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Summer Flambe' (The Rachael O'Brien Chronicles) (Volume 2)



Synopsis

Book two of THE RACHAEL O'BRIEN CHRONICLES, a novella, details Rachael's summer back home working in the family art restoration business, where chances of hooking up with her college crush hover between slim and none. Weirded out as her father's relationship with a ditsy young aerobics instructor heats up, Rachael soon finds herself living under the same roof with both of them. But that cannot compare with the shockwave of her mom showing up with her new traveling-psychic 'partner', which sends life into warp-speed wackadoo. The theft of an eccentric client's painting throws her another mind bender by unraveling a family secret and propelling Rachael into the arms of a wanted man. A tangled thread of personal discovery, heartache, and resiliency ignites in Paisley Ray's SUMMER FLAMBÃ%..

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Customer Reviews

I have fallen in love with Razz (Rachael O'Brien) and her gang of Southern misfits. Even though this book takes place in her hometown in Ohio and it has that Southern charm written all through it. Razz is finally home for summer break and trying to figure out what has happened with her mother, trying to accept her father's new girlfriend who is closer to her age than her father's, and trying to figure out how she is going to lose her virginity. Razz's mother, Maeve, has gone overboard with the psychic melodrama and brought a suspicious woman, Betts, who claims to be an aura reader, into Rachael's family life which doesn't set well with Rachael. Hilarity ensues when things happen

between her, her mom and Betts, the crazy psychic and it turns out the person who is really on her side is the last person she expected to be. All the while, Rachael's suspicion towards Betts grows and she goes snooping to find out if this woman is full of it. What she finds makes her suspicion grow and her fear her mother is being brainwashed heightens. Within all the craziness and snooping, there is a touching long lost reunion which brings warmth and a happy fuzzy feeling in this book. Towards the end of the book Rachael realizes there is a tie in to New Bern, NC (from Deep Fried and Pickled) and has figured things out and why the art piece has been stolen. This is one of those series you don't see often, it is filled with humor, 1980s memorabilia, and great friendships. Ms. Ray has used her wit and cunning in this series and I laughed most of the way through both books. The only complaint I have is that I have to wait another couple of months until the next book in the series comes out!

Fortunately, I read - and thoroughly enjoyed - the first book in this series. I would recommend that there's a notation to read these in sequence as there are many cross-references to Book 1 which could be a bit misleading. Rachel's character continues to evolve very believably. And her summer vacation was a perfect flow to her original, with new and old friends skillfully entertained. I have only one complaint - I'm so engrossed in this story that I'm not getting my other projects done - off to Book 3!

I must say, I didn't think I'd enjoy this book as much as the first. I really enjoyed the college adventures in the first book and thought "oh, now she's home" but it was just as fun of a read as the first! I flew through this book and have already begun installment #3. Looking forward to following this series to the end.

Thank goodness I took a chance on this, the second book in The Rachel O'Brien Chronicles. After I'd read the first, I swore I wouldn't ever read another. Then, the combination of another few reviews and a second freebie tempted me to try another "serving". It's "Froshmore", the summer before Rachael's return to school for her second year. She's working for her father and dreaming of Clay, her almost boyfriend, and developing a bit of a roving eye. However, she just can't shake New Elm and stolen/forged art. She's at least tolerating Dad's girlfriend, and then comes home one afternoon and MOM has returned, along with the woman who got her to leave in the first place. Along with an attempt to find out why she left, Rachel finds out some other things she's not so sure she wants to know. Good things happen during all this: turning 19 helps her be seen as responsible and more

mature to her family and friends. The work she does for her Dad gives her a bonus in time to go back to school...where the next book begins her Sophomore year. I have done a 180- I'm looking forward to the next book.

It was a cute story and would have been a fine read, but there was no resolution to the story. I don't like reading a soap opera that is continued and I'm not sure when I will get to read more.

I enjoyed the second book in the series. Rachael is home for the summer and not her happiest. Her father is still dating much younger Trudi and her mother is still not back. Plus one person is still on the loose from her adventure in New Been. Read what happens over the summer to Rachael.

I really like her books. Interesting characters and crazy plots. Reminds me of a younger Stephanie Plum, just trying to live her life and all kinds of crazy things happen to her and around her. She always seems to handle adversity well, even if she gets hurt solving the mystery.

I have truly enjoyed each book in the Rachael O'Brien series. There is just enough factual information mixed into the fun and wrapped up with a bow filled with memories from the 80's. It is hard to believe that the author is not from the south. As someone that was born and raised in the South and has ties to each of the towns she mentions in her books, I will say that Paisley Ray understands the importance of the small details. I do think the series should be read in order, otherwise you will be a bit confused. Each book is easy to read and to follow on its own, but you will get much more out of it if you know the background.

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