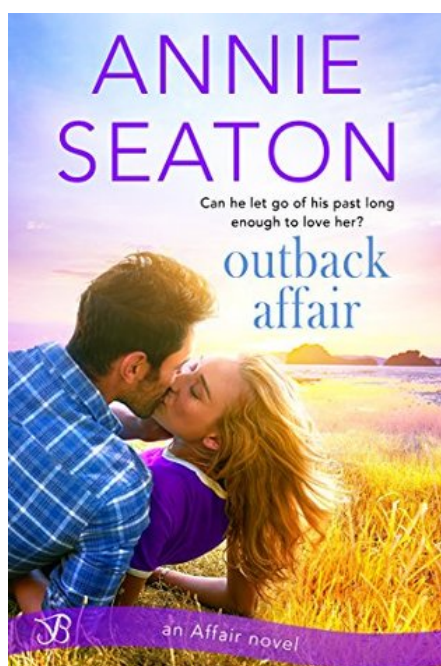




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Jenny says

Outback Affair is a sweet and at times funny romance story by Annie Seaton. Jessica Trent travelled from The United States to interview the recluse Mr Ricardo the manager director of a well known Northern Territory Resort Bush Cooking School at Cockatoo Springs. However, on the way to the resort, Jessica met Alex Richards, a local fisherman and sparks flew between them. Jessica not knowing about the wet season in the Northern Territory needed to ask Alex to take her to Cockatoo Springs.

The readers of Outback Affair will enjoy the way Annie Seaton describes the trip to Cockatoo Springs and at times will not be able to stop laughing. The way Annie Seaton incorporated the Alex's English Staffy Bowser into the story was brilliant. All readers of Outback Affair will enjoy the conclusion of this book and wish it would happen to them.

Reading Outback Affair, readers will learn that keeping secrets does not always benefit the parties involved. However, it worked out in the end. I recommend this book.

Desere says

I have always loved a determined heroine and if there ever was a totally awesome one, it's Jessica Trent! And we all know that impulsive actions sometimes when lucky, lead to awesome adventures.

Jessica is dead set on getting away from her current very unlikable miserable job and at the same time she will get her controlling father out of her hair.

She jets off to Australia and once there ends up having the time of her life with scrumptious you-have-stolen-my-heart Alex Richards.

The adventure is as much fun as it's 'this is so not what I signed up for', only when it ends and Alex reveals the truth of his real identity it all comes crashing down and Jessica realizes this is one impulsive plan she will always regret, unless Alex can convince her to come back into his arms.

The main characters were beautifully written and both took my breath away. Annie Seaton has a unique talent at taking two completely opposite characters and weaving them, their emotions and heart-ships into perfect alignment.

I adored each and every part of this book. The backdrop settings were vividly described and blended in with the emotions of the characters so well, that the characters themselves very well could have been the backdrop without even speaking a single line!

I recommend this read for all fans of romance reads that transports you to a world of romance down under.

5/5 star review

"Writing her very own Outback Affair"

Ayekah says

great read. the banter between these two was priceless. Alex needed a good swift kick in his backside

Susanne says

Outback Affair Review

Chasing an exclusive interview with the elusive Alessandro Ricardo, Jessica Trent's lack of organisational skills lands her in the middle of the outback instead of at the luxury Cockatoo Springs resort. Fisherman, Alex Richards, feels compelled to offer her a lift to the resort when he realises how unprepared she is to face the dangers of the outback. Having been blindsided by previous partners, neither is ready to trust their feelings for the other and both hide their real identities. But the journey through the Australian outback strips away the masks as their attraction grows.

Annie Seaton's lush description brings the dramatic Australian outback to life. It is a place for honesty and Alex and Jess discover their very real attraction for one another during an overnight stay at one of the hidden gems of the country. The waterfall scenes are some of the loveliest and funniest I've read and will no doubt do much for tourism to the outback! Deft touches of humour make Alex a seriously hunky and desirable partner, but Jess, with her sassy mouth and courage in the face of all the outback (and Alex) throws at her will win your heart. They deserve their happy-ever-after when it finally arrives.

I have to say that I also love the wonderful secondary characters at the resort, Alex's family and his friend, Mitch, whose story I would love to know too. Oh, and Bowser, Alex's brindle Staffy dog is delightful. The scene at the heliport brought tears to my eyes. Annie Seaton's writing is delicious but it is her wonderful characters that will draw you in time and again. They are real and honest and their witty repartee is completely engaging. You can read the stories of Alex's gorgeous older brothers in Holiday Affair and Italian Affair too. This series has been wonderful.

Calatasde says

Jessica flies out to Australia in hopes of snagging an interview with the elusive and much sought after Alessandro Ricardo. She feels this is her in to Cuisine magazine, kick-starting her career into journalism. She wants to get away from her current job, which she despises, and comes with strings attached to her rich and controlling father. Jess plans to weasel her way into an interview, however she can, keeping the fact that she's journalist hidden until she corners Alessandro, and accomplishes her mission. She sucks at planning ahead and so she doesn't realize, because of rough terrain, it's very hard to get to the resort he is staying at. This is how she ends up at the mercy of Alex Richards an Aussie fisher and Outback expert, trailing through the dangerous Outback with him.

I had high hopes for this story. I loved the idea of this story being set in the Australian Outback, the beauty and danger sounded like a thrilling setting, and it was to a certain extent, but I really thought there would be more danger, and adventure. Yet, that wasn't my problem.

He kept going on about teaching Jess a lesson in honesty, yet he hides his identity for most of the book! Other than this, I like the book. Now I'm thinking reading author's other books.

Monique says

Disclaimer: I received this ARC from the publisher in exchange for an honest review. All opinions expressed are my own.

This review also appears on my blog All The Bookish Love

Jessica Trent is stuck in a job she hates; doing something she didn't want to do with her journalism degree. Working at Cuisine magazine would be her dream come true, if only she could bag an interview with the elusive Alessandro Ricardo. Stuck in the Outback of Australia, she has to rely on a sexy, rugged fisherman to get her to her destination in one piece. Enter Alex Richards.

This book was perfect. The chemistry that flowed between Miss America and the Outback Hero was so intense. I was hooked from the first page and couldn't wait to get to the end. From the way Alex tried everything in his power to keep her from finding out the truth about him, to the way she kept on trying to do her job, to the fantastic love scenes this book just flowed. In fact at one point I forgot I was reading and just had a movie playing in my head.

The two characters are such complete opposites, that it's actually a huge surprise that they have so much chemistry. Jessica comes across as a bit of a snob, she really wants a manicure and she's horrified by the idea of camping out in the Outback. Alex on the other hand is ready and prepared, it is quite clearly depicted by his "boy scout glove department." From bug spray to condoms, you name it and he has it in there.

What really cracked me up was His Hotness himself up in tree in only his underwear.

"Oh my God! The water splashed as she slapped her hands on top of it. "I so wish I had my camera. I could write the best article about the Aussie outback and its heroes...in their underwear. Alex looked down at his Calvin Kleins. "You won't find it so funny if the boar decides to settle his family in here for the night."

All in all, this was a fantastic book, and it definitely prompted me to get more of Ms Seaton's books.

Sandy S says

3.5 stars--

ABOUT THE BOOK:

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a one-on-one with the reclusive Alessandro Ricardo, a man hell-bent on staying out of the limelight. The last thing she expects as she heads to Crocodile Springs resort in northern Australia is to end up traveling across the Outback with a rugged and far too sexy barramundi fisherman.

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REVIEW: OUTBACK AFFAIR is the third instalment in Annie Seaton's contemporary, adult AFFAIR clean, romance series. This is American writer Jessica Trent, and Australian Alex Richards (aka chef Alessandro Ricardo's) story line. OUTBACK AFFAIR can be read as a stand alone without any difficulty.

Told from dual third person perspectives (Jessica and Alex) OUTBACK AFFAIR follows the building relationship between American 'food' writer Jessica Trent, and former lawyer, fisherman and chef Alex Richards aka Alessandro Ricardo. Hoping to garner an exclusive interview with the notorious Australia chef Alessandro Ricardo in Cockatoo Springs Resort in Australia, American writer Jessica Trent heads Down Under, ill-prepared for everything the Outback has to offer. Without hardy transportation or the proper clothing, Jessica will accept a ride from a stranger who happens to be heading in the same direction as our story line heroine. Enter Alex Richards, lawyer, fisherman and professional chef, and the man with whom Jessica will fall in love. What ensues is a comedy of errors as Jessica gets her first taste of the Australian Outback, and the potential fall-out when Jessica learns that the man with whom she is falling in love has been lying to her about his identity all along.

OUTBACK AFFAIR is a sweet and sexy romance between two people who keep secret the truth about the who, what and why. Upon meeting Alex, Jessica will lie about her reasons for heading to Cockatoo Springs; and Alex will lie about his true identity. Their quick building romance will falter when the truth is revealed, and Jessica is unwilling to live through another heartbreak that is sure to destroy her soul. The premise is endearing; the romance is cute and fun; the characters are colorful and charismatic.

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Nicola says

Combine the Australian outback, a rugged bloke's bloke Aussie and a New York journalist better suited to the glitz and glamour of the city rather than crocs and billabongs, with banter, flirting, humour, a few secrets and you've got a book that will warm you up as the winter approaches.

Now, I've just discovered that this is the third book in the 'Affair' series. Not that it really mattered as it could easily be a standalone, but I love my Aussie men (all we British women do, I think it's genetic) and I need to find out whether the sexy charm is a Richards family trait. Because Alex? Oooo. He's all man; outdoorsy, to the point, tough man exterior but underneath is a protective gent who loves his dog. Jess is a determined strong lady, but is a bit out of her depth on the trail for her career changing article. She doesn't know he's her subject matter, he needs to keep it from her. Any way he can...

I loved them both. Opposites do attract and their banter was snarky, fun and flirty with a lot of sexual build up between them. But considering how it seemed to really be ramping it up towards it, there wasn't a great deal of sexy action; whilst it was a captivating read, I was a little disappointed. And I felt it ended a bit quick and certain elements seemed forgotten about. It was fitting, but I would've like a little more.

Nevertheless it was still a lovely book and, if you like a well-written romance, in a beautiful setting with a wonderful couple who have some fire about them, then this is one to read. I'll certainly be reading the previous books in the series.

I received this book as an ARC from the publisher for an honest and unbiased opinion.

Tracie Runge says

Outback Affair is a sweet, adventurous romance. Jessica Trent is a strong woman who is determined to secure an interview with the elusive Alessandro 'Alex' Ricardo. Alex is not known to give interviews or photos and that is where this great adventure begins. I enjoyed this story and would recommend this book and series to readers

Liesbet says

A lovely and compelling read! I'll definitely read more from this author.

Amanda Adams Steward says

ARC provided by NetGalley.

This was a sweet and loving romance. This is the first book I've read by this author. And I'll definitely read more.

♥Rachel♥ says

2.5 Stars

The Outback Affair set in the Australian Outback and featuring an antagonistic romance was a story I was eager to sink into! Unfortunately it didn't live up to my expectations.

Jessica flies out to Australia in hopes of snagging an interview with the elusive and much sought after Alessandro Ricardo. She feels this is her in to Cuisine magazine, kick-starting her career into journalism. She wants to get away from her current job, which she despises, and comes with strings attached to her rich and controlling father. Jess plans to weasel her way into an interview, however she can, keeping the fact that she's journalist hidden until she corners Alessandro, and accomplishes her mission. She sucks at planning ahead and so she doesn't realize, because of rough terrain, it's very hard to get to the resort he is staying at. This is how she ends up at the mercy of Alex Richards an Aussie fisher and Outback expert, trailing through

the dangerous Outback with him.

Alex is none other than Alessandro, a fact that he keeps hidden from Jess. He set the fake identity up to stay out of the limelight and keep his life private. He plans on teaching Jess a lesson in honesty, by taking her to the resort and then letting her be disappointed when she can't find or interview Alessandro. Also, he relishes the fact that this city girl will experience some culture and comfort shock traversing through the unforgiving Outback.

I had high hopes for this story. I loved the idea of this story being set in the Australian Outback, the beauty and danger sounded like a thrilling setting, and it was to a certain extent, but I really thought there would be more danger, and adventure. Yet, that wasn't my problem.

My main issue was with the development of Jess and Alex's relationship. First of all I didn't really care for Alex for most of the book. He kept going on about teaching Jess a lesson in honesty, yet he hides his identity for most of the book! Hypocritical if you ask me. Jess is nothing but a sweetheart to him and they do form a connection, but he keeps going back to being ticked that she's trying to slip in and interview him. Which I didn't find all that reprehensible, but maybe that's just me. Also, both Jess and Alex have a painful history which factors heavily into their feelings for each other, yet neither one of them share their stories through the entire book. Their relationship was built basically on nothing but a superficial knowledge of each of other and an attraction I didn't quite feel.

I did see other positive reviews for this story, so maybe it's just me, so be sure to check them out before making your final decision.

A copy was provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Isha Coleman says

Ms. Seaton saved the best for last. Of the three novels in the Affair trio, The Outback Affair is my favorite. Alex and Jess foray into the uncharted waters of trust is full of secrets. She has to decide is furthering her career worth risking her own happiness. He has to decide if falling in love is worth the risk of heartache. The secrets may be more treacherous than the terrain at their feet and the predators that litter their surroundings, but the complications are what adds to the mysterious dynamic of the almost tragic love affair.
