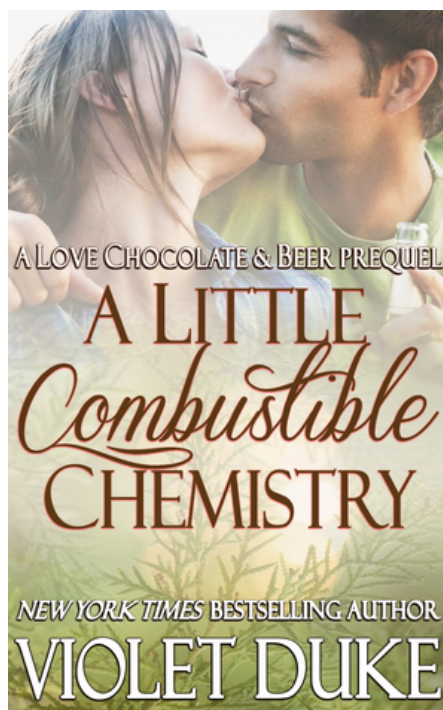




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Man, oh man, was he in trouble...

If the girl-next-door-had an unpredictable, feisty twin sister, this woman would be her. Though she'd doused it quickly, a sizzling, ultra-feminine awareness had flared in her eyes in that brief moment they'd met his, along with a sweet blush she'd fought with adorably, stubborn defiance. Damn, she was cute. And intriguing. With that quiet, kitten gaze of hers still mulishly refusing to look his way again, she was drawing him in, hook, line, and sinker.

Holy Hefeweizen...

It was bad enough that the faint scent of one of her dark ales was lingering on his lips in that sexier-than-sin sort of way, but candying it atop steamy eyes and a gentlemanly sweet center to boot was just plain unfair. He was cowboy-in-the-city sexy with a laughing smile and all sorts of promised temptations radiating from him. And he always smelled like chocolate. With his scorching hot gaze, he was completely lethal to everything that kept her tame.

The night Luke and Dani met, they really should have gotten each other's last names. More importantly? Each other's occupations.

See how the chocolate vs. beer throwdown between chocolatier Luke Bradford and beer brewing beauty Dani Dobson gets started in this prequel novella to LOVE, CHOCOLATE, AND BEER.

*****NOTE FROM AUTHOR: THIS PREQUEL IS NOW TOGETHER WITH BOOK #1: LOVE, CHOCOLATE, AND BEER AS A NON-SEPARATE FREE PREQUEL (meaning when you download Book 1, the free prequel will be at the start of it). IT HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD SEPARATELY SINCE DEC 2014. IT DOES *NOT* NEED TO BE DOWNLOADED SEPARATELY.*****

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BL says

Oh those are fighting words.

Let the games begin, this is a great start to a book that helps get you to understand these characters.

Brienne Dubh says

Review from website Escapology Reviews
escapologyreviews.com

After downloading Love, Chocolate and Beer to my beloved kindle I was pleasantly surprised to discover it was a two for one deal that included the prequel novella, A Little Combustible Chemistry. It also came with a note from the author that it was highly recommended to be read first. After reading both I couldn't agree more.

Straight away we are introduced to the smart and bold female brewmaster Dani Dobson and I must say I took to her right from the start. Running the family brewpub 'Ocotillos' she is a straight talking business women and the type of boss who was so cool and respectful that I found myself wanting to physically get into the story and get a job at her pub. Her good friend and second in command Xoey, is the sexy free spirit who comes in to give Dani a bit of a pep talk and us insight to her lack of love life , that's when Mr tall, sweet and sexy walks in.

Luke Bradford, the newest resident in Cactus creek is a chocolatier and all out romantic and with his business Desert Confections, next door to Ocotillos, he's Dani's new neighbor too. After seeing each other around town a few times they finally meet and there's definitely more than a little chemistry between them. The banter and humor between them during their first meeting is great and give you high expectations for what's to come between them.

Luke and Dani are good believable characters and easy to like with their sexy, flirty wordplay. Which is why I felt a little cheated when it came to their sexting. This is the fun part of the relationship where the two are getting to know each other and through their interactions, how we are supposed to get to know them. But instead of writing the messages between the two we get how they felt after reading the 'sext' from each other, which I thought was a shame and a waste of a good opportunity for chemistry building. We were told about this heat between them rather than shown it. I don't need the messages to be explicit but sexting could have been sexy without being graphic, just a bit more would have been nice. That said, there is still a plenty attraction between the two.

We are also introduced to Quinn who is Lukes business partner and another strong female character that you can't help but like. We are given a tiny bit of her history and it's obvious that there is a lot more to come from her. I enjoyed the interactions between Dani and Quinn and it was good to read something where smart women were talking to each other without the bitchiness and jealousy you get in some books.

Luke and Dani continue to get to know each other and after a couple of misunderstandings, some miscommunication, a bit of baiting and a lot more flirting a bet is made between the two regarding their

respective businesses. Danni reacts rashly to something and it's obvious this is going to cause problems further down the road for this couple.

As the line between business and pleasure quickly blur Luke, a hopeful romantic, is amused to discover that Dani thinks beer is more romantic than chocolate. After trying to school each other in their own brand of romance they decide to each work on a campaign leading up to Valentine's day to out romance the other and having the town bet on which is more romantic. And so the bet is on. It's Ocotillos vs Desert confections & Beer vs Chocolate.

It's a fun fast start to the series with likable characters and leaves you with a lot to look forward to.

Review by Brienne Dubh @ Escapology Reviews

LadyCalico says

What utterly vile putrid garbage! This is a very mean, ugly story containing some of the most mean, ugly, shallow, puerile, low-class, horndog characters ever to disgrace a mean, ugly story. If walking va-jay-jays without hearts, souls, or minds hooking up with walking dicks without hearts, souls, or minds is what passes for story, humor, and romance, then we as a nation have sunk ridiculously far into sub-human standards. Just what is an author's purpose of challenging herself to sink as low as possible into vileness, crassness, and ignominy--not like those are difficult goals to reach; after all, flies and cockroaches manage. This story is for dumpster dippers only, but only if they don't mind the flies and cockroaches.

MsChris1161 says

A LITTLE COMBUSTIBLE CHEMISTRY by Violet Duke is a brilliant introduction to her new Cactus Creek series. It is a smart, snappy, witty, steamy, and most of all a fun prequel to Love, Chocolate and Beer (Cactus Creek #1) that was just right at satisfying me with the novella and teasing me with the desire for more. As with Violet's Nice Girl to Love series I fell head over heels for her likeable characters mostly due to the natural and realistic feel of her writing style.

The key players are Dani Dobson, wildly popular brewmaster and owner of Ocotillos Brewpub. Born and raised in Cactus Creek, she is a second generation owner and extremely well-liked among the townfolk. She is also a bit of a workaholic, been burned in the romance department leading to a yearlong sexual drought, a girl-next-door type of sweet and a take-no prisoners businesswoman all wrapped up in one feisty package Luke finds impossible to resist.

Luke Bradford is a chocolatier extraordinaire who has moved his successful chocolate shop, Desert Confections, from Mesa to Cactus Creek after visiting and falling in love with the quirky small town. As the new kid on the block he has a lot to prove and a lot to lose. He is a sexy, smoldering, old-fashioned romance kind of guy who has his eyes fully focused on Dani. She can't stop the weak-in-the-knees reaction he causes in her with just the hot way he looks at her from across the room. And Luke's ready to pull out all the stops; flowers, private dinner, and candlelight all to find his way into Dani's arms.

To coin the title, their initial attraction and sexual chemistry is so intense it's combustible. They are on the same page with this from a personal perspective (the scene of their first encounter is quite delicious) and the sparks fly. Unfortunately from a business perspective they are at odds, and again the sparks fly. They are helped along, both personally and professionally, by coworkers and friends with sassy and quirky

personalities of their own. All combined for a quick entertaining read.

~I received this eBook from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Mitsy says

Yeah, I'm smiling and doing a little happy dance after reading about Luke and Dani! Wicked fun! Luke moves his chocolate shop next to Dani's brewery and the sparks fly. Oh, I love them. I love their banter. I love Quinn, Luke's longtime friend and business manager. I love Xoey, Dani's best friend. This is a really fun story. So great, I bought the first book off Amazon right away. I love it!

The writing is wonderful. I feel as if the author was smiling as she wrote. :) The short story just seemed to flow so perfectly. It's just that easy to love everything about this perfect beach read. Yes, I hope there will be many more books in the series.

Recommended for chick-lit and romance readers - of all ages. :-)

KimberlyDawn says

This is the prequel to the Cactus Creek series. Dani owns the bar, and Luke owns the chocolate shop. Their chemistry is amazing, but can they make more of it? I really enjoyed this prequel, and look forward to reading more about Dani and Luke. I definitely recommend reading it!

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

They have chemistry
Then find out other's business
They clash, make a bet

Very short freebie
To entice buying real book
I did, so we'll see

Kayla says

Short Story it maybe but it was jam packed with blood pressure raising scenes. I laughed and blushed a lot through the 71 pages of this prequel. Even better? At the end of it I was practically screaming for the 1st book! Whats better than Chocolate and Beer? Watching the steamy story unfold between the owners and

masters of each trade. When Dani and Luke met I became a complete female and practically sighed with envy and then quickly held my breath to see what would happen next with those two. They come together and it is almost spontaneous combustion. They are perfect for each other in every way! Violet Dukes is remarkable also gets you wondering about a few of the other couples in this prequel. This book is a PERFECT way to give you just a taste of what is to come in the 1st book. In fact since it is free on Amazon right now, I encourage you to click on the Amazon Book Page link above and purchase it! The prequel is also available for Free at the beginning of Love, Chocolate, and Beer [Book 1] if you want to just hop right from one story to the next. Dani and Luke may be the main focus now but I am anxious to get through book one to see how the relationships unfold around them as well.

Original post at: <http://babygotstacks.com/2014/03/17/a...>

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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This prequel is included in FREE book 1.

THE CACTUS CREEK SERIES:

BOOK 1: Love, Chocolate, and Beer [Luke & Dani] (includes: A Little Combustible Chemistry, Prequel)

BOOK 2: Love, Tussles, and Takedowns [Hudson & Lia]

BOOK 3: Love, Exes, and Ohs [Isaac & Xoey]

BOOK 4: Love, Sidelines, and Endzones [Grady & Sienna]

BOOK 5: A Little Holiday Meddling [Holiday Novella -- Noah & Katelyn]

<http://www.amazon.com/Love-Chocolate-...>

Fran says

I don't normally read prequels but this one was included in the actual book so of course I read it. :)

Sami ♥'s Books says

How cute! I can't wait to read the next one!

Karen Hrdlicka says

Great prequel to set up the series.

Lea says

It's hard to rate a prequel novella. This was an enticing start and I, of course, want to know more. But not much happened since it's a "how they met" story. Good writing and good chemistry.

Michal says

Mm-mmm, what a fantastic start to Dani and Luke's story! I love that we get a little backdrop before diving into Love, Chocolate & Beer, it really helped set it up.

Although I can't say much in the way of beer, (yet), I do love Cactus Creek's local brewmaster Dani. Her devotion to her brewpub and loyalty to her customers is as real as it gets. Beautiful inside and out we'll see if she can begin to discover that romance is in fact attainable.

And let's not forget Luke, chocolatier and new to Cactus Creek, he's completely dedicated to his work. And who doesn't love chocolate, right? Perhaps with his romantic ways he'll not only be able to spread love with his chocolaty goodness, but also manage to win over a certain brewmaster who's very reluctant towards the kind of romance he's all about.

This is only the beginning of what I believe will become a deep-rooted love for Cactus Creek and all its residents. And I'm glad it started with 'A Little Combustible Chemistry'. ^_^

Jessica *The Lovely Books* says

Dani and Luke are definitely different from the good girl series! I know I'm going to be looking forward to more one on one with the two.

Dani=beer

Luke=chocolate

Hm, how exactly will this work out between them?!;)

Guess you have to read the full length novel Love, Chocolate, and Beer to find out.
