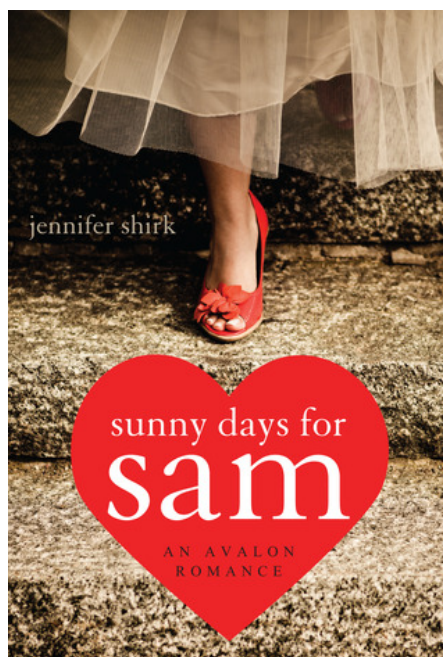




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Sunnyva “Sunny” Fletcher is a firm believer in fairy tales. With the recent debt she’s acquired, the hope of something magical happening in her life is the only thing keeping her going. She needs a job fast. So when Sunny learns the sexy new vacationer in town is looking for a nanny, she starts to believe she just may have a fairy godmother after all!

Internet guru Sam Calloway is only in town for the summer and needs a nanny for his two small children. However, the beautiful and inexperienced Sunny is not exactly the kind of caregiver Sam has in mind. It doesn’t take long for Sunny’s tenderhearted and bubble-blowing ways to soon have the children—and Sam—enamored with her. She’s a dream come true. But after what Sam’s been through, he’s stopped believing in fairy tales long ago.

Sunny manages to work her way into Sam’s closed-off heart, but at the end of the summer, will the workaholic dad go back to his life in New York City, or will he decide his days are much sunnier here with Sunny?

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From Reader Review Sunny Days for Sam for online ebook

Kathy Jo says

Sunny Days for Sam is a cute, easy, fun read. Just what I was looking for today. Wished it was a little bit longer... but isn't that always the case for books we enjoy?! ;)

Carrie says

Sam, is a single father. His children, Emma and Cole, are his world even if doesn't always put them first. A busy man who has a business to run. Wanting to spend more time with his kids decides to take them to the coast for the summer. He doesn't trust easily, he's been used many times before and thinks that everyone is out for themselves, wanting what he can do for them and not him for himself.

Sunny, as cheerful and sweet as her name suggests, will take any job she can to get by and pay off her debt, as well to save to go back to college. After her grandmother got sick, she left school to devote all her time and energy taking care of the one person who was both a mother and father to her. After her death she was left with a huge debt. She doesn't believe in asking for help, even though at a drop of hat she would go out of her way to help others. Still a believer in fairy tales and happily ever after.

I found this book to be a pleasure to read. It's a very cute and light romance. A quick read that I finished in a few hours. Only really complaint I would have is that the book was just a little too short, I would have liked to read more of the characters. I would like to thank Jennifer Shirk for giving me the chance to read and review it.

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

Barf

Now that that's out of my system...

This was just...too hokey for me. I read the synopsis, so I knew before going in that it was one of those "eternal optimist meets formidable grouch" love stories. What I didn't know was its particular level of smarm, and how thoroughly uninspiring the romance was going to be. I didn't think romances even *came* this bland and boring. And some of it didn't even make sense. I mean, I understood that Sam was jaded about romance, and I understood *why*, but he judged a woman he didn't even know about something pretty specific. His five-year-old twins wander off and Sunny finds them alone and crying, so she stops and talks to them and says she'll help them find their dad, but then he shows up. Crisis averted. However, later, Sam thinks, **"Beautiful women like that didn't just materialize out of nowhere saying they had found your missing children out of the goodness of their hearts. Fat chance. She wanted something. In fact, he was surprised the "princess" hadn't asked him for some kind of reward for keeping his children safe."**

That was the first point where I did this:

But then I really thought about it, and you know what? I think he's right. I think it's probably a universal truth that the only women who ever help lost children merely out of the goodness of their hearts look like this:

I mean, come on, right? How in the hell could she have known whose kids she found? For all she knew they belonged to some bloated, drunk former porn star who lived in a trailer and ate spam right out of the can. *Somebody's* a little full of himself if he thinks absolutely everyone on the planet is able to recognize and identify *his* two brats.

What a douche, right?

I said the romance was bland, and I meant it. There is no sex. None. While I'm generally OK with that, even the kissing scenes, which are supposed to be hot, are about as scintillating as watching your grandparents kiss. You know, you see your grandma give your grandpa a peck and you think it's sweet, but there is absolutely no action in your pants from witnessing it? (At least, there shouldn't be.) Yeah, the romance is like that. Look, they kissed. *Yawn* next chapter.

Throw in some minor word usage issues and areas where the author seemed to have forgotten what she wrote a few pages ago, and you've got a real stellar read on your hands. For example, at one point she has Sam drop to his knees to add weight to the already oppressive drama...there's no mention of him getting up, but two or three pages later, he "sinks down" into a chair. How does one "sink down" into a chair from their knees? Also, his mother must be amazingly statuesque if Mr. Tall, Dark, and Handsome can look *up into* her eyes.

I can't. This book is just too silly.

Englishrose says

This was a wonderfully sweet book that makes you believe in the magic of love. Sunny is a wonderful character - finally a sweet girl that is actually someone you'd like your daughter to grow up to be like. Kind, loving and compassionate, she is a fun and sweet character. Sam is hurt, unsure of how to trust and love again. Their romance is fun and full of all those warm fuzzy feelings you always want to feel. A sprinkling of side characters add in some good depth to the story. Altogether it's a wonderful read and a breath of fresh air to have a book that says it's okay to have a happily-ever-after.

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Katie W says

What a darling story!! Sunny moved back to town to care for her dying grandmother and is left with a huge medical debt. She is working like crazy to get things paid off so that she can return back to college. When workaholic Sam moves to town for the summer with his two small kids and is in need of a nanny, Sunny

somehow manages to get the job.

I love how bright, sunny, and cheerful Sunny is. She's had a rough go in life, but she doesn't let it bring her down. Her name definitely fits her. Sam is cynical and super busy, but glimpses of his deep-down self shine through occasionally, giving the reader a view of how and why Sunny feels that spark of attraction. The kids are so cute and precocious.

I think my two favorite parts were the parade and the phone and when Sam realizes that not everyone is using him.

Content: some mild swearing.

Stephanie A. says

I never believe people who say a romance can be "too sweet," much like I don't believe them when they say that about a dessert, but this book absolutely is. The worst part is that it's packed to the gills with things to love, from the "Grumpy Dude is reluctantly charmed out of his grumpy hermit shell by an optimistic young streak of sunshine" trope to the heroine volunteering at the animal shelter in her spare time and bringing her rescued Golden Retriever to work. It's just that the writing itself is not very good, and everything is SO over the top indulgent that I had to stop practically every other page because I was so embarrassed.

There's nothing inherently wrong with a structure where conflict is solved in two second flats and everything works out perfectly -- I specifically picked this one out based on all the comparisons to "Enchanted" -- but I need it to feel possible, and not so much like a teenager's romantic fantasy that even I start saying, "I do not think guys think like this." I don't even know how to articulate the specific type of cringe it exuded, even as I marveling, "this is tailor made to include all of my favorite ideals ever." I don't know that I've ever seen anything quite like it, except possibly in very schmoopy fanfiction.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

This was a lot of fun, reminded me of a Romantic Comedy movie. I liked Sunny, even though she's had a hard life and is under a lot of stress she is still upbeat and positive. She is always willing to help and is just a genuinely a nice person. I liked Sam as well, he's a bit broody, but I didn't really think he was a workaholic. It seemed like the times she thought he was working too much was when he actually should have been working (during the week, during the daytime when she was there to watch the kids). I thought they had a nice relationship though and it progressed nicely.

Overall, just a fun read. I liked it and will probably be re-reading it.

Content

Romance: Clean

Language: Mild

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://longandshortreviews.blogspot.c...>

If a reader loved the film, *Enchanted*, then this story should appeal because Sunny's character is as chipper, optimistic and loving as a person could wish without being mired in over-sugary or tooth-ache inducing sweetness. *Sunny Days for Sam* is the kind of book that's perfect for a rainy day or when life hands you a platter of sour grapes. It's uplifting, happy and truly romantic.

There's a delightful cast of characters who bring this story to life. Credit goes to the author for some wonderful passages of descriptive prose and the creation of vibrant secondary characters. Kim, Sunny's best friend, comes to mind. She's key in prodding Sunny to action, to think about consequences or supporting her when the heroine is having her heart broken. She's pragmatic, feisty and means well. Other important secondary people are the hero's kids, Emma and Cole. They are the catalyst for much of what happens in the book. These children are not props; they're vibrant, provoking and adorable. I loved their dialogue, and how real they seemed to be. The best name in the whole book is, Flea. The author certainly had me perplexed as to his role. What a tease! Flea was a fun character and I enjoyed his contribution to the conflict. A real surprise was the grandmother. I was getting into the groove of not liking her and thinking the same things the hero thought. A friendly warning, Ms. Shirk is devious.

The conflict deals with personality clashes, assumptions and battered emotions. It has internal angst, disbelief and a lack of trust combined with two people who are so different yet so incredibly right for the other. There's misdirection, miscommunication and misunderstandings. In short, it's a story about people who experience what humans do in real life. And like the real thing, happy endings do happen, but sometimes the couple has to go through a lot to get there.

Like, meeting the bad guy, who isn't bad in a criminal sense. He's more like a sullen, bully of a child in a man's body doing stupid things and eventually gets stood up to. I'm not going to say who is involved in the eventual face-off but it certainly contributed the right amount of drama and emotional impact that made this story stand out.

All of this revolves around, Sunny, a down on her luck lady with dreams and hope. She makes the best of things whenever she can and doesn't take 'no' for an answer. Readers are going to get a kick out of how the hero and his children meet her for the first time. It's one of the reasons why I referred to the movie *Enchanted* in the first place. Unlike the movie, Sunny is very aware of the world, its pitfalls and the slimy snakes that populate it. Even with that knowledge, she refuses to let it poison her disposition. That steadfast positiveness actually takes strength of character to accomplish and Sunny has it in spades.

The role of the grouch goes to the hero, Sam. He doesn't intend to be. He doesn't even see it. His kids, as young as they are, are totally aware and try in their own way to make him hear them. But adults get mired in work and their own emotional pain so they get lost with no way of knowing that they are. How do you get a man so set in his ways to wake up? How do you approach him without incurring his wrath? There are no easy answers, same as real life. Sunny and the kids stumble about a bit until one fateful day, Sunny acts out of character. It shocked Sam. It made the kids cheer. And that is when the next phase of the romance began.

Equally heartfelt, completely engrossing and very emotional, the story of two people falling in love even when they've convinced themselves that they shouldn't or couldn't, is so well written, it was a breeze to read. I enjoyed getting to know Sam and Sunny. I liked their interactive dialogue as well as their internal monologues.

It's true that some readers may think everything gets smoothed out too easily or conveniently and I can see how that opinion might be formed. But I preferred the book as written. There are days when I can't handle harsh words or harrowing escapes and threats; where all I need and crave is a story that can take me to a different, softer place. There I can find enjoyment, entertainment and a reason to smile. I found all that in more in Sunny Days for Sam. The title is also a very clever play on words.

Pick up your own copy of Sunny Days for Sam for a sweet and refreshing change of pace. This book has characters that will touch your heart and a love story that is delightful. The eventual courtship of Sam and Sunny is filled with tender moments, wonderful laughter and wistful sighs. It's a definite pleaser.

Emily says

When Sunnyva "Sunny" Fletcher came back home to take care of her dying grandmother, she had not expected it would put her life in a stalemate. With the hospital bills piled up and needs to be met, she doubts even in twenty years she will be able to move past the mountain in debt, always one to look at the bright side though Sunny finds any job she can get her hands on and tries to chip away at it.

Sam Calloway maybe cynical about people, but his children mean everything to him. After their mother's death, Sam decides they need the summer away to create a new start. Knowing he will still have to work he decides to look for a nanny, but Sunny happens instead. In her adorable princess outfit, she bonds with his children at a theme park. Of course Sam doesn't realize that he manages to get her fired in a round a bout way, not sure that he is sane when he agrees to let her try to nanny for him, Sam finds that it is hard to resist the quirky woman who has a fresh outlook on life and if he isn't careful may just fall head over heels for her.

Adorable story, Sunny is a ray of sunshine to Sam's brooding cloud. Sam is an internet guru and used to being used by people, but he can't figure out Sunny's angle, probably because she doesn't have one. I liked that this was a light hearted story and you see Sam realizing that life is not all about work and he can create his own happiness. Wonderful read, Jennifer Shirk continues to entertain readers.

Review posted on Single Titles
<http://singletitles.com/?p=7660>

A. Bookzilla. says

This is a fairly short read, I read it in matter of hours.
One word comes to mind - it was sweet. A very sweet love story.

Sunny is exactly what her name is. She has all these problems, huge debt, working a thousand jobs to pay them off, but she doesn't let anything put her down. She is a real ray of sunshine and she has this effect on everyone she's around, it's no wonder everyone loves her.

And it's no wonder Sam eventually lets her break down those huge walls around his heart. I must say I liked his character more, it has depth to it. He is wary of everyone he meets because he is used to being used for his money and success. I was a bit annoyed at how he kept just making assumptions about Sunny, but his ex-wife really did a number on him, so it's understandable. He has a weird non-relationship with his mother that he let get out of control, I didn't really think she was one of those people who were using him, too.

Jennifer Shirk's writing is good, it's enjoyable and engaging, the characters were great and their interactions natural. It has a fairy tale-ish quality to it. And I love the word play in the title!

If you want a happy read and a sweet (and clean) romance, you should definitely check out Sunny Days for Sam. I wish it was longer but it still has substance to it, even if it's short. Definitely recommended.

Crystal (Books Are Sanity!!!) says

I just finished reading Sunny Days for Sam and I absolutely loved it! If you are a fan of fairy tales and happily ever afters then you will definitely like this book! Sunny is the main character and she is endearing, sweet and full of kindness. She is all around the best kind of person. Sam is a distrustful and hard-nosed businessman. Can he let go of the past and learn to trust again? Will Sunny be the one to change his hardened heart? Oh...I can't give anything away, I just have to say, you **MUST** read it for yourself! It is a fun and fast read! Take an afternoon, find your favorite reading spot, and take Sunny Days for Sam for a spin! You won't be sorry! Five stars!

I received this book for free and this is my honest review.

Jennifer Shirk says

THIS JUST IN:

SUNNY DAYS FOR SAM WON the Traditional category of the 2013 Golden Quill Published Authors' Contest!

Tara says

4.5--I loved this story!! Totally felt like I was reading the script of a romantic comedy movie. I just love when I can see the story unfolding like a movie in my head as I read it. :) I would have given it a solid 5 if there had been an epilogue. We all know how important those are to me!

I really liked Sunny's character. I thought she was sweet, spunky, relatable (other than the whole not being able to swim part), and really great with Emma and Cole.

I'm glad that the whole Sunny thinking Sam was a workaholic didn't last longer than it did. Honestly, I was thinking for a guy who owned a multi-million/billion dollar company, he sure spent a lot of time with his kids. I mean, what other bigwig would take his kids away from NYC for a whole summer? And it wasn't like he was working all hours of the nights...it was usually between the hours of 9-5--normal working hours. I don't know, I guess maybe if he had promised to take the entire summer OFF, yet still kept taking calls, then it would have been a different story...but I didn't think--based on the current circumstances he was in--that he was working ALL the time like Sunny felt. Anyway, I'm glad that didn't drag out longer than it did.

I thought the chemistry was great between Sam and Sunny. I loved being inside of Sam's head to see how he didn't want anything to do with love or becoming involved with Sunny, but he was so drawn to her at the same time. One of my favorite scenes was the day after they first kissed, when he showed up with the kids to the vet clinic because he just had to see her, and she was acting all aloof and they ended up arguing ("I'd like to discuss why we're suddenly acting like two characters in a Jane Austen novel!") :)

I thought the conflict of him feeling used and her feeling like she needed to be financially independent was handled pretty well, although as a "third party" seeing both sides unfold, I wanted to scream "just tell him/her

what's going on or how you're feeling!!" But that's reality...we don't always open up when we should for fear of being hurt/judged/used/etc.

Anyway, all in all, this was a really fun, enjoyable, clean read (other than a few "minor" swear words) that makes you believe in love all over again! It's the first book of Ms. Shirk's I've read...I immediately went and bought several of her other books. Loved her writing!

Books Mom says

This is a very sweet, funny and romantic story and I a lot of fun reading it. The heroine, Sunny, was sweet, a little quirky but a very loveable person. I liked the way her character was clearly defined in the first few paragraphs as we learned about her life, her job and her heart in a few very cleverly written paragraphs. I love it when I feel that I really know who a character is.

The hero, Sam, is a sad, withdrawn widower with two children. The children are adorable, but are real children with their behavior -- good and bad. I appreciated that. These children were neither perfect nor rotten, but just children. The way the children, their father and Sunny relate is very nice, lots of fun, and I caught myself smiling many times as I read; other times, I giggled. There was also some rather sad moments, but they were very necessary to the story line.

Although you knew there had to be a happy-ever-after since this is a romance, getting there was tricky, interesting and lots of fun to read. Watching the way each person had to come to grips with their own problems and learn to solve them was really fun.

For someone who is looking for a sweet, romantic story that will leave you with a happy heart, I would recommend this one highly.

Originally posted at <http://its-raining-books.blogspot.com...>

Susan says

I loved this book! If you are looking for a story to make you feel good and believe in love, SUNNY DAYS FOR SAM is the book for you! Once I started reading this book, I couldn't stop. I just had to know what was going to happen to sunny and Sam. I was afraid Sam was going to let his past get in the way and cloud his judgement of Sunny. I thought his mother had too much of an influence on his life. She surprised me. I can't wait to read more by this author! Great job Jennifer. Thank you for allowing me to read your book and I will recommend it to all my reading buddies!
