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One day I was be-bopping along jamming to the music in my head while wondering if my thighs could handle grabbing a cupcake on the way home. The next thing I knew, my entire world crashed and burned.

I used to wake up at night in a sweat, crying because I'd dreamt that my husband was cheating on me, or that he hated me, and resented my kids. He'd always hold me close and tell me it was all just a dream, that he loved me and our family and that he'd never let me go.

He was a f*cking liar.

Now I spend my days taking photos of scum just like him, trying to be a champion for other's being taken advantage of by the losers in our town, and my nights being a single mom to my beautiful twins.

I've got great friends who have my back, and a sexy, mysterious motorcycle man who keeps showing up when I need him. Maybe things are starting to look up, and one thing's for sure... There's always room for cupcakes.

WARNING: THIS BOOK CONTAINS FOUL LANGUAGE, SEX, SOME VIOLENCE, AND SHENANIGANS. IF NONE OF THAT BOTHERS YOU, GRAB A CUPCAKE AND READ ON!

Cupcake Series - Should be read in order

Always Room for Cupcakes

Cupcake Overload

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Cupcake Explosion

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From Reader Review Always Room for Cupcakes for online ebook

Paula Phillips says

I wasn't too sure what to expect from Always Room for Cupcakes as I have a few of Bethany Lopez's books on my Ipad to read , but haven't yet read them but I loved Always Room for Cupcakes and found myself really enjoying the main character Lila and her personality. Lila is what I could imagine Veronica Mars would be like if she was 30+ and was a single mother. After Lila's husband was caught cheating with whom Lila nicknamed "Starbucks Girl" , she got a job working for a PI. Tracking down other scumbags and low-level criminals and snapping as she had skills with a camera. The name for the book too comes from the fact that Lila's loves eating Cupcakes after her missions . In this book, Lila seems to be followed by Cade - a MC biker who as the book goes on becomes a sort-of protector from the bad stuff as Lila lately seems to find herself in the midst of trouble - this part reminded me of Stephanie Plum mixed with Izzy Spellman . Near the end, the book's tone does change from light-hearted PI novel to a bit darker when trouble gets too close to home for Lila - think mafia mob style. However, if you love HEA's then it does finish on a good note. If you love PI novels , laughs , romantic comedy and a bit of mystery along the way and some yummy Biker studs, then Always Room for Cupcakes by Bethany Lopez is the read for you.

Three Chicks says

Review by Trinetta Dungee

When I first saw the title of this book I wasn't sure what to expect; and considering the synopsis didn't give me too much I was more than a little skeptical. You know what they say "Never judge a book by its cover". Lila is a thirty-something divorced mom of twins just trying to make ends meet. When she's not working part-time in her bestie's bakery she doing undercover photography for the local P.I. Insert Cade, he just shows up on his bike one day and whisks Lila away while she's running from the latest perp who just happened to catch her snapping pics. And that's all I'm going to give you, the rest you'll just have to read for yourself and I highly recommend you read this book.

This is a departure from my normal romance-HEA reads; there's a little bit of mystery/crime-solving involved definitely some other things that I didn't see coming. The biggest departure is just the story itself, this isn't your usual "single mom-meets rich guy who sweeps her off her feet-angst driven-drama driven storyline. Not every love/romance story has to have a triangle, a jilted ex-lover, a really rich guy, etc. driving the storyline. Sometimes shit just happens, life gets in the way and two people just have to muddle their way through it all to make it work. And that is just what this was! I loved it!

Lila was going through her stuff, dealing with her emotions, managing her hatred for her cheating ex (a.k.a The Douche), but she was moving on. Cade is definitely a departure from her "type" and he keeps her guessing. C'mon be honest, who hasn't had that one guy that you meet, you hit it off but he seems a little evasive at times, gives you the best sex of your life, doesn't call or text the way you're used to and has you wondering just what the hell is going on? This was a "real character" she was someone you could relate to, she could be your sister, your cousin, your best friend, she couldn't even be you. Don't get me wrong, I love my love-swept, fantasy HEAs but this was great.

This is my first ever Bethany Lopez book, I can't quite put my finger on it but I absolutely love her writing style. The conversations between the characters seem so real, like I could insert myself and any number of my girlfriends into the scenario and it would be the exact conversations we have! What I also liked about it

was Lila was not a victim. Yes she was wronged but she also acknowledged her part in the failure of her marriage. Also, she had friends that didn't just agree with her, they gave her real feedback and made her pause to think. And through it all, she always makes time to indulge in a cupcake.

That's it, that's all I'm going to give you. Great story, great laughs.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

Okay first I have to say that I love absolutely love Bethany Lopez and her ability to tell a story like no other. I mean I was laughing my arse off as I was reading this book and I also did something I have never done in my life but I went out to the bakery down the road and bought some fresh baked cup cakes to eat while I read.

Lila is your normal wife and mother just living her life and raising her kids. Then one day she gets a wake up call that devastates her and breaks her normal family. After finding her husband cheating she decides she is going to get even and gets a job taking pictures of other cheating spouses. She is good at her job and lord have mercy she knows how to work that camera.

After every case she has a cupcake which I thought was great instead of having a drink or a cigarette my girl Lila has a cupcake! Plus she keeps running into her motorcycle hottie Cade. Man give me a hottie biker and a cupcake any day!

Heroesinbooks says

3.5 Stars

Lila becomes a photographer for a P.I firm after she catches her husband of twelve years cheating on her - she snaps a photo of him with his face between some other woman's thighs and subsequently her career begins.

There were parts of this book I really enjoyed. Lila is really likeable and the style of her character (and the story) reminded me of Kristen Ashley's Rock Chick series. Cade is the hero and I was totally on board with all his b*****s alpha ways....the guy is HOT. The story is interesting and I have to say I was not expecting the dark turn of events or the degree of violence that went with it.

I thought the scene with her son where she finds him watching something on the computer was not necessary. Also thought if my ten year old was watching what her ten year old was watching I would be really worried but it was played off as normal. Maybe that's just me.

Secondary characters are great and I'm glad there are more books to find out more about Lila, Cade and the rest of the gang.

HEA? More HFN
Cheating? No

Robin B says

3.5 stars.

Overall I liked. I'm calling it a light romantic suspense. It's easy to read, not very heavy for the most part. One fairly graphic suspenseful/violent scene, but I enjoyed it.

I had a few minor issues. But one big problem I had was with the ending. It left a lot to be desired. It also left quite a few plot holes wide open. It felt like the author was more concerned with trying to get a set up going for a possible second book (no cliffhangers or anything) but in the process left numerous plot holes open that really should have been tied up or resolved.

Bette Hansen says

I enjoyed this fun little read. I really like this author's writing style. Her stories are laced with humor, have fun sexy times, and leave you with a smile. This book is no exception. I loved Lila and how feisty she was. She's foul mouthed, outlandish, and completely hilarious. After discovering her douche of an ex was cheating on her she takes a job photographing other douches and proving their infidelity. One job though turns out to be a bit more than she bargained for! Lucky for her she has caught the eye of a motorcycle riding hottie who comes to her rescue every time she finds herself in trouble.

This is truly an entertaining read and a book I highly recommend!

1-Click Addict Support Group says

If you are looking for a sweet, sexy, quick, and fun read then *Always Room for Cupcakes* is the perfect book for you.

Lila has been through a lot after finding her husband of twelve years cheating on her with the town skank. Using her photography skills, she starts to turn her life around for herself and her twins, Elena and Elin, by working for a P.I. and taking pictures of other cheaters.

However, she quickly finds herself in a dangerous situation that she never expected. Enter Cade, a sexy, badass biker who can't seem to stay away.

“Absolutely, girl, you deserve this. After everything you’ve been through, you deserve to have a man who’ll fuck you like it’s his job.”

Figuring she deserves a hot fling with a different type of guy, she starts dating Cade. The two together have some steamy fun!

**“You’re so wet for me,” he said, his words only getting me hotter. “How do you want my cock?”
“Hard...Fast...”**

But their fling turned into so much more.

I loved the cast of characters in this book. Cade was gruff, but sweet. Lila was strong and a fighter. Amy May was a perfect BFF—thank goodness she always had cupcakes available! My only complaint is that it seemed things did move a bit fast at times, but like Cade said—when you are in your thirties, you know what you want. I hope we will get another story about Carmen! ~ Tiffany, 4 stars

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That title, though—could it be any more true? There IS *Always Room for Cupcakes*, and honestly? There's also always room for a funny, quirky, playful and mildly suspenseful book like this one...

Lila's life took a new twist when he found her husband cheating on her—one that lead her to spending her days photographing liars and cheaters. And also lead her to a sexy, gruff man with a badass attitude and panty-melting motorcycle. Whew—just the premise of a scorned wife getting revenge is a world of fun on its own, and that's not even mentioning that very, very delicious man with the bike. Someone hand me a fan and a cigarette!

I have to say, I *love* that Bethany Lopez didn't make Lila a wallflower, even after her perfect marriage and life crumbled at her feet. She was sassy, swears and addicted to cupcakes. Basically, all the things a likeable heroine should be. I really enjoyed her character—and the way she handled herself and her relationships. She was very self-aware; she knew she was a shrew when it came to her ex, and she embraced her need for sweets when the going got tough.

But, Lila also knew when to rely on the people in her life. Her friendships with Bea, Amy May and Carmen were wonderful—well-written, positive female friendships aren't always the easiest to find in books and here they're an absolute highlight. I would happily read more about these women...especially peppy Carmen—maybe with a certain, handsome lawyer?!

The plot in *Always Room for Cupcakes* is completely charming. It has a touch of mystery and suspense, which was complemented by the laugh-out-loud humor that Ms. Lopez smattered throughout her book. It was very fast-moving—I did feel like the wrap-up came a touch too fast, and I wouldn't have minded getting a little more time with Lila and her MC man—but I had no trouble sitting down and finishing the book in one easy sitting. I was engaged and invested almost from the first page.

This is a great choice to enjoy with a cupcake, and not just because of the title. Because while you should always make room for cupcakes, you should also definitely make room for a book that'll make you smile. ~ Beth, 4 stars

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**\*\*Vee\*\* says**

4.5 Stars (Could have easily been 5 if a bit longer and some areas were developed a bit more)

I came off a bad read so was not in a good mood but this one pulled me out of my funk and had me smiling.

I loved that the H/h were older.

After reading it I was not surprise to see that Bethany is a Kristen Ashley fan as it did have hints of KA-

ismims especially in the yummy H (he didn't have the total KA speak but he was a Badass!) However the Author's own style also came through and it wasn't over shadowed by this.

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## Libby Harrison says

Beware of Spoilers!

Star Ratings:

Heroine (Lila): 3.5/5 - a complete pushover when around the H but other than that she was pretty cool!

Hero (Cade): 3.5/5 - from the little interaction we have with him he was good

Plot: 3/5

Grovel: none

Cheating: none

HEA: yes

Triggers: disgusting scene where h is made to open her shirt by a drug-dealer and then was told to hurt herself which she did because she was drugged

Average score: 3.5/5 – the violence dropped the rating slightly

Best Line: *“I’d learned quickly that men suck, my children are my saving grace, and there is always room for cupcakes.”* – Amen!

*“After everything you’ve been through, you deserve to have a man who’ll fuck you like it’s his job.”*

Worst Line: there weren’t many bad ones in this

Random stranger to h: *“I’m so tired of you women using that shit as an excuse. Any time you don’t want to do anything you blame it on cramps and periods. Well, I call bullshit.”*

Personal Review:

A short fun love story between a funny single 35yr old mom (of 10yr old twins!) and a hot 38yr old MC biker.

Well it was fun until all the violence happened which completely took me by surprise!

Random Ramblings:

Loved the hot biker H saying this:

*“My mom says a gentleman always carries a handkerchief.”*

Overall Feeling:

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## Angela (Reading Frenzy Book Blog) says

3.5 stars

I really enjoyed the premise of this fun little story. Lila is proof that you can't keep a good woman down. Her life changes in an instant when she catches her husband cheating. Suddenly, she goes from being a sensible stay at home mom of twins to being a feisty investigative photographer devoted to catching unfaithful partners in flagrante delicto.

Lila curses like a sailor and has a colorful vocabulary vast enough to fill up a year's worth of swear jars. If that bothers you, you'll have issues with this book. She's irreverent yet sweet, and her hilarious antics kept me laughing throughout the story. Toss in a mysterious hot biker, crazy cases, a little suspense, and some sexy times, and you have a winning formula for a lively romantic comedy.

This book falls somewhere between a novella and a full-length novel, and I think it would have benefitted from extending the length. There are too many missed opportunities to enhance the plot, which is a shame because it has the potential to be a much better book. Relationships are under developed, scenarios aren't fully explored, and the overall tempo feels rushed. However, the writing is witty, the story is engaging, and for a quick read it's highly entertaining. I'm definitely interested in reading more of Bethany Lopez's work.

**Recommended for fans of:**

Bikers

Romantic Comedy

Sleuthing

Cupcakes

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**Bethany Lopez says**

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## DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

"I hadn't seen anything, but that didn't mean the perps weren't inside. They were adulterers after all, so they wouldn't exactly be boning in the front yard."

"The full view was nothing to write home about. He was totally naked, and really hairy in areas that were not pleasing to the eye... There was nothing happy about that trail... I almost tossed my cookies."

"Oh my God! I love you,' I cried then without wasting any time, I ate that cupcake like someone was about to take it from me. Because seriously, if the nurse had come in and caught me, she would have."

My Review:

Always Room For Cupcakes is a fun, quick, and delightful read that kept a smile on my face as well as occasionally had me snorting and laughing aloud. I was happily entertained by the clever humor and comical depictions as much as I was by the quirky small town characters. The story was well-written and well-paced with a bit of mystery and intrigue along with the frequent wit and occasional hits of steamy goodness. Lila is a recently divorced, single-mom turned investigative photographer for a skivvy PI, who soon found herself in over her head in every facet of her life, and although her adventures were dangerous and scary, the light tone kept the story entertaining and breezy. I would classify it as an enjoyable and entertaining women's fiction/romantic comedy hybrid.

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## Nia says

Sweet and a short read!

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## A Klue says

Having read a 5 star raving book review comparing Always Room for Cupcakes to a Kristen Ashley read, this avid KA fan was bound and determined to investigate first hand to see if this flattering comparison was true. I am happy to report my literary sleuthing does indeed lead me to agree with that very notion. However, let me make this crystal clear. Ms. Lopez has her own unique writing style, and it definitely shines through in this quick, engaging, at times sexy/steamy, entertaining read.

Lila..Lila...You are one strong, witty, caring, feisty, resilient heroine. With so much to juggle, it's no wonder you reach for something sugary to keep up your emotional and physical stamina. Your hilarious inner dialogue is entertaining in and of itself. You sure have a knack of putting yourself right out there in the thick of things. Thank goodness your caring posse of great friends and new love interest always have your back.

Cade..What can I say? You obviously can recognize a good thing when you see it. You had your sights on Lila even before you officially met. Now, isn't that just swoon worthy, romantic, folks? Seems like fate brought this leading lady right to you, just when you've been looking for something more than being a carefree bachelor/motorcycle club member.

The biggest surprise about this book? I must admit Lila's forced involvement/participation in the Cartel showdown involving Moose was rather...to put it mildly....unexpected.

Thank you, Ms. Lopez, for giving this reviewer something to smile about. Not only that, but I actually found myself giggling aloud at times. I'm really looking forward to Book 2, Cupcake Overload, with more of this great couple's antics, romance, and shenanigans. In fact, I suspect there will always be room on my bookshelf for sequels in this series.

Title: Always Room for Cupcakes, Series: Cupcakes (Book 1), Author: Bethany Lopez, Pages: 143, stand-alone, HEA, no main couple cheating, no OW/OM drama, no love triangle, one graphic scene with drug/mob related violence, a couple VERY steamy scenes with lusty language.

Book 1 – Always Room for Cupcakes, 2/6/16

Book 2 – Cupcake Overload (to release 2016)

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## Fiza says

Former housewife gone badass photographer. Too bad she's working for a boss who doesn't always make the best decisions.....

The title alone had me wanting to read this one, come on who doesn't like cupcakes! I have to say that I was pleasantly surprised. It is much different from her other books, I mean that in a good way. The characters are much more mature in my opinion and the story seems to grow more intriguing the further you go in to it. Another thing I love is the humor, though the book has a lot of fun and giggles it isn't too much. Making the more serious events that happen believable. Other authors have tried this very combo and when it got serious I felt the situation was still being treated as it was all one big joke and I didn't get that here.

The last thing I want to say is about the (fake) twists thrown in the mix. The twists are ones that keeps it exiting and holy cupcake, hottie alert....no, I'm not talking about the cheating douche, pfft.

I won't reveal too much about him but he's all alpha, with a delicious gooey center. And I want one like him for myself. I promise I won't even look at the cupcakes.

Seriously, I really liked this book, it was fun, it was exiting and sometimes really sad. Also important to mention is that I'm actually seeing a growth in the stories and in the writing of this author. Not that I'm an expert or anything...It just shows....

Anyway thank you Ms. Lopez for writing this story, I love what you did with these characters and I can't wait to see what you come up with next. But I already know that you'll somehow manage to surprise me again.

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