very different reason – trying to track down her mentally unstable twin sister before she caused harm to some of the residents. That's behind her, her sister is in a facility getting help, but the people of Serendipity take some time to warm up to her. Nicole is determined to make this her new home and wants to open up a bakery and make some much needed new friends. She also can't wait to run into one sexy cop she met during her time here before when she was being questioned about her sister and it's only a matter of time before she reconnects with Sam Marsden.

Sam is surrounded by couples in love. His siblings are married and either have kids or are thinking about having kids. But he's determined to live his life without having any serious relationships. He was burned badly in the past by a woman who left him at the altar. He was embarrassed, he was the talk of Serendipity and he never wants to trust someone that much again. Yet he can't stop thinking about Nicole so when they finally run into each other, it's lust at first sight (or second sight!) and they're soon a couple enjoying each other's company both in and out of the bedroom. They go into their relationship both stating that they're not looking for anything serious, but we always know how THAT's going to turn out.

There's something fun and enjoyable about coming back to Serendipity. It's not a series of books that will be packed with angst or suspense or anything to extreme. Instead, it's like catching up with old friends, and heck, even like going back to my own small home town – it just has that feeling of familiarity and I love revisiting Serendipity, this time through the eyes of Sam, a lifetime resident and Nicole, a new face who's falling in love with this area a little more every day.

Both Sam and Nicole have some issues from their pasts that cause some problems in their present. Nicole was never good enough in her parents eyes and she's constantly struggling to get their approval on anything in her life. They've never given it, but she just can't let the hope go that one day they'll actually see her and be proud. Sam is still hurting from being dumped on his wedding day by his fiancée who ran off with his best friend and he doesn't trust his judgment when it comes to trusting the right people. Both Sam and Nicole have to deal with these issues to make their relationship work and it's of course easier said than done. But Sam, with a huge shove from his brother Mike, refuses to let Nicole slip away again and I really enjoyed seeing their romance progress.

I love small town romances and the entire Serendipity series is filled with feel good reads. The romance between Sam and Nicole is sweet. I enjoyed seeing the town through Nicole's eyes and seeing her accepted immediately by the people there. For a quick, fun, light feel good story, give Perfect Together a read.

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## **Tamm Frederick says**

This is the last in the Serendipity Finest series of books that Carly has written. While on her site, it looks like there will be a book for Tess Barron, I honestly haven't searched to find out if she's still writing that book. I have fallen in love with this town so much that Carly gave me a serious book hangover after each one. This last, no exception, was the hardest though.

While you don't have to read the Serendipity Series before you've read this series, I guarantee you'll fall in love with the town and the characters she introduces you to and they are mentioned a little in this series.

But I'm not here to leave a review of the other books and novellas related to Serendipity. I'm here to give a review of Perfect Together.

Perfect Together is the story about Sam Marsden and Nicole Farnsworth. We've gotten to know Sam through the Serendipity's Finest series as a brother and friend. Now we get to know him as a man who's been hurt in the past and isn't looking to get hurt again.

We were introduced to Nicole when she came to town in a previous book (I'm not going to mention which one because I want you to read the other two books in the series if you haven't) to warn Sam's sister and to get her sister the help she needs. There were sparks between Sam and Nicole then and Nicole never forgot that when she went back home. Neither did Sam.

The story picks up a few months later after Nicole realizes that her life is not the one she wants. She ends her engagement and moves to Serendipity to open a specialty bake shop after she discovers that her ex-fiance's father is up to some illegal dealings. She doesn't think that they believe she heard anything. Not sure of how to tell her father, who is partner's with her ex's father, in the business, she leaves.

She comes to town and immediately forms a friendship with Macy who invites her to ladies' night at Joe's Bar. When she doesn't meet Macy there and Macy asks Sam and the gang if they've seen her, she also blurts out that Nicole lives above the bar now and Sam volunteers to go get her.

The sparks are still there from the moment they meet. From their very public kiss in the town square to even when both of them are attempting to push each other away, it's always there.

When Nicole's ex shows up because daddy orders him to bring Nicole back home to get married, Macy tries to discourage him as she is looking out for Nicole. Macy and the ex hang out and the ex begins to see that Nicole was right about their relationship.

Nicole keeps what she knows about her ex's dad from him and from Sam and she doesn't know that her ex knows. When some out of town art dealers come for the local art fair and the ex sees them, he knows it's not good and when he loses sight of Nicole, he goes to Sam. It was then that he knew he was falling for Macy and had let go of Nicole.

Sam and the ex work together to keep Nicole safe and nail his father.

Meanwhile, Macy's falling for the ex and gets upset when he leaves with barely saying goodbye, but he leaves her with a plea.

Characters from the previous books are in this story and we get updates on Sam's family.

I am not giving away anything more.

Am I sad that Serendipity's Finest is finished? Yep... but I will be coming back to visit them often. The Marsden family is a loving family with faults and all that fights for each other and for the town's residents and visitors from the moment you meet them.

Farewell Sam and Mike and Erin... for now.

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## **Dottie says**

Another exciting tale in Ms. Phillips' Serendipity's Finest series, which I rated 4.5! Taken from my review at [RomanceJunkies.com](http://RomanceJunkies.com):

Nicole Farnsworth was born in wealth to uncaring and unloving parents. She has always watched over her twin, Victoria, who is suffering from a mental illness and is now institutionalized for treatment. She had managed to prevent her sister from doing any real damage in the small town of Serendipity and had fallen in love with the town and the people, especially a cop named Sam. Nicole had grown up knowing she would marry Tyler, a union that would unite the families that were partners in a successful business. However, after meeting Sam, Nicole knows she cannot continue to go along with her parent's plans for her, including a loveless marriage, especially after witnessing their union. So breaking off the engagement, Nicole relocates to Serendipity, with plans to eventually open a bakery there. However, before leaving New York, she overheard a conversation between her father's partner and his accountant as they discussed their dealings with the Russian mob.

Sam, who was recently promoted to detective, had once been in love, but his fiancée left him at the altar, exposed to humiliation and gossip. He learned his lesson so he has no plans to get involved in a relationship. His brother and sister have both found true love, but he doesn't feel that it is in the cards for him. However, he cannot forget a dark haired beauty named Nicole who had only been in town for a short time before leaving.

Seeing Nicole again, Sam is surprised that she has returned. He is equally dismayed to discover that she had been engaged and although that is over, her ex has arrived in town, trying to win her back. Even though Sam has been upfront with Nicole about the possibility of any lasting relationship with her or anyone, he becomes possessive whenever her ex comes near her. It is not long before the chemistry between Sam and Nicole becomes too much to deny and sparks begin to fly. When danger follows Nicole to Serendipity, Sam will do whatever it takes to protect her.

Both Sam and Nicole are afraid to trust their feelings of love after being hurt in the past. Will they let down their emotional walls and admit their love for each other, or lose any future happiness they could have together?

An exciting tale, *PERFECT TOGETHER*, the third book in New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Carly Phillips' *SERENDIPITY'S FINEST* series, is an intriguing, sensual contemporary romance that will keep readers avidly turning the pages to discover the outcome. Sam and Nicole are two vulnerable people who have been burned in the past. As much as they long for love, they are afraid to trust in their own instincts in any intimate relationships, so they avoid commitment. But as the title indicates, Sam and Nicole

are PERFECT TOGETHER and the chemistry between them is undeniable as they heat up the pages. Although this book can be read as a standalone, for additional enjoyment and further insight into the series, I recommend also reading the first two stories, PERFECT FIT and PERFECT FLING. A truly enjoyable read, PERFECT TOGETHER is a book you do not want to miss!

Dottie, RomanceJunkies.com

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### **Under the Covers Book Blog says**

The town of Serendipity is always one of my favorite to read! I was always a fan of Sam, but when we got the hint of who his heroine would be in the last book I wasn't sure how I was going to like it. Being that she is the sister of the girl that causes so much havoc in the previous book and in Cole's life. I have to say Carly Phillips pulled this one off perfectly!

Sam has commitment issues after his ex fiance left him standing at the altar and ran off with his best friend. He can't trust easily and is not interested in a real long term relationship. He doesn't even date all that much. But ever since he met Nicole when she came to her sister's "rescue" he's been fascinated. But then she left town and went back to Manhattan so he didn't think anything would come of that lust.

Nicole has her own issues and she decides to leave her life of privilege back in Manhattan and move to Serendipity to start fresh. And giving in to her chemistry with Sam is one of those steps.

Speaking of chemistry, I loved Sam and Nicole together. They were cute and comfortable around each other. Yes, there's the hot factor too, but the ease they felt when they were together was a pleasure to read. Their relationship developed at a normal pace and I enjoyed going on this ride with them!

I also loved the side story with Macy and Tyler!! There were times when I kept wanting their scenes to go on longer.

Even though I can't say Sam is my favorite brother, this book was just perfect for him!

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### **My Book Addiction and More MBA says**

When Nicole realizes that what she has with her fiancé Tyler isn't the passionate love she's looking for, she decides to call off her wedding and head to the one place that has made her feel comfortable, Serendipity. Knowing that people there might need to be won over due to the episode with her twin sister, Nicole sets out

to create a new, and better, life for herself. But even starting over isn't that easy. She's overheard a conversation between Tyler's Dad and someone else that eludes to some illegal activity regarding her father and Tyler's father's company and knows she must decide how to handle the new information. But in the meantime, she reconnects with the one man who gives her butterflies in all the right places. Sam. Nicole and Sam begin a physical, no strings attached relationship, but as things always seem to go, emotions do get involved. Especially the more they learn about each other's past. Nicole has broken an engagement and Sam, well, he was left at the altar. As they try to keep their relationship simple, they begin to realize it's anything but. Especially when Nicole's ex-fiance shows up in Serendipity determined to win her back. Can Sam and Nicole defy all odds and manage to be "Perfect Together"?

A wonderful story by Carly Phillips. The characters in this novel seem so real; they are very easy to relate to. I enjoyed the story between Nicole and Sam and loved how their relationship experiences gave them something to overcome. The added drama about her father's company and Tyler being in Serendipity really helped to keep the plot moving fast and gave it a sense of mystery/action. I also enjoyed the side story between Tyler and Nicole's friend Macy and hope that we will see these two characters in another novel! Even though this is the third (and final) book in a series, you certainly don't have to read the others to understand the plot of this novel (this was my first one in the series and I didn't have any trouble following along!). I found this novel to be highly entertaining and would recommend reading this book and others by Carly Phillips.

Rating: 4.5

Heat Rating: Mild

Reviewed by: AprilP

Courtesy of My Book Addiction and More

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### **Nora-adrienne says**

I totally loved this book. I can even see some of my own family members in the cast of the story. Carly Phillips truly knows how to create what I believe are real live stories.

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### **Anne - Books of My Heart says**

I really enjoyed this book and this series. Because I have read all the previous books it was great to see the characters from them and their progression. I loved the honesty and integrity of this couple. They were heartwarming and sexy together. This is a great, easy read. I am not one to read a book from a series as a stand alone and I wouldn't do that here. It would take away some of the enjoyment not having that knowledge of some of the characters and this world. The next book looks set up; we will see. Maybe this is the end of this series. It is perhaps my favorite series of this author.

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## Betty says

<http://www.newandusedbooks.com/index....>

Perfect Together (Serendipity's Finest)

By Carly Phillips

Berkley

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When Nicole Farnsworth's twin sister, Victoria, was in Serendipity [see Perfect Fling] – she caused a lot of problems for a lot of people, and Nicole was sent to bring her home. Victoria is now hospitalized for her bipolar disorder. Nicole has broken off her engagement to Mike Stanton who is the son of her father's business partner. Victoria knows she doesn't love Mike, and now she has stumbled onto the fact that his father is laundering money for mob connected companies so her life may be in danger. Nicole returns to Serendipity and hopes to make a connection with Detective Sam Marsden.

Sam had been attracted to Nicole when the lady came to get Victoria, but didn't think he would have another chance to get to know Nicole. But, hey she's here and coming off of a broken engagement and not looking for anything permanent, and neither is Sam since he was literally dumped at the altar by his ex-fiancée. Sam and Nicole have a great no-strings relationship until Mike Stanton shows up and vows he will stay until she agrees to take him back. While he is waiting for her, Mike finds Macy Donovan interesting. For someone who doesn't want a permanent relationship, Sam sure gets his dander up when Mike gets near Nicole.

Carly Phillips always knows how to show a reader a good time with her outstanding characters, wit, and romance. Nicole and Sam learn to trust their feelings again, and when Nicole's life is threatened it brings out the tough cop – and the tender lover – in Sam.

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