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In high school, they'd burned fast and hot. Now is their chance to find out if the sparks that linger will ignite a whole new flame.

The only thing Darcy Miller ever wanted more than gorgeous troublemaker Griffin Strong was to shake off the dust of small-town Revival, Illinois, and head to the big city—even if she had to leave him behind. Ten years later, Darcy is the ultimate New Yorker, writing a sex blog and living on designer cocktails and the pulse of urban life. That is, until she hears that Revival plans to seize her mother's house right after the holidays, thanks to the new mayor—who is none other than Darcy's ex...

Griffin couldn't have asked for a more dangerous Christmas gift. Curvy, sassy Darcy is every bit as delectable as the wild child she was in high school—and just as determined to stir up problems. But Griffin learned long ago to straighten up and fly right in order to make changes in the town he loves. Keeping his reputation wholesome is a big part of that. If only Darcy didn't make him want to take his place on the naughty list with her, right under the mistletoe...

## **She's My Kind of Girl Details**

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## **From Reader Review She's My Kind of Girl for online ebook**

### **Ivy Deluca says**

-Am I ready for the holidays? Though I'm still in deep denial (Christmas is WEEKS away people!) I found myself enjoying this little holiday themed novella that's part of Something New series (though could work as standalone).

-The deal is this: Darcy vowed she would never return to her little town of Revival, and she most certainly would never see Griffin, the bad boy who broke her out and stayed behind when she flew the coop for New York. Years later, her mother is in danger of losing her house, Darcy comes back and finds out that a lot of things have changed, including her ex (now Mayor of Revival) Griffin. Well you can guess what happens. Yep, a second chance romance.

-Character building is on point, but it has to be in a novella. Ms. Dawson has a knack for crafting characters that can keep a reader engaged and believing in their connection. The firsts (meet, kiss, sex) are hot and makes the pages fly by, which made me a little sad because the story wrapped up before I knew it. Which leads me to...

-Lack of page count has affected the main conflict which was a bit flimsy and resolved quickly.

All in all, a sexy, little, tasty treat to tide me over 'til the next Something New book. If you haven't read Ms. Dawson's books yet and you love character driven contemporaries, I encourage you to try her out.

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### **Megan says**

While the depth of Griff and Darcy's romantic relationship was fast paced and past lived I was entertained as they both had never let go of their feelings for one another. That in itself didn't help me fall for them. But all the while I was able to read start to finish and was shocked when it ended too quickly. It felt like a novella. Gave a little, while wishing for more.....

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### **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Slick's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4.5 stars

I've never read author Jennifer Dawson before, but after reading She's My Kind of Girl you can bet I'll be

checking out her other works. This is a novella that apparently is part of a series and while I'm most certain many of the characters in this book were featured in previous books, I didn't feel lost reading this one. High school lovers are reunited but on opposing sides of an issue making the tension between them even hotter. A second chance at love or just a lust filled romp? From beginning to end I was completely caught up in this story and felt every emotion as I watched two people meant to be together struggle with their feelings and torn between the love they once had and the lives they now have. Gut wrenching, sigh inducing and panty melting, I loved this story!

Returning home to the small town that taunted her, chewed her up and spit her out Darcy Miller wants nothing more than to help her mother save her home and then get back to New York as soon as she can, she just didn't expect to find her ex-boyfriend and once the town's bad boy turned mayor still so damn appealing. Griffin Strong can't believe his eyes when he sees Darcy again after so many years, one thing he knows is that the passion between them is still strong, but his first priority is what is good for the town and her mother's home is standing in the way.

The sparks between these two flew from the first encounter until the last and they never let up in between; in every conversation, in every touch, in every argument it was so easy to see that these two were connected in a very strong way.

While Griff has made peace with the town that once looked down on him, the same can't be said for Darcy which only increases the tension between them. They had some big differences and working through them was harder than either of them imagined.

She's My Kind of Girl packed a lot of excitement and sexiness into a small package and I enjoyed every minute of it.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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### **Julie (\*Happily Ever Chapter\*) says**

She's My Kind of Girl is part of Jennifer Dawson's "Something New" series but each book can be read as a standalone with no cliffhanger and a HEA. This is only the second book in the series that I have read, but I still really enjoyed it. Although I do have to admit that I think I liked the other one (The Name of the Game, #3) maybe just a teeny bit better. This one is a very quick read at a novella length so I read it all in one sitting.

Darcy is an award-winning author and blogger living in New York City. When her mom calls her to come down to her old hometown to help save her house she is less than pleased. She is even less happy to find out that her first love is now the town mayor and is the one responsible for her mother losing her house.

Griffin is very much the reformed bad boy. When he and Darcy were dating they drove the town's people crazy with their shenanigans, but once his mom got sick and he had to look out for his younger brothers he decided to grow up a bit. Now he is very involved in making the town succeed and become a better place for everyone.

I really loved how Darcy said pretty much anything that was on her mind and wasn't at all afraid to let you know how she felt about something. There was definitely a ton of chemistry between the two of them, but I

guess you could say this one is more of a slow burn romance. It takes a while before they are finally "together".

\*\* I received an ARC of this title via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.  
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### **XxTainaxX says**

Quick but very sexy read about a reformed bad boy and the girl that walked away. Darcy is back after her mom's home is threatened and this is an opportunity to address old hurts. She and Griffin have great chemistry and the novella does a good job of addressing key elements to ensure we get a complete story. Even in the short span the characterization allowed for growth in the MCs, more so in Darcy. I liked the sexy mayor's change to maturity even though at first, he gave the impression he'd given up some of the things that made him unique. Eventually, we did get to see he was still the bad boy Darcy loved, it was just contained in the bedroom. All in all a sensual short with just the right amount of sweet. Safety: No OM/OW/Sharing, despite all the town ladies being hot for the mayor. No rape or abuse.

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### **Claire Robinson says**

4 - **"You've come home."** Stars!

Nothing makes me happier than discovering an author who I haven't read before and absolutely falling in love with their writing and characterizations, from the first paragraph.

*She's My Kind of Girl* is the first book I have read by Jennifer Dawson, and as book 4.5 in the *Something New* series, it can absolutely be read as a standalone.

***Something about Darcy Miller had always reached inside of him and Squeezed.***

Second-chance, with a side of frenemies is a really good mix for romance, and Darcy and Griffin's story fulfilled every requirement I have in relation to it. Both kids from the wrong side of the tracks from a small town in Illinois, who fell in love with each other at a young age. But whereas one got out and pursued a life in the Big Apple, the other stuck around, cleaned up their act, and is now the town's Mayor.

***She was wild and he was reformed.***

In fact it is Griff's capacity as town Mayor that has caused Darcy to have to return to Revival, as his plans for vitalizing the town include running a bulldozer straight through her mother's house, something she vows to fight against with any means she can.

**He'd had more fun with her in the last five minutes than he had in the last year of dates.**

I loved this novella, it was a really quick read, but it didn't feel underdeveloped, the introduction to the town of Revival and its characters was broad, and you are also given updates on characters from the previous four books, none of which I have read, but am desperate to sink my teeth into now.

**"Did you grow up? Or give up?"**

The chemistry between Griff and Darcy sizzled from the beginning, this is a couple with a past and you can feel it from all of their interactions, add in a little bit of sexy, a dash of Christmas sparkle, and I finished this novella with a smile on my face, my Amazon account credit is also a little lighter as well, as I ended up one-clicking all four previous books in the series.

**"I'm breaking all my rules for you."**

Jennifer Dawson is an author I have added to my auto-buy list after this novella, and I recommend that you check it out.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, and it was a pleasure to provide the above honest review.

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## **Irene says**

4.5 stars

Loved She's My Kind of Girl!

From the first page I knew this was going to be my kind of read. Loved the storyline, loved the characters, they were passionate, entertaining and they had amazing chemistry.

Watching them reconnect and put aside past hurts kept me entertained and held my attention until the end.

I found myself connecting with Darcy's character right from the start. Loved her passion, her humor, she was sassy and admired her determination to do things her way and not give up everything she had worked for.

Team Darcy all the way for me ;)

Griffin's character took a little while for me to warm to. But the more I saw them together exchanging words and trying to outsmart each other the more I warmed to him and by the end I had no doubt he was the perfect man for Darcy.

In closing, She's My Kind of Girl was a well written second chance love story and a wonderful addition to the Something New series. Each book can be read as a standalone but I highly recommend them all.

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## **Lisa says**

Also on Oh So Mellifluous!.

*E-ARC received thanks to the publisher via Netgalley.*

Oh man. I've been a Jennifer Dawson fan since last year, I think? I picked up the second book in this series, *The Winner Takes It All* for fun and it blew me away.

Let me just say something about this series: it gets better. After I finished the third book, *The Name of the Game*, I was like, "How is Jen gonna top this? How is she gonna do it because this is pretty awesome." Then the fourth book, *As Good As New* came out and it wowed me again, and now I'm just repeating myself with this one.

Now, second chance romance is basically my ultimate favourite trope, so it's a no brainer that I devoured this one like four cheese topping pizza. I adore both Darcy and Griffin instantly when they were introduced on the page. I love Darcy's grit and the fact that she made a name for herself in New York, her determination to save her mother's house despite it being a losing battle from the get-go (Sorry, Darce). I love the way she always speaks her mind and stands up for herself. I love Griffin's reformed self, his passion for Revival, and his love for the townspeople.

Darcy and Griffin together? FIREWORKS. Their banter is so entertaining, and when they finally get together? Jen Dawson is basically the queen of writing sexy times, so I have no complaints ;)

Honestly when I found out that this was a novella, I admit I was a bit bummed because you know how unsatisfying novellas can be. Fortunately it's not the case with this one. She's *My Kind of Girl* reads like a full-length novel, and I'm utterly grateful for that.

Now I just need Sam Roberts' book and I'll be happy.

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## **Ayekah says**

This short little novella is a quick and cute read. I haven't read the others in the series but at a glance the characters loop through all the stories. This one focuses on Griffin, the now town mayor, once outcast bad boy and Darcy, once bad girl and friend of Griffin. Darcy never wanted to stay in their home town of Revival. Even after Griffin asked her to stay, to get married, she said no and left. Never feeling as though she belonged there. She leaves and goes to NY where she now has a career, and a semblance of a life yet her heart still lies with Griffin. Darcy's mother lures her home because the town is going to take her house away. This shack she calls home, that lies smack in the middle of a town renewal project that will bring new life and new businesses into the failing town. Darcy and Griffin meet once again and the steam factor is heavy duty. Even when they're arguing the heat pours off the page. Neither will give in. And in the end, she'll return to NY and leave him behind.

You have to read the book to get the complete story. The was a novella, easy to read, good glimpse at the characters and the town. The two MC's are well rounded out and there's a fair amount of steam between them.

It was a good read.

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## **Laura says**

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This is a novella, but it had a lot of depth and was definitely more a full-length than a novella story. Griffing and Darcy were both likeable. And, you could understand where they were each coming from. Griffin had built a life in their small town, intentionally. And, just as intentionally, Darcy created a life in New York City.

It was interesting to see them fight their attraction, and then give into it, and then fight it again. The chemistry was explosive, the emotion honest. And, it tapped into an experience we have all had, whether in a romantic relationship or otherwise, the idea that we are going to have to give up something we want to keep something else we want.

The writing was strong and the packing was consistent. It made me want to read the other novels in the series. As it was a novella, there is not a lot to say about the book itself, it was short and mostly to the point without a lot of twists...but sometimes, that can be really refreshing.

I recommend this novella

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## **nick says**

Well wasn't that hot!

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## **Terri says**

Review also found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher Kensington via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. The expected publication date is September 27th, 2016.

This is part of the Something New series however can be read as a stand alone. I have only read one of the previous stories and they are not required to understand this one.

This was one sexy story! I didn't know how long it was heading in to it but I finished it in one sitting. Short with a lot of steam packed in to it. This is not for those who want the "sexy time" to be mainly off the page. It is oozing throughout the whole story, in great detail. Darcy and Griffin have mad chemistry. The kind that would make it awkward to be alone in a room with them. But it was fun.

I can't say much about the plot because honestly the story was short and I don't want to give anything away. The synopsis explains it and then my review pretty much covers the rest.

For those that want something short with a high steam level, this is the read for them.

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Jennifer Dawson is an author that knows how to spice it up. Her heroes are fantasy material and the heroines hold all the cards. She's My Kind of Girl, puts Darcy in the driver seat and Griffin is her willing passenger. Young love and second chances are central to the theme of this story. Prodigal daughter Darcy returns just in time to stir up old love, Griffin's carefully orchestrated plans and ends up questioning her own life plans. Shorter than her usual stories but still delightfully entertaining.

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### **Danielle says**

I was pretty bummed out that this was a novella and not a full length novel but again Dawson's passion for writing stood out in She's My Kind of Girl.

Darcy and Griffin were both likable characters in their own way I could see both sides on why they chose the paths they did but I loved how they got back together. While Darcy couldn't wait to get out of town and spread her wings, Griffin chose to stay and make a life for himself there, and even became major.

Their attraction to one another really sucked me in from the beginning. It was one of those slow burn attractions that you know once they get together it will be explosive and it was.

I felt the writing was strong and Dawson did a great job at pairing up this couple. They fed off one another well and I liked how well it just flowed. There wasn't a lot of drama which was a plus and this story really focused on them as a couple or I should say becoming a couple again. Overall a well written addition to this series.

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### **NiCoLeTa E. says**

\*\*\*4,5 *"I need to come home!!!"* stars\*\*\*

This was a lovely, quick and steamy companion novel to the "Something New" series about second chances in love...

God, it was so quick, but i enjoyed it so much!!!

I never wanted to finish, as the most stories by Jennifer Dawson's pen...

I met her books the last year and i'm loving every single one of them!!! And this one wasn't an exception...

Darcy Miller has to return in her hometown Revival, after twelve years that she left everything behind, in order to help her mother to save her house from the state...

To succeed in that plan, she had to face the major of the town who's not anyone else than her ex boyfriend, Griffin...

***"She was still that girl, but Griffin wasn't that boy.  
He was one of them."***

Griffin used to be a troublemaker in his youth, but the twelve years that followed, many things have changed in his life...

Now, at the age of thirty, he was a respectable man, the major of his little town and he was trying to do his best for the citizens of this town...

The last thing that he needed was Darcy Miller to step back into his life and turn everything upside down!!! For God's sake, she is having a sex blog, something that might ruined a major, but it's so hard to stay away from her!!!

***"He had no business doing anything with her. No business touching her. Darcy Miller was off-limits. A memory of his past that had to stay that way."***

Darcy was hating Revival and everything that it represented... When she was younger, she was troublemaker and the people in this town never forgets... Her only dream was to leave everything behind and start over in the big city... even though that means to leave behind the love of her life...

And after all this years, she is back and she has to face the past and the man that she never forgot... A man so same and so different at the same time...

A man that is making her heart beats wild and her legs to shake...

But she is determined to win in this battle against him no matter what will be the cost...

*Will she succeed or she will lose her heart for once again???*

***"He's my weakness."***

God, Griffin and Darcy were having such a chemistry between them...

I loved them both fiercely!!!!

When those two where in the same room, the air around them was thick and electrifying!!!

I adore the way they were together...

*So, there will be a chance for those two???*

*"She couldn't come home and he couldn't leave.  
That left them with no future."*

Griffin was very stable and even though that he was respectable and the major, so he had to be proper, his old ways and charming stayed untouched... and god, this dirty mouth of his!!!!

*"I'm breaking all my rules for you."*

Darcy was an independent woman who had her own theories... She was sassy, she couldn't hold back her tongue and she had some suppressed bitterness because of the past....

Griffin was her only weakness...

"She wanted to be the woman he deserved.  
Wanted to love him the way he deserved."

I also liked very much that we met again some of the Donovan's and their matches...  
It was a wonderful surprise!!! Just like this book!!!

Can't wait for the next Jennifer Dawson's book!!!

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