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**Book #3 in *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author Samantha Chase's dazzling new series. The Shaughnessy Brother you've been waiting for!**

**Sometimes the love that's closest to you is the hardest to see.**

Quinn Shaughnessy's two older brothers have found their true loves ... but Quinn's not about to join that parade. Nope, as he tells his best friend Anna, there's a lot more to life than getting tied down to one person. He's positive tomboy Anna will be on his side - except she's inexplicably developing other interests - even dating! Suddenly Quinn is seeing Anna in a very different light.

Quinn has been Anna's buddy since they were both five years old. She can tell him anything - except the one big secret she's been hiding for years - that she's fallen in love with him. Now Anna is determined to make a life for herself that doesn't include pining for Quinn. Falling in love with your best friend? Easy. Telling them how you really feel? Impossible.

## Always My Girl Details

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# From Reader Review Always My Girl for online ebook

## Carly Ellen Kramer says

2 1/2 stars, rounded up because I liked the dynamic with the older brother. However, there's really not much romantic suspense in this novel.

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## Cheri says

An older book but I found it to be enjoyable. I did not read the others from this series. I was fine without having read them.

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## Beth says

*Always My Girl* is a deliciously sweet contemporary romance, one you can't help but devour.

Anna and Quinn have been best friends since they were 5. Anna has secretly been pining for Quinn since she started noticing boys but Quinn is clueless.

When Anna decides to look for love, give up on her thing for Quinn, Quinn isn't happy. He starts to notice Anna in an entirely new light.

Could it be that they are their own biggest obstacle...admitting they are in love with their best friend?

Chase once again impresses me with a heartwarming tale of love and friendship. Fun, heartfelt and sincere, you can't help but find yourself drawn right into the Shaughnessy family.

I received this ARC copy of *How Sweet It Is* from SOURCEBOOKS Casablanca in exchange for a honest review. This book is set for publication July 5, 2016.

My Rating: 4 stars

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## Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Rosalie's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Quinn Shaughnessy is the family playboy. He's never really had a relationship in his whole life. The one constant has been his best friend Anna Hannigan moved in next door when the two were kids. Thinking girls are yuck, Anna quickly realized with the suggestion to go swipe some of her mom's homemade chocolate chip cookies, that maybe girls don't have as many cooties as he originally thought.

This read is a best friends for life turned to lovers. I will say the one thing I struggled with the most was both Anna and Quinn's insecurities with each other. I felt, a number of times, that one was making headway, and then the other would do something to mess everything they had worked to get up. I love a HEA, but going through what these went through to get there almost made me wonder if they would even work? This is the third book in this series, but the first I have read. I didn't have to read the other two to follow along with this plot. I never felt lost, but do feel I will go back and read the first two to just get an insight into the brothers' lives before they were snagged and married. Overall, I really enjoyed this read!

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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## Dianne says

Don't you just love a good romance where the one you love is right in front of you and you do NOT even realize it? Quinn has no use for being tied down to one woman, seriously, why should he when he has such a smorgasbord out there and forever is such a long time? His best friend, Anna, a tomboy kind of girl, may not agree, because she has been carrying a torch for Quinn for years, secretly, of course, because after all, they are best buds.

There comes a time in every girl's life when she wants love, she wants someone special and because she hasn't the guts to tell Quinn, the anti-love guy, she is determined to find it somewhere with someone. You guessed it, Quinn is more than just a little upset and dare we say jealous? So, what will he do about it?

Samantha Chase's **Always My Girl** is a romance for the truly romantics in all of us. Come on, who couldn't love two perfectly adorable characters who do such an amazing job of dancing around the Cupid in the room, one of them avoiding the truth and one of them kind of clueless.

Samantha Chase has brought another Shaughnessy brother to his knees, with light-hearted moments, endearing moments and moments that are pure romance. What's not to love about two people meant for each other, finding love in their best friend?

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4.5 Stars

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### **Isha Coleman says**

With Love Walks In having been a tearjerker, Always My Girl has lightened things up with Quinn and Anna's story. Sometimes less is more. Samantha Chase came back swinging with this hilarious take on romance. Quinn does not do well with change, so when his best friend turns the tables on him and goes from girl next door to woman of his dreams anything can happen. Always My Girl is a fun friends to lovers novel that proves the versatility of Ms. Chase. She can do it all.

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### **RJ says**

Yay another book where the h has been in love with the H since they were kids but he's been whoring around the entire time. How awesome.

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### **Irene says**

3.5 stars

Always My Girl is the third book from The Shaughnessy Brothers series by Samantha Chase. Each book can be read as a standalone, but I suggest you read them all as the characters do appear in each book.

I've enjoyed reading about each Shaughnessy brother find their perfect partner and I was eagerly looking forward to Quinn's story.

Overall I did enjoy watching Quinn and Anna move from friends to lovers. It was amusing watching Quinn finally seeing Anna more than a good friend and as a sensual and beautiful woman.

I just wished I had connected with them more. At different times I found myself questioning their actions and their true feelings, especially Quinn.

But by the end of the book I was happy with the way the author Samantha Chase brought these two together, I was left feeling happy Quinn and Anna would have a happy and full life together.

Looking forward to reading Riley's book next in This Is Our Song.

*\*A big thank you to Sourcebooks Casablanca via Netgalley for the advance copy\**

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## **Lindsay says**

I've had my eye on this one for a while, and finally decided to give it a go. I love friends to lovers stories, so I was immediately pulled into Anna and Chase's story.

Overall, the story was decent, there were some parts that lagged for me, but I had to know how things would play out.

The one reason that this book was a 4 and not a 5 was the fade to black. The author did an amazing job with the chemistry between Anna and Chase. The first time they kissed....

And don't even get me started on the kitchen encounter!

But unfortunately, both scenes were a build up to nothing.

It was just a let down after so much promise and chemistry.

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## **Sarah says**

3 Stars

I was very much looking forward to this book, its a friends to lovers story and I always enjoy those. Unfortunately, this one fell flat for me.

For one thing, I found the relationship itself forced. They had been friends for many, many year and now all of a sudden because he sees her in a bikini things are different.

I didn't much care for Anna or Quinn. She went from being rude to Quinn, then she became a push over. The book talks about how she always brings him food or bakes him cookies when he snaps his fingers and asks for them. He was a major jerk. I really didn't like the way he treated Anna when they were friends by asking her to do all sorts of things to help him out. True, she could have stopped it by telling him no, but she was so head over heels for him that she felt this was the only way she could keep him in her life. That is not a

friendship or the basis of a relationship.

There were a lot of secondary characters in this book, which is often the case with books in a series, but I didn't feel too lost as to who was who.

The one scene in this book, that really had me shaking my head when when Anna goes on a date with one of Quinn's friends and she is slipped something in her drink by her date. Luckily she realizes there is an issue and is able to get out of the situation ok. The problem I had was that Quinn knew this friend had done this before, but still didn't share this with Anna.

The writing in this was good and I probably will go back and read other books in this series. I just really didn't care for Anna and Quinn and the choices they made.

Challenges:

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### **Brandy Painter says**

Quinn has fewer issues than his older brothers, but he is selfish and thoughtless. To an astonishing degree at times. That being said, I thought his character arc was handled decently. He is very typical middle child. Anna's arc wasn't quite as well handled. I would've liked to see more development there. Years of unrequited love to mutual love romances are always a hard sell for me, but at least I feel like Quinn and Anna are at a good place by the end even though their conflict had one of my most hated romance tropes ever buried in it.

I'm going to take a break before I read Riley's story.

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### **Tami says**

This review is based on an ARC provided by the author and/or the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest opinion.

4.5

Our poor heroine was BRUTALLY friend zoned by the King Kong of all clueless a\$\$hats. He finally started to catch on and apologized for his a\$\$hat-ery around page #200. Immature a\$\$hats aside, I truly thought this was an adorable read. This is another one that I recommend. Looky friends, I found another author to love :)

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### **Stacee says**

I'm always looking for some fluffy romance books to be my sorbet and I'm a sucker for the BFF to more plot line, so I was eager to read this one. Sadly, I was disappointed.

Right off the bat, I struggled with Anna and Quinn. She fluctuated between being sort of bratty or a push

over and he was sort of an ass most of the time. Everything between them was a push and pull filled with dramatics. There are a lot of secondary characters and they're all just okay. Maybe it's because I haven't read the other books in the series, but I really had no idea who anyone was in relation to the others.

My main problem was that I didn't see the chemistry between Anna and Quinn. When they do finally get together, it felt forced to me. I didn't feel like there was any real growth or changes in either of them. Also? (view spoiler)

I kept reading because I was hoping for something to spark. I was certain that somehow it would turn around. Overall, I can see how people will love it, but it just wasn't for me.

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### **Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

ALWAYS MY GIRL is the third book of The Shaughnessy Brothers but this is the first full-length book I've read of Samantha Chase. I jumped on reading this book mainly because I was looking for another series that centered around a family. I'm just a sucker for these kind of stories, so I had some high expectations going on.

For the most part, I liked the book. The writing is eloquent and simple to follow. Although I haven't read the other books in the series, I found no problem in jumping in. Of course, I was most looking forward to meeting Quinn Shaughnessy. He seems to be a favorite and one readers were looking forward to getting a HEA. I liked Quinn but he didn't totally win me over. He comes across as really young compared to his brothers, and being in the presence of Anna doesn't help.

Anna and Quinn have known each other for a long time. There are a few small flashback scenes that build their initial relationship as children, which I think helps in strengthening the romance. However, I did feel like Quinn came off a little bit childish, especially as he runs off because he can't come to terms with what he thinks of Anna. I mean, it's sweet, but this isn't a Young Adult book. I expect a grown man to be able to understand his own emotions by now.

Anna was sweet but not very memorable. I was kind of hoping that there would be more to his story because apart from the romance, nothing else really happens in the story. And because I wasn't fully invested in the romance, the book just kind of cruised along.

I think if you're in the mood for a sweet and charming Contemporary Romance that is family-oriented, then you might like this book. However, it didn't exactly blow me away. Still, I am looking forward to reading more from Samantha Chase.

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### **Bette Hansen says**



LOVED this book! It's a wonderful friend to lovers story that just had me smiling the whole way through. Quinn Shaughnessy and Anna Hannigan have been best friends since grade school. While Anna has been in love with Quinn for years he's always kept her firmly in the friend zone. To him she's still the tomboy he grew up with only wait...when did she stop being that tomboy and turn into the gorgeous woman in front of him?? Anna's finally decided she's ready to stop waiting on Quinn to notice her and she's ready to find her HEA somewhere else. Suddenly Quinn is noticing her but is it too late???

I love the characters in this series and these two are definite favorites of mine. I highly recommend everyone grab a copy of this one!

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