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Welcome back to charming Blue Arrow Lake as temptation sizzles in a glittering new romance from *USA Today* bestselling author **Christie Ridgway...**

Blue-collar landscaper Brett Walker has no interest in the Hollywood vacationers flocking to his hometown in the California mountains. But the scarred ex-soldier does have a duty to protect Blue Arrow Lake—and the family ski resort—from a serial burglar. So when he suspects a break-in, he takes action...and ends up catching sinfully tempting down-on-her-luck heiress Angelica Rodriguez. She reminds him of trouble, but he can't deny her a safe place to stay—in one of his cabins.

Angelica has plenty of reasons to distrust—losing her money to her father's legal woes being one of them. Getting up close and naughty with rough, tough and sexy Brett tempts her out of her comfort zone and into the arms of a man who's not from her wealthy world. She's after safety and he's chasing justice, but the fire between them might reveal that all they want is each other.

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Carolyn says

This book #3 in the Cabin Fever Series and it does not disappoint with the recurring characters that makes you fall in love, an interesting plot that is emotional and so well written that you feel like you are right there in Blue Arrow Lake. The lust sizzles between the H/H that makes love a temptation that won't be denied. Christie created a work of art that is sassy, sexy, and addictive! Can't wait for Mac and Zan's story....

ItsAboutTheBook says

Review can be read at It's About The Book

4.5 stars

This was a great romance between two people who are drawn to each other in so many ways, but just don't think it's a good idea. You know the way that happens, right? He's cute and you've got great chemistry but you're not staying ... Or he's leaving, or he's not what you've got planned or vice versa. But you just can't stop! I really enjoyed the way the author brought them both to life.

Angelica had grown up rich in things but very poor in emotions. Neither of her parents had shown her any love and their six marriages—or was it seven?—had given her little faith in marriage, love, or happily ever after. What surprised her was how much she loved living in this small town and becoming part of the community. She especially loved getting to know her friend Holly and meeting some of the characters in the small town. She also was very fortunate to meet the Walker family. Not only did she gain a job with Mac, she got a place to live and some more female friends. However, she had a suspicion that her feelings for their brother Brett were more than friendly. She was determined to ignore them, though. Who needs love?

Brett had almost as little faith in marriage as Angelica did. His own experiences with love had been horrible, and his parents tumultuous relationship had soured him early. Two of his sisters had found happily ever after, but he still didn't buy it. Meeting Angelica changed nothing, or so he thought.

When push comes to shove and the romantic suspense reaches a head, maybe these two will realize what their feelings actually are. Naughty, sexy fun with these two characters from an author I've always loved. Great summer read!

Samantha Ortegon (Books, Wine & Time) says

One Night is my first read by Christie Ridgway, it is the third book in the One & Only series and I didn't feel as if I missed out on the first two in order to enjoy this story. It did leave me wanting to read and find out about the characters in the first two books.

Brett Walker is not your ordinary alpha male character, he is a grumpy landscaper and a brother to three sisters (2 of which are planning a wedding). Brett has a past that carries a heavy burden and heartbreak it has also kept him far away from falling in love and wanting that happy ever after. He can't help himself when it comes to Angelica Rodriguez, he has her pegged for an uptight wealthy woman looking for that richie rich type of man. Why would she even look twice at a man who works with dirt and with his hands? His push pull need for her had me frustrated, because the connection is so felt right off the pages.

Angelica Rodriguez has had her sights set on Brett ever since she noticed him working on the landscape at the resort she used to stay in when she was younger. Now that Angelica's father has taken everything from her she finds herself needing a place to live and a job. Angelica finds solace on Blue Arrow Lake, she is offered a job and a cabin, the only problem is that it has Brett Walker written all over them. Being his neighbor and working for his sisters will take all the strength she needs to control her desire for this gorgeous man who can drive her crazy. I loved that even though Angelica is struggling with the obstacles that are being thrown at her by her father's actions, she stayed optimistic.

I really enjoyed this story, it's funny, heartfelt, frustrating, sexy and has a little suspense. Once the connection between Brett and Angelica is felt, it upped the story for me because the emotions were felt. We also get a surprise love story thrown in there with another couple, which I found cute and endearing. This story also left me wanting to no more about Brett's sister Mackenzie and Zan, so I can't wait for One Love. I have to say there is a lot going on in this story, characters coming left and right. Surprisingly, I found that I didn't mind that. I would recommend this 4 Star contemporary romance, it has heart pouring off the pages.

Winter Sophia Rose says

Touching & Sweet! A Beautiful Read! I Loved It!

Pam says

Angelica has been tormenting Brett all summer. Brett is a landscaper & is not about to give in. After all, Angelica is a spoiled, rich, pampered princess & isn't really interested in him. Brett is sure she just wants to go slumming. He's determined to resist their chemistry.

Angelica was rich, spoiled & pampered until her dad was arrested on fraud charges. She's locked out of her house, her belongings are confiscated & her dad had managed to access her personal funds & steal those too. Now she's penniless & homeless. She's managed to pick up a couple of part time jobs. Can she change Brett's mind about getting involved?

I enjoyed the characters & the plot. Brett has to get past his assumptions about Angelica & learn to trust again. Angelica has to get past a childhood trauma. As a single child of divorced parents, then a model, Angelica is used to being alone & lonely so it's hard to trust motives. I love the interactions between the various characters & the way they add to the story. The chemistry between Brett & Angelica is intense & the make out scenes are intense. There is also the buildup in tension regarding Zan & Mac. I can't wait for their book!

Linda says

This is the third book in the Cabin Fever Novels by Christie Ridgway and I really enjoyed this story. We have Angelica Rodriguez who had been one of the flatlanders who came up the mountain to vacation with her family but not now. Her father stole money from his clients in his financial business and even stole what money Angelica had saved away for her future. Now she is faced with no money, no job and no place to live. Brett Walker and his family have lived in the mountains their whole life and he feels responsible for it's citizens and when there is a rash of break-ins, he checks out a house with a little light coming from the downstairs. It was only Angelica trying to retrieve some of her clothing from the house that the bank had taken over when her father did not pay the bills. He had noticed Angelica during the summer when he worked at her family estate but knew she was a flatlander and did not want to get involved with her. This is a great story of how Angelica pulls herself up and starts working wherever she can so that she can afford someplace to live. It shows that not everyone who is rich, is privileged and not all flatlanders are out for just money. Great read.

Marcia says

Book 3 of the series is about Brett Walker, the only male in the family of four siblings. While their parents were not the best example of marriage, Poppy and Shay have found their other half and engaged to be married. Brett and his other sister Mac carry scars of past loves that hurt them and they have both closed off their hearts. Brett also carries mental scars from being in Afghanistan. So although he has been eying Angelica Rodriguez all summer, he believes she is way out of his league. He doesn't realize that she has had her eyes on him too and that she is not the shallow wealthy woman he believes she is. She has her own problems. Her father not only defrauded his clients but stole all her savings. Now she needs to pick up the pieces of her life. With the friends she made up in the mountain community, she finds work a place to live and eventually someone who loves her. What happened to Brett in Afghanistan that gives him nightmares? Who broke his heart? Why happened to Angelica that she fears the dark? Who is behind all the burglaries? Where are Charlie and Linus? Except for the last question, the others are all answered in the book. Another terrific read by Christie Ridgway. I read an ARC as part of a the author's Facebook group.

Kathleen says

I really liked this third book in this series and there was another secondary story in this book that I really enjoyed too... So you got two stories for the price of one..

Paula says

One Night (One & Only Book 3) may be my favorite of the series, at least it is so far. I always enjoy a heroine who when faced with major problems in life, rolls up her sleeves and works through them. That pretty much sums up Angelica, plus she stays optimistic and emotional strong too. Grumpy Brett needs an enduring ray of sunshine like Angelica in his life. He is one lucky guy to find her. In One Night, his past

comes to light which I have been interested in knowing after his appearances in his sisters' story.

If you haven't read first two books in the series that will not present a problem in reading this one first. This reissue and revised book stands well on its own. I did not read the previous edition which was part of the Cabin Fever Series so I cannot comment on how much change in the book has happened with this new version. What I can say is that Christie Ridgway writes an in-depth story with characters of worth allowing the reader to delve deep into their hearts and minds. I enjoy the romance but I love watching the characters of hers grow, change, embracing the possibility a lasting love. Not without plenty of ups and downs, twists and turns on the journey, mind you. Angelica and Brett do exactly that in One Night. Awesome read.

The publisher/author gave me a complimentary ARC of the book.

Linda says

This is Book 3 in a series but can be read as a standalone; however, I strongly encourage you to read all of the books. They are all wonderful! In this book, we meet Brett Walker...and, wow....just wow! He is quite a fella....brash, argumentative, kind, soft hearted, loyal and a royal pain in the derrier at times! And now he has found his perfect match in Angelica. She is sweet, tough as nails and persistent as they come. She is a great match for the "never going to get married" Brett! Each of these characters comes with their own set of issues and histories that will, perhaps, cause a few tears. Christie uses her talent to write a story that absorbs the reader immediately. She also incorporates a second love story into the primary one. I enjoyed the blending of the two stories. The dialogue in this book was exceptional and I imagined the sound and tone of both Brett and Angelica's voices making this book even more of a personal experience. Christie never disappoints me with her use of italics to emphasize a thought or a statement. "Who the hell has ever loved you?" and "You for darn (edited)sure should love yourself" hit me like a bullet to a target. I received an ARC and am happy to recommend this book.

Kimberly says

Review featured on www.books-n-kisses.com

3.75 Hearts I will start by saying that by the end of the book I really enjoyed it. I had a hard time in the beginning. Brett seemed rude and had a preconceived notion of rich people. He seemed a bit egotistical as well and he really didn't sit well with me. Yes there is a reason behind his attitude but for some reason it didn't read right if you know what I mean. Angelica is someone I liked. She has had a lot thrown at her quickly and yet is still ok with what is going on. I spent the first half of the book wanting to ask her why she was interested in Brett and telling her to get over it.

But then something changed (mostly). Brett eased a little and I found I liked him. I never really fell for him. Until the near end of the book I am not sure there was a lot of chemistry. Well that may not be right. There was chemistry and then not and then there is and then there's not.... I have read the first two books in the series and Brett has always seemed this way to be honest so I wasn't expecting to fall for him but I still

enjoyed the story. Like I said Angelica is great. She is the type of woman we should all try to be (again, mostly). She falls but gets back up. She proves she is not some richie rich that can't do anything, no matter how many times Brett treats her that way. She works hard and still smiles.

Like I said I enjoyed the story even though it took me a little bit to get into it but once I was I liked it. I look forward to Mac and Zan's story next.

Disclaimer:

I received a complimentary copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Christi Snow says

My Review:

Overall, I've enjoyed this entire series. It's the story of four siblings who've inherited a mountain resort...this is my kind of setting. In this mountain community, the locals are leery of the flat-landers, which is what Angelica is.

Angelica is the pampered daughter of a man who's been convicted of financial crimes. Suddenly she finds herself locked out of her home, and her father has emptied out all her accounts of HER money that she earned modeling. Immediately, I felt empathy for her character. It doesn't take long before she's sleeping in her car, but she's willing to work.

Brett doesn't trust Angelica...or anyone for that matter. He's upfront with all his women...one night...no more. But with her, he can sense that she needs help and his innate need to protect comes to the forefront, whether he wants it to or not.

While I enjoyed this book and I really loved the setting, I wasn't riveted. Honestly my favorite part of the story was the mystery of Zan...I'm so ready for that book. I loved the glimpses of romance that we get to see between Mac and him. I also loved the side romance between Kyle and Grace...I really could have dealt with them as the main couple as there seemed to be a little more sexual tension to their story than we got with Brett and Angelica. But it's not that I didn't like their story. It just wasn't as suspense filled as it could have been. There's also a bit of a mystery to the story that was disappointing in that it was so obvious...at least to me...and I never figure out who did it or why.

The book was enjoyable. No, it wasn't the best in the series, but they can't all be that. I liked the story and the characters and the setting. And I loved getting to see the characters from the first story. Now, bring on Zan and Mac...I NEED to know more!

Note: Although I think that cover is beautiful, it's so not right for this story. This is a book set in the fall, on the cusp of winter. It's an issue because the heroine knows that if she's going to stay in town she has to get a new car for the coming snow. The cover should reflect that.

I received a complimentary copy of this book in return for an honest review.

Susan says

Good book. Brett is the oldest of the Walker siblings. He came back to Blue Arrow Lake after his time in the military and started his landscaping business. He takes care of the lawns of the rich tourists who come to the lake each summer. He's also been keeping an eye open for a burglar who has been hitting those summer houses. When he spots an intruder at one of the houses, he's surprised to find Angelica - who lived in that house - behaving in a suspicious manner.

Angelica is the daughter of a wealthy financier who has been arrested for fraud. His accounts have been frozen and she's no longer able to stay in the house. To top it off, her father had helped himself to her money also, so now she's broke and homeless. She sneaked into the house to get some of her clothes and other things while she still could. Being discovered by Brett, the man she'd been crushing on all summer, was not her idea of cosmic justice.

I really liked Angelica. She isn't one to feel sorry for herself, she just picks herself up and carries on. She has found a part time job working with her friend Glory at the hardware store and is living in the local cheap motel, until it shuts down for the season. She also has more than her share of pride, and spends two nights sleeping in her car rather than ask for help. I loved the way that she took to living in the mountain town, where she quickly made a place for herself among people who are slow to accept strangers.

I liked Brett too, though he was a little harder to warm up to. He has a reputation as a serial dater and confirmed bachelor. He doesn't allow any woman to get too close, having been burned before. He feels that he has lost the ability to love or be loved, at least in his own eyes. But his caring relationship with his family shows otherwise, and that same protectiveness comes out when he's around Angelica.

I liked the development of their relationship. First up is the obvious chemistry between them, but both try to resist it. That doesn't work for long, as the attraction is just too strong. Though he tries to tell himself that he doesn't trust her, Brett can't help but watch out for her. I especially loved his reaction to her sleeping in her car, and what he did about it. There's still a lot of antagonism between them, as Brett's mistrust is obvious and she refuses to put up with it. I really liked seeing her blow his expectations every time. Every time they start to get a little closer, Brett gets spooked and does something to put distance between them. He's not very good at thinking before he speaks, and manages to say some rather cruel things while trying to protect himself. He always apologizes, in his own rather bumbling way, which comes across as a bit sweet and vulnerable. I ached a bit for Angelica, because she knew her feelings and what she wanted, but couldn't get Brett to let go of his own issues to see what they could have together. He almost left it too long, but in the end got it right. He did have a rather unusual "big moment" in how and when he confessed his feelings.

There was a secondary love story involving Glory and a newcomer named Kyle. There's definitely attraction between them. But Glory has spent most of her life working the family hardware store and doesn't see that changing anytime soon. Kyle is very interested in her and unceasing in his pursuit of her. But there's something about him that she doesn't know and it would put a whole different outlook on what she's starting to feel. I really liked Kyle's patience, though he should have told her the truth sooner. He could also see that she wasn't as happy with her future as she thought she was. It was interesting to see how hard she was fighting against what her heart wanted. I loved the scene at the hardware store at the end when she made her decision.

I liked seeing more of Brett's sisters and their lives. It was neat to see how Poppy (*Take My Breath Away*) and Sage (*Make Me Lose Control*) were doing after they found their HEAs. It was fun to see how close they all are and the support that is always there if needed. I also enjoyed seeing them all weigh in on Brett's life and relationship with Angelica. I liked getting to know Mac a little better and can't wait to read the story of her and Zan.

There was also a little bit of suspense running through the book. There had been a rash of burglaries around the town, and everyone was on edge wondering who it could be. I had a suspicion of who it was fairly early on and just had to wait to see if I was right. The motivation was also important, and was a little bit of a lead in to the next book.

Kassiah says

2-1/2 stars.

I haven't read the other books in the *Cabin Fever* Series but this one was cute.

After losing her fortune, Angelica Rodriguez is down on her luck and needs to find a job as soon as possible. She meets landscaper Brett Walker, who through a series of unlikely events, offers her a job. I enjoyed Angelica and Brett's relationship. They were fun and sweet. Unfortunately, I had a hard time getting in to this story and relating to Angelica. I really liked Brett a lot and thought they were cute together, but this story was just meh for me.

I will definitely be checking out the other books in this series, and I think you'll like *Can't Fight This Feeling* if you're looking for a quick, sweet romantic read with not much drama and a little bit of suspense thrown in.

Deb Fernow says

Every time I read a book by this author, I get that warm fuzzy feeling and this book is no exception. It adds a little laughter into the mix along with the love and emotions of each character.

This time it is the Walker brother who is the focus. He lives in one of the family cabins near Blue Arrow Lake and works as a landscaper, something he has done for many years. On his way home, he gets pulled over by the local law enforcement asking him to watch out for unusual activity. There have been several break-ins around the lake and he works at many of the homes.

In doing so, he sees lights at the Rodriguez house, stops to see what he can learn, and finds out that his one time girlfriend Angelica, is prowling in her father's house. What he doesn't know is that she's come back to hide out there after her father has been arrested for swindling millions from his clients. She has nowhere to go and comes here to stay until they take the house away as well.

Brett doesn't trust her and he certainly doesn't plan to be burned by her again. But the soft side of him offers to let her live in the cabin next to him. So he can keep an eye on her. That's what he tells himself. She needs someone to take care of her. After all, there are thieves in the area. Funny at times, and serious at others, I

enjoyed this book for its departure from the other books in the series.

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