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My mom always said it was just something about the way he moved.

The same swagger Archie Valentine wore in the ring when he took his opponents down followed him like a halo everywhere he went. But make no mistake about it—he was no angel. He was like a drug. My mother was his addict.

I never understood it...how love could make you blind and convince you to drink the poison. Not until I met Memphis Delaney.

At first, it was the familiar form. He's a fighter, built like a god from the past, the kind of man the universe doesn't make anymore. His eyes hide a story, and every time I'm in his presence I want to keep reading him until I get to the end. And then...there's the way he moves. His boxing is violent but beautiful, and his body is a seductive weapon. When he's in the ring, he wears the stare of a man committed to the battle until his very last breath.

He could end me; turn me into her. Too much of him will leave me as a shadow, and I've lost so much of myself already.

But I have discipline. It came the hard way. Lessons learned, scars left behind, and trust stripped away from life.

I will breathe his air, but I won't fall for a man like him. The only boxer who's ever going to break my heart is the one who gave me my name.

## Memphis Details

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## **From Reader Review Memphis for online ebook**

### **Jemima says**

**Title: Memphis**

**Author: Ginger Scott**

**Genre: Contemporary Romance, Sports**

**Publication Date: February 23, 2018**

I have been in love with Ginger Scott's books since I read her first first back in the year 2015. Ever since then, I have read all her books and have read them again and again and again. I love a good sports romance so it isn't a surprise that I love the fact her books. There is always have an element of sports blended into her stories.

Memphis was quintessential Ginger Scott. Perfect blend of sports and romance.

Even so, Memphis was a surprise, I'll be honest here and say that when I think Ginger Scott books, I think "baseball, basketball, football romance" NOT boxing...But she did it! Memphis is unmistakably palpable!

The characters in this book are written so well... You either love 'em or hate 'em.

Olivia is brilliant, resilient and strong.

Memphis is hardworking, diligent and loyal.

Their chemistry is insanely angst...almost a slow burn kind of romance but when they do finally get together.. geez!!! HOT!!! I mean we are talking about a boxer here, Ladies hahahaha

Memphis is a beautiful love story about love, family drama, tragedy and dreams.

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### **~\*\*Anna\*\*~ A Romance Reader says**

\*4.5 stars\*

This book was amazing! I loved every minute of it. It hooked me from the first page and never let me go.

Memphis was a great character. It's so refreshing to read about a boxer that's not a manwhore, actually he's the opposite of that. He's such a nice guy, with a heart of gold. I fell in love with him so hard! He works hard for what he wants but never steps on others to get there. When he falls in love he does so with all his being. He's such a gentleman too! I loved that so much about him.

*"I will wait for you to really know who I am, Liv. I'm confident in the man I am. I'm not those men upstairs who disappointed you, but I understand your guard. And I will wait until you believe I won't break that promise. Breaking you, Liv, would be one of the biggest regrets of my life. And I just don't do regrets."*

Olivia has had a tough life. Her parents are not the most loving and see her as a commodity. Her dad was a famous boxer that everyone loved, but she knows the truth behind the man. She went through a horrible relationship where she ended up losing everything, and that's how she ends up back again living with her uncle and working at the family gym. When she meets Memphis she feels attracted to him but is resilient to let him in. I understand where she's coming from and I liked that their relationship took its time to mature. This is a slow burn book but it was so nice seeing them fall in love and finally trust each other at a slower pace. I truly believe they are soul mates and was rooting for them all along, so when they finally got together I was so happy!

Overall this was a great book about love, loyalty, new beginnings and finding your way in life. I highly recommend it to all romance readers.

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### **Jenny••Steamy Reads Blog•• says**

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I love sports, I love romance, so of course I thought, I'll love this too since it sounds like it has both. Well, it does, and some more. It's about two lost individuals who struggle to find their home, to find their peace, and to find the ground beneath their feet.

This review is hard to write. Why?? Because there is so much I can say. But..... I can't give anything away. There is a lot that happens in this story. It's a slow burn, it's a hard love, it's a story that surprises you at many turns, and it's a sad story with an amazing ending where two broken souls finally get the happiness they both so deserve.

I wish we could have seen more to the revenge, payback to certain individuals in the end (thats my needy side), but knowing that Memphis and Olivia won and came out on top with each other, is enough for me.

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## Ari says

### 3.5 stars

I've been many colors, but I haven't been my own in years.

Before anything, I'd like to say that Ginger Scott is one helluva writer. There is no doubt about it. And I say that because I've read a lot of her books before I started this blog, and ***You and Everything After*** is one of my most favorite books. And for a very good reason. So if you haven't read that, I really recommend you do.

But having said that, I couldn't connect with Memphis for some reason. I can't decide if it was the story itself that was disconnected or if it was me just being cranky because of the broken leg recently put in a cast. But whatever the reasons were, I did not like this book *right now*. May be I will at some other time tho, who knows.

Memphis is centered around the daughter of a boxing legend- Olivia/Liv, who had run from her family 7 years ago, only to be chased back to them after some shit happens. After she comes to a house filled with contempt for her, she runs into her family's star fighter- Memphis- an orphan that took to boxing to fulfill his dead father's wish. A father he'd never met.

From there on a lot of things come to the light, and Liv and Memphis fall in love and bla bla bla, and honestly, not to be rude, but I kind of zoned out. Can you zone out reading a book? Because I did with this one after I realized that the tone of the book and the emotions the characters were portraying were in complete discordance. It felt as if the author was floundering to give this story a direction, and was just not able to grasp at that thread that would've brought the book together.

Or like I said, maybe I'm just grumpy and complaining about nothing.

Who knows.

But one thing was obviously clear- Scott is a brilliant writer, and the only reason I hung around for as long as I did was because of that. And even I cannot deny that, even as cranky as I am.

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## Jennifer Kyle says

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**\*\*ARC provided in exchange for an honest review\*\***

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## Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

Review @ Vanilla & Spice Books

I love Ginger Scott. There are many reasons why.

**One** - she writes the best heroes. They are always good to the bone, kind, romantic, smart and special.

**Two** - her heroines are always strong, resilient and with their heart in the right place. You might not love them right from the beginning but you always come to love them.

**Three** - her extraordinary story lines that grip and captivate you and don't let loose until you read THE END.

**Four** - she has this amazing talent - not only is her writing just beautiful she also knows how to start a story and you are smack dab in the middle of it. Her words have this way of pulling you in from the moment you open the book.

I could continue my praise for a while but let me get down to business now.

Liv's story is unbelievably tragic. Her family is a piece of work. Utter scum. Her mother is a psychopath out of the book, her dad a former boxing champion now tied to the bed after a stroke. Her uncle a thieving bastard. And that's the place she has to go back to out of necessity. Who knew that something good would come out of going back to the place she couldn't wait to leave.

Liv never wanted to tie herself to a fighter, seeing how the whole boxing business poisoned her family. She didn't see Memphis coming. A talented fighter, a man as beautiful as ambitious and driven and with a heart of gold. He is focused, doesn't need distractions while preparing for the fight that might change everything in his life. so he didn't see Liv coming either. Memphis shows her that if she wants love in her life she has to let go of the hate and slowly she disentangles herself from the unhealthy environment and her past. Liv is too broken, too suspicious and a little too prickly to love her from the start but give her a chance and you'll fall in love with her.

### **“You need to promise me that you won’t break me”**

She tries so hard to resist him, is suspicious of every good thing coming her way but he tears down that sturdy fortress around her with his kindness, honesty and sweetness. Memphis and Olivia are made for each other. They have a lovely friendship they build on and while both of them feel the strong pull they don't give into their attraction. Olivia, because of her doubts and Memphis because he is just such a wonderful man and never pushes her beyond her limits. He holds her heart in his hands, gently, tenderly, always careful not to break it. Memphis is a fighter and he fights for his love. His soul is pure.

**“I will wait for you to really know who I am, Liv. I’m confident in the man I am. I’m not those men upstairs who disappointed you, but I understand your guard. And I will wait until you believe I won’t break that promise. Breaking you, Liv, would be one of the biggest regrets of my life. And I just don’t do regrets.”**

There is a side character that also stole my heart. I was beyond pleased that these three lost souls found one another and had a chance at something so beautiful (because you never know which way it goes with Ms. Scott). Miles is everything. How he teased Memphis and poked fun at him was hilarious. To call Liv's mother a mother is an offense to every good mother out there. She is a despicable snake with nothing but her own advantage on her mind. Hate is a strong word but boy, did I hate her.

I love the realism in Ginger's books. This toxic family could be your neighbors. Heck, they probably are.

MEMPHIS has more steam than every other book I've read by this author and if you ask me she can continue doing that. That one sex scene was, sexy, hot and she built up to it until you just wanted to shout "Oh my god, DO IT ALREADY!" It wasn't overly explicit but tastefully done, erotic and beautiful, with a lot of feeling.

**"I want you because when I touch you I feel it in every square inch of my body."**

If you need any more reasons to read this book scroll up and read the first paragraph again. Memphis definitely is one of my highlights this year. It is so Ginger Scott, yet so different too. It's a wonderful story about making peace with the fact that you can't change your upbringing and blood family, about the growth that comes when you let go of the hate and move past it. Ms. Scott teaches a lesson:

**"Lost souls find each other sometimes."**

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### **Jessica (Angie & Jessica's Dreamy Reads) says**

There are great writers and there are great storytellers, but unfortunately in the indie romance market, you don't often find both at once. And that's precisely why I salivate over Ginger Scott's books. She tells a story like Memphis, a gritty, complicated, romantic story that completely sweeps you away in its intensity, but she does so with words that are so luxurious, so emotional, so vivid, they literally take my breath away. I get lost in her books, in her words, in every bit of dialogue, in every description, in every bit of heartache, every touch and breath and smirk, every kiss. I get lost in all of it. And in Memphis, I never wanted to be found.

The sweet romance between Memphis and Liv is this beautiful budding thing growing in the middle of a whole lot of ugliness. Liv's family, their secrets and their slimy ways... it all just felt so icky, such a sharp contrast to the adorably heartwarming dynamic growing between these characters. It felt like snakes were closing in though, like something was going to come out or something would inevitably pull the rug out from under Liv and Memphis, characters who so clearly deserved happiness after all they'd been through in their lives. I both longed to see what would happen next and dreaded what was to come. I was gripped. I was anxious. I read with warmth in my heart and knots in my stomach the whole way through.

I love a good sports romance but I've found that too often an author will call her character an athlete but you never actually see him in his element. You're just meant to believe he's a baseball player or a fighter or a quarterback because the author says so. That's not Ginger Scott though. She's written several books surrounding athletes and she nails it every time. Watching Memphis Delaney in his element is an integral part of getting to know him, understanding him, falling for his character. Every punch, every black eye, every piece of tape on his hands drew me in to his story, ensuring I was wholly connected to his journey as a boxer. And standing outside the ring watching him spar, as we do with Liv, is a pivotal part of connecting with her as well, coming to understand how the sport has made her who she is and why she's so reluctant to repeat the toxic dynamic of her parents. You can't help but fall in love with Memphis in this book because Ginger Scott gives you so much of him, you'll fall without thinking about it. But you'll fall just as hard for Liv because her struggle with becoming a fighter's girl, being his distraction, his hurdle, his inspiration, is as complicated as it is understandable. I felt all of it. I felt everything. And I absolutely loved it.

I loved this book SO MUCH. It's far more than a great fighter romance. This story is ugly at times, layered with twists and turns, with colorful characters I both loved and loathed. It's exciting the way a superb sports romance should be, it's surprisingly sexy and deliciously romantic and I was completely enthralled. Memphis warmed my heart, had me on the edge of my seat and kept my emotions on edge the entire way through. This book is a TKO, a triumphant love story and a new Ginger Scott favorite.

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## Ari says

### *Original review: The New Romantics*

*Memphis* is a fighter romance about getting back up no matter how many times life knocks you down. After her ex-husband is convicted in a Ponzi scheme, Olivia Valentine finds herself right back at the one place she tried so hard to run away from. The Valentine family is anything but welcoming and while her return home may be only temporary, Olivia can't stop herself from wanting to know more about Memphis Delaney, a fighter who trains at her family's gym. Sparks fly and although she may have been reluctant at first, Olivia slowly starts falling for Memphis. But when the past comes to light, what ends up being revealed may just break these two apart.

I had no idea what to expect when I picked up Ginger Scott's latest release but it's been a long ass time since I last read a fighter romance so I was excited to see what Scott was serving up. *Memphis* is a romance with layers. It starts off slow and the thing is, I went into this book expecting a very simple romance, but I was totally thrown for a loop. I don't want to give too much away because the plot-twist is just too good to be spoiled for but holy hell what a twist! I did not see this story taking that kind of turn and Ginger Scott did an amazing job at bringing this story full circle.

Liv's family wins the award for being **ONE OF THE WORST FICTIONAL FAMILY** I've ever read about. I don't think there is even a word to describe how much hatred I feel for them but they truly are worst than scum. All their actions, their lies, their snakish ways made my blood boil because how can one be so cruel to their own flesh and blood? They are not redeemable in anyway and they deserved so much worse than what they got.

Memphis Delaney stole my heart! He's been knocked down a few times but he always gets back in the ring. I think what surprised me most about Memphis was his laid-back personality. I thought he would have a lot of built up aggression considering his back story, but he is so kind and willing to help those in need. Memphis

is by far my favorite hero by Ginger Scott has written to date! Although Olivia might not want to admit it, she definitely has some fighter instincts in her. She may be rough around the edges, but there is a softness to her and Memphis helps to bring that part out. The romance is a slow-burning one which is understandable since Liv is so hell-bent on not following in her mother's footsteps by falling in love with a fighter. It's ironic because all these two ever wanted was a place to call home and they managed to find that in each other.

The epilogue absolutely gutted me. It was told from a POV that wasn't Memphis or Liv's and I wasn't expecting that but it was beautiful! **I CRIED ALL THE TEARS AND I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER WAY TO END THIS STORY!**

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I don't think I've said this before but Ginger Scott is truly an amazing writer and if you haven't read one of her books yet then what are you waiting for?! Her ability to turn what would seem like a simple romance into something so much more is a gift and I can't wait to see what type of romance Scott brings us next!

### **Dilek VT says**

**2,5 maybe???**

#### **The plot**

This book is about Olivia, who is the daughter of a legendary boxer and Memphis, who is the boxer having his training in her father's gym.

Olivia never had a happy family. Her parents were awful.

Having had enough of the toxic environment around her family, Olivia runs away from home and she chooses a wrong person to fall in love with and he leads her life to a different hell.

Penniless and devastated, Olivia now comes back home to pick up the pieces of her life. There, he meets their new fighter Memphis.

There is an instant attraction between Memphis and Olivia. Although Olivia swore she would never become her mother and she would never fall for a fighter, she sees that Memphis is different from his father, the drunk and the cheater.

Eventually, she trusts Memphis and everything falls into its place.

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#### **Slow burn, little angst, no chasing, no banter, no tension, no steam**

There is not any angst between Olivia and Memphis. They slowly fall for each other and that's all.

There is no OW/OM drama.

There is no cheating. It is totally safe.

The only drama and the mild angst in the book stem from the doings of the family members of Olivia.

There is no separation between the couple.

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### **Why didn't I enjoy this book?**

Olivia and Memphis are totally likable characters. The plot of the book is not bad, either. However, the way it is written is boring as hell.

I couldn't get into the story. Something was off...

I cannot quite put my finger on it but I can definitely say that the book didn't make me feel anything (other than boredom).

I never felt the strong chemistry between them that the writer mentions throughout the pages.

The dialogues are scarce and the inner monologues highly outweigh the dialogues between the characters.

All in all, I can say that my problem with this book lies in its story-telling; it just wasn't engaging enough for me.

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P.S. For a better sports romance (boxer again :) with awesome characters and good story telling, I would recommend Hurricane & Aftermath by R.J. Prescott.

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### **Christie«SHBBblogger» says**

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

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### **NMmomof4 says**

#### **3 Stars**

**Overall Opinion:** I'm bummed with this one. I felt like it was a little too much inner dialogue, and not enough interaction. While I really did enjoy the characters themselves, I didn't fully feel their connection to each other. I know that I usually need to feel the connection well for a low steam book to work for me, but sadly I didn't get that here and it felt lacking in the steam department as well. Don't even get me started on that epilogue! What was that?! I liked the side character whose POV it was told in, but I wanted more closure with the mc's relationship instead! I'm so tired of sounding like a broken record with the lack of good closure in books, so I'll just say I was disappointed ?

**Brief Summary of the Storyline:** This is Olivia and Memphis's story. They meet when Olivia reluctantly returns home after her world gets turned upside down. Memphis is training under her uncle as a fighter in her family's gym. She has seen the ugly side of loving a fighter first hand with her mother so she is not interested in following in her footsteps, but the pull towards one another is too strong to fight. There are some big secrets revealed, some family drama, and some sweet moments...and they get a HFN ending.

**POV:** This alternated between Olivia and Memphis's POV.

**Overall Pace of Story:** Good until the ending. I never skimmed and I thought it flowed well otherwise.

**Instalove:** No

**H rating:** 4.5 stars. Memphis. I really liked him! He was a great combination of sweet, protective, and hot!

**h rating:** 4 stars. Olivia. I liked her. She was pretty strong considering all she had been through.

**Sadness level:** Low, no tissues needed

**Push/Pull:** Not in the usual way.

**Heat level:** Mild. They have one scene -- so it is pretty low on the heat.

**Descriptive sex:** Yes

**OW/OM drama:** No (view spoiler)

**Sex scene with OW or OM:** No

**Cheating:** No

**Separation:** Not really. Once they get together they stay together.

**Possible Triggers:** Yes (view spoiler)

**Closure:** This was another book that I felt completely ripped off with the ending! The epilogue was told in a side-character's POV, and while I liked that character I felt like it wasn't enough! I would call this a HFN ending (view spoiler).

**Safety:** This one should be Safe for most safety gang readers  
(view spoiler)

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**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince  
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

\*\*\*\*\*3.5 STARS\*\*\*\*\*

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

This standalone sports romance had a very bleak and depressing feel to it. While I really liked the Hero, I found it hard to warm up to the Heroine and I guess I wasn't in the mood for yet another story about two unfortunate souls who weren't blessed with loving and nurturing families. While Ginger Scott is a gifted writer and I did enjoy parts of this story and I found Memphis's character to be endearing, there were things about the story that didn't gel for me. The twist in the plot was one of them. I didn't see the need to take the story in that direction and neither did it enhance my reading experience.

I'll end this review with what I liked about the story. I really did like Memphis as the Hero. No matter what challenges life threw his way, he was determined to live a decent life and honor the memory of a father he never got the chance to know before he passed on. He had a huge heart and I enjoyed all the scenes between him and Miles, the homeless war veteran that Memphis would check up on from time to time. The romance was sweet and mildly steamy.

I'm sure devoted Ginger Scott fans will enjoy this one. It just wasn't my favorite by this author and I think I need to be in the mood to read a book with such a depressing backdrop and overall feel.

Here are my overall ratings:

**Hero:** 4

**Heroine:** 3

**Plot:** 3

**Angst:** 2.5

**Steam:** 3

**Chemistry Between Hero & Heroine:** 3

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Google Play: <http://bit.ly/2Fe2sNv>  
Kobo: <http://bit.ly/2sJ503C>

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### **?? Nikki. ✨ says**

Really enjoyed this.

My first book by this author, it did not disappoint. Loved the writing style!

This book was a little upsetting in some parts due to Olivia's family. I did not like them at all.

Memphis is such a great character and him and Olivia together were just perfect. Really loved their story and relationship. :)

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### **Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

LIVE Amazon - <http://amzn.to/2Cvhr2F>

4,5 stars ♥?

I fall in love with this story from the beginning!The build up is slow and the characters amazing!They felt so real and as much as I reading I was falling more in love with Memphis!Memphis was a fantastic read, the story was captivating and the writing beautiful!

The relationship between Olivia and Memphis was great, both characters were well developed!There was a slow burn and tension between them and the attraction was palpable.When they finally got together they were intense!I love everything about Memphis, he is sweet,kind,protective! Olivia is a strong and tough heroine even though I liked her there were some times I didn't like her so much.

Overall, it was a sweet and romantic story!You should definitely give it a try, Ginger never disappoint you with her stories!

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## **Jen~KU Book Reviews says**

From the beginning, I knew that Memphis was going to be something special, something I wanted to devour but at the same time, savor every single word.

In a family full of greedy, selfish people, Olivia wishes for nothing more than to never have to see them again. But circumstances beyond her control have her returning to her family's home. She doesn't want to follow in her mother's footsteps, but sometimes fate steps in and puts you right where you need to be.

Memphis Delaney is a fighter through and through. It's in his blood, his heart. It's all he knows. His end goal is to be a champion—not for the fame or the money, but for himself. And can we just stop her so I can fill you in on how perfect he is?!! God, his body, his face, his words. Absolutely a top book boyfriend for me ??!!

What follows is an incredible love story between two broken people. You FEEL every emotion and hurt just as much as Liv and Memphis do.

“Us. A beginning of us—or an accidental us, fate or coincidence...maybe luck—whatever it is, it made *us*. We are in this space together, and there was a moment. It makes breathing both hard and satisfying when she is around.”

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Ginger Scott delivered a novel with such deep emotion—she wrote from her heart and I was enraptured with this story and the characters she created. She is known for her sports romance novels, and let me tell you, she knows how to do them right. I absolutely loved this story. With every book, she sprinkles her magic fairy dust and Memphis proved to me once again why Ms. Scott is one of my top favorite authors.

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