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A Brand new Standalone, Second Chance Rom Com from Friendship, Texas featuring Country Music's Biggest Superstar, Eddie Justice and Friendship's resident author, Brook Carrington.

"Rhonda, pst, Rhonda is that the Carrington girl? The writer who was at the bakery with that country singer Eddie Justice? I thought she was in Austin?" one of the old church ladies not-so-subtly asked the woman next to her.

I rolled my eyes and Clay looked at me with a mischievous grin. Slowly I stretched my arms over my head and leaned toward my brother, not so quietly whispering, "I can't wait to get out of church so I can go home and get some Eddie Justice man meat."

The old ladies gasped and started whispering. They didn't need to know that Eddie and I had only ever been next door neighbors and friends, well until we spent the night breaking a tree branch, if that counted for anything.

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Grace says

I was literally 5 pages into this book and already hating the heroine. She has a boyfriend she has been with for 8 years, is living with and who has proposed to her. She goes on to openly admit that, while she has always been "it" for him, she has basically just been using him to pass the time. Oh yeah, and he has been supporting her both "emotionally and financially" since college. She doesn't even have the grace to feel guilty about any this, or give a straight answer to his proposal. I know, pretty sick. Once reunited with her "best friend," the country music star who left town and never contacted her again for 10 years and who has recently been through a humiliating break up with his "long time girlfriend," he tries to sell her on the "it's always been you" story. He apologizes for not contacting her. Does she respond to this in the most obvious and human way possible, by asking WHY he never contacted her? No, she does not. DNF.

Jessica Raley says

I received an advanced copy for an honest review. I loved this book. I will be buying this book even though I received it for free because I want this author to write more about Friendship Texas. I loved the characters from Edge of Glory which was the first book in the Friendship. You do not have to read it first but I would because it adds even more depth to this book because you care about the characters before you even meet them. This book focuses on Eddie and Brooke and makes me laugh and feel for them. They were best friends growing up and it shows and I am so glad that they come back together in this book. I had so many laughs and smiles my face hurt. I tried to keep swiping pages because I didn't want this book to be done.

Aaly says

*** I was given an ARC for an honest review. ***

Just love this series, there's definitely something in the air in Friendship, Texas.
So glad to have finally Eddie and Brooke's story.

Review to come!

Paula Phillips says

Growing up Brooke Carrington and Eddie Jared were the best of friends as was their parents. Eddie didn't have many friends being a bit of an outcast, but it was alright as him, and Brooke were two peas in a pod, and everyone thought they would be destined to end up together. Though life and dreams never go exactly to plan as Eddie was blessed with an amazing voice and when they old enough Brooke took Eddie to a singing audition which he was picked up by a record company, and soon he became Eddie Justice. Whereas Brooke Carrington went on to become a famous author, though her books were considered formulaic fiction as she pumped out whatever was popular at the time from Stepbrothers to Rock Stars. Life hasn't been going too great for Brooke and then she's called home as her Dad has passed away. As her life takes a turn, she realizes that it is home where she is meant to be. During this time, Eddie is finding the life of fame and fortune is

getting to him, and he too returns home. Neither he or Brooke have spoken to each other in about ten years. However, despite not chatting for that long the undeniable chemistry is still there and who knows it might be fate pushing the pair back together by putting them both in the same place at the same time. Is this the second chance happiness that only happens in books? Has life given them another go at true love? What will happen though when Brooke finally gets the guts to write out her true love story, only to have Eddie feel betrayed - will she lose him once again and are they destined to be the fairytale romance that is always doomed never to work? Or will this be the wake-up call that they both need to re-evaluate their life's works and their priorities ?. Overall, I loved Rumor has it as it had my favorite things from Second Chance romances, the country feel musicians and authors not to mention friends to lovers storyline.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy then check out it Rumor Has It by Magan Vernon, a second chance romance which will leave readers swooning with happiness and gushy-filled emotions.

Logan Hr says

I really enjoyed this friends to lovers book! I can't wait to see what the series brings next!

Andrea Heltsley says

Awesomeness! I loved getting to know Brooke and Eddie. There were some really funny scenes, some romantic ones, and a little bit of steam. All the characters are interesting and I enjoyed reading little tidbits about them. It was also fun to see what characters might get their own Friendship, TX book. Romance writer and country singer was an original combo. My recommendation-Read! Five glittery stars!

Lauren - SERIESous Books says

****I received a review copy of this book in exchange for an honest voluntary review. All opinions are my own and not influenced by my source.****

Ever since we were briefly introduced to these two in the first book in the series, I've been curious about their story.

Second chance romances can be hard to write but I think Magan succeeds in delivering for the most part. We get plenty of flashbacks to the past so it helped define the relationship these two have and why they've always been drawn to each other. It was also great to get half of the story told from Brooke's POV and then from Eddie's. I personally would have liked to have seen more "present" day romantic interactions between the two--I felt like we focus a little too much on their individual developments--so I wasn't entirely sold on why they work as a couple now.

I think I'm in the minority as well when it comes to character likeability. I really didn't like Brooke as a

character at all. She came across as vain, somewhat shallow and shameless. I hated how she treated her current boyfriend, Drake, and how she seemed to lack any remorse about her feelings and actions towards him. To me, there was nothing redeemable about her and I felt like she didn't grow either by the end of the book (ie she didn't learn any lessons).

I liked Eddie though. He seemed a little more level headed. And of the two, I think he showed a little more growth by the end of the novel.

As for the audio production, I thought it was FABULOUS! Kassioplia DeVora was a great narrator--I was truly impressed by her narration. The accents were spot on; each character had a unique voice; and she did a great job singing as Eddie when the occasion called.

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Full Review: <https://wp.me/p7hLUw-1Dh>

Actual Rating: 3/5

Becca says

Magan Vernon returns to Friendship, Texas in Rumor Has It. This sweet, southern friends-to-lovers romance is lighthearted and full of feels, leaving my heart content and full of warmth. Brooke and Eddie are the boy/girl next door and their lifelong friendship often hinted at something more. When Eddie hits it big as the newest crooner on the country music scene and leaves for Nashville, Brooke is left brokenhearted. So even though this adorable couple never quite got a relationship off the ground, Magan Vernon infused their story with a second-chance romance vibe that served to make their journey that much sweeter. Their well established friendship and years of regret brought an emotional component to this book that captured my heart and held onto it as I rode out this rollercoaster ride alongside Brooke and Eddie. Magan Vernon has conjured up an unmistakable chemistry between these two that was instant and heady, making it easy to invest in this couple and the promise of their happily ever after.

One of my favorite things about this book was the honesty with which Magan Vernon created Brooke. As an indie author, Brooke struggled to come up with unique and compelling storylines and make her books a success. As we got to know Brooke, exploring her hopes and dreams and uncovering her insecurities and fears, I felt as if I was getting to know Magan a little bit better. I could sense the heart and soul that went into this character and it made it that much easier to relate to her. Eddie, on the other hand, was a little harder to read. While he seemed genuine in his feelings for Brooke, I had a tough time connecting to this character. I just wanted to shake him, yell at him for being so clueless, and slap him for not acting in a manner befitting his emotions. I appreciated the bit of insight we got into Eddie's high school days, his evolving feelings for Brooke and how he talked himself out of acting on them, but I needed something more in order to really understand Eddie's choices when it came to Brooke. This key piece of the puzzle just never really clicked for me, and it kept me from fully investing myself in our hero's journey.

Rumor Has It was a fast read for me. With the foundation of their lifelong friendship, the couple's emotions evolved fairly rapidly and it gave this book a fast-paced feel. Admittedly there were times when things were just too rushed and the storyline would have benefitted from a more in depth exploration of the emotions and issues brought forth by Brooke and Eddie's journey, but it didn't seriously detract from my overall enjoyment of the story. As I read, I found myself even more intrigued by the fictional town that Magan Vernon has created and I absolutely adored the way she so seamlessly integrated hints of Lia and Jay's story

throughout Brooke and Eddie's journey. The overlapping timelines really gave the two books in the series a sense of cohesiveness that had me ready for an Edge of Glory re-read. I'll definitely be back for more of this series, ready to dive into Magan Vernon's smart, sassy writing and anxious to see which couple we'll hear from next!

Heather says

Brooke and Eddie were best friends, inseparable until Eddie hit it big as a country music star. He left Brooke and their small town of Friendship, TX before graduation, leaving Brooke adrift and lonely. Ten years later, Brooke is back in town for her father's funeral and Eddie returns as well, smarting from a nasty breakup. Can the two pick up as friends after ten years apart, or do they have a chance at something greater?

This is the second book in the Friendship TX series, but I read it as a standalone. It's a sweet second chance romance, told half from Brooke's point of view, and half from Eddie's. I really liked Eddie, he's definitely not perfect but had a great character arc. I loved that Brooke was an author and that let us peek into the publishing business. I also loved the flashbacks to Brooke and Eddie's childhood, and both sets of parents, past and future, were adorable.

Unfortunately I had a really hard time liking Brooke, she was too self-centered for me. When we meet her, she and her family are standing outside the funeral home for her father's funeral, and her mom has to ask her repeatedly to put her phone away and pay attention. She doesn't show any emotion about her father's death until a few chapters later, I had assumed they were estranged. Then we flashback to a few days before the funeral, when she's packing to leave for Friendship. Her boyfriend Drake, a man she's been dating for 7-10 years and who has recently proposed, is desperately in love with her, and she can barely tolerate him. She acknowledges that he's been supporting her financially and emotionally since she left college despite the fact that she doesn't love him. When she finally calls Drake and he asks when she's coming back and if their relationship is over, she just hangs up on him. Later when Eddie mentions he's leaving Friendship for a few days to take care of some commitments, Brooke thinks that there's nothing for her in Friendship and she might as well leave, as if her newly widowed mother and six year old sister don't exist. There were so many times when she was intolerant to those around her, snarking about the church ladies and referring to Noah as "the deaf kid". I love reading about a bold woman with sass and brains, but Brooke was just too selfish. It wasn't a dealbreaker for me, I still enjoyed the read, but I do prefer a more likable heroine.

The narration was really well done, Kassiopeia DeVora did a great job. There were some singing parts and I absolutely loved them, she has a wonderful voice.

I requested a copy of the audiobook, and I'm voluntarily leaving a review.

Becky Rendon says

Rumor Has It that the guy over there, Eddie Jahid, is gonna be a super star...All those years ago, only one person pushed him to follow his dreams. One person bandaged his boo boos and took care of him. She was the girl next door and he left her behind without a trace. None of the promised phone calls, visits, or anything. He never came back.

Ten years mourning the "loss" of your best friend and unrequited love has left Brooke unable to move on. With the death of her father, she goes home to Friendship, Texas. What she finds when she gets there is more

than she bargained for.

With Eddie Jahid long gone, Eddie Justice comes home with his tail between his legs after a very embarrassing ordeal. But ten years is a long time gone and not everything is the same...

Rumor Has It has friends popping in everywhere. Of course it's a small town, so it's fun to see them all. It's even more fun to see Jay trying to work out his mess (see book one). I hope that you've had the pleasure of reading Edge of Glory but it isn't necessary. As connected standalone it won't kill you not to but...

Well Magan Vernon, has a great sense of humor. The witty comments and fun situations aren't out of place though maybe not the usual. I mean how many times can poor Jay, from Edge of Glory, drop his phone in the pool. I find myself with a giddy smile and chuckling throughout. This series is fun, flirty, and sweet. But don't let that word sweet deter you because everyone knows BB Carr writes smut and if you buy this book, you meet her right away

Book received in exchange for an honest review. Reviewed on behalf of Once Upon An Alpha

Laura Reading says

To be honest, this book started out a little slow for me, a little thin and immature.

By the time it finished, it was beefed up, more filling and as satisfying as a full Sunday dinner.

Told both in alternating viewpoints with flashbacks and plenty of argumentative sass, this is no easy, head over heels, fall for the local celebrity novel. These characters work for any happiness and satisfaction they can fit into their super busy lives.

If you think celebrity is all success and smooth flying, you'll know differently by the time you reach the end. Success may not be what you were dreaming about. Plus we get an inside look at the life of an author!

Teri says

Back in Friendship, Texas Brooke is there to deal with a death but also because things aren't going so well for her in Austin. Eddie took off and became a big star and never looked back. At least that's how it felt to Brooke for the ten years he was gone. I love our visits to small Friendship it's always a great read with loveable characters. No matter what your heart goes out to them even though you know they will work it out, this author always makes getting that HEA worth the read. Yes this is a stand-a-lone with no cliff hanger.

Boundless Book Reviews says

We are back in Friendship, Texas! never realized how much I missed it. Until, I jumped in to Rumor Has It.

There's something that's very sweet about these characters and this little town in Texas. I love a small town feel, maybe because I grew up in a small town myself. Brooke and Eddie have been best friends since the womb. But as we all know. Things change with time and people move away. But after 10 years, is there hope for them?

I liked the characters, though I wanted to punch Eddie a few times. He was so into his life, he didn't understand that others were hurting. Especially, one of them being Brooke. There's always those what if's. What if it doesn't work out? what if we hate each other? but what I loved about this story. Is the realness between these two. They have so much love for each other, if they could just get past their fears.

This story really had everything. It had the second chance romance. The steamy scenes, the heartfelt proclamations. Magan's writing is wonderful and it really touches into your heart. Feeling what the characters are feeling. Understanding them, knowing that and hoping that they get through their struggles. That's what I think any reader really wants. Those are the best stories to read.

Overall, I give this amazing, heartfelt genuine story Five Boundless Stars...Lissa

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Monica Graves (nightreads) says

4.5

This story was super cute! Lots of funny moments. The characters went through a lot and they deserved their ending!

I'm excited to keep reading more in this series

Lissa Rice says

****5 Boundless Stars**** Full Review and Rating will be up at Boundless Book Reviews
