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From the author of *Once Upon a Wine*, a new novel set in the charming seashore town of Black Dog Bay, Delaware.

When everything has gone to the dogs . . .

When Jocelyn Hillier is named legal guardian for the late Mr. Allardyce's pack of pedigreed Labrador retrievers, her world is flipped upside down. She's spent her entire life toiling in the tourism industry in Black Dog Bay and never expected to be living the pampered life of a seasonal resident in an ocean side mansion, complete with a generous stipend. But her new role isn't without its challenges: The dogs (although lovable) are more high-maintenance than any Hollywood diva, the man she wants to marry breaks her heart, and she's confronted at every turn by her late benefactor's estranged son, Liam, who thinks he's entitled to the inheritance left to the dogs.

Jocelyn has worked too hard to back down without a fight, and she's determined to keep her new fur family together. As she strives to uphold the "Best in Show" standards her pack requires, Jocelyn finds love, family, and forgiveness in the most unexpected places.

In Dog We Trust Details

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Mackenzie - PhDiva Books says

Cute emergency!!!

In Dog We Trust is adorable, uplifting, and magnetic—I care so much for Jocelyn and those sweet labs that I wish I could have another book so I don't have to leave them behind on those pages! When I read In Dog We Trust by Beth Kendrick, I wasn't sure what to think. A dog romance book? But no—this is a book about a woman finding herself, learning about love and heart ache, and saving some pretty adorable pups along the way. This is a must-read for anyone who wants a feel-good romance with some laugh-out-loud moments!

My full review can be found on PhDiva.blog!

Reflection

Since this is part of a series, I worried that I'd be spoiled on other books, or lost, but I didn't need to worry! The series is actually focused on the town of Black Dog Bay—a town renowned for healing broken hearts. Each book in the series focuses on a different resident of the town. I took a peak and there are a few characters from previous books that pop up as side characters here, but it didn't spoil ANY of their stories, so I'm already looking forward to reading the rest of this series!

Jocelyn is so fantastic—I loved her! She is vulnerable, a bit naive at times, but when it comes to her values she won't compromise an inch. She is all heart, and because of that, she believes the best in everyone—even those who might not deserve it.

The dogs! I loved the contrast between the rigid training of show dogs, and the loving care that Jocelyn provides. As curmudgeon-y as her boss seems, he is the one who hired her. He knows what she offers to those dogs and he wants that for them. I found it incredibly sweet!

And then there is the whole heartbreak to contend with. I won't say much, but you'll be infuriated like I was, I'm sure! But I thought it was wonderful how Kendrick didn't let the story turn depressing. Jocelyn has other passions in life, and the dogs need her. Jocelyn is a strong woman and I really enjoyed reading about her so much!

Many thanks to Berkley for my copy of this book. I can't wait to hear what others think! I read it as a book club read with the book besties, and we all found it adorable and charming and uplifting.

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

This was my first Kendrick read and it certainly won't be my last.

From the quirky lovable town right down to the likable and fun characters, this story was just so much fun.

With a town every bit as lovable as the characters, it is definitely a place you wish you could visit if not live there too.

A sweet lighthearted story that will grab your attention and leave you with a smile on your face, *In Dog We Trust* was just what I needed for a quick weekend read in front of the fireplace to warm me both in body and spirit.

ARC provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Kendall says

In Dog We Trust by Beth Kendrick is a cute and light fluffy read. I needed something uplifting and fun after the darker reads I've been reading.

I adored Jocelyn and her best friend Bree! They had the sweetest relationship and had me cracking up with their friendship! Awesome bestie I'd love to have :).

What I liked was that this story wasn't fully focused on a romance. It takes awhile for the pacing and story to build up into the romance. I struggled a little bit with the pacing of the book and felt the story dragging a bit... but despite this the story was just plain darn fun and cute read!

This is definitely one for animal/dog lovers! Thank you Beth... now I want to get another dog... when we just got one 3 months ago haha.

Overall, this was a definite fun read. 3.5 stars!

Thank you to Berkley and Netgalley for the arc in exchange for my honest review.

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Linda Zagon says

Linda's Book Obsession Reviews "*In Dog We Trust*" by Beth Kendrick, Berkley Books, January 8, 2019?

Beth Kendrick, Author of "*In Dog We Trust*" has written an enjoyable, amusing, entertaining, lovable story. If you love animals, this book will definitely make you smile. The Genres for this book are Fiction, Women's Fiction, and Romance. The timeline for this story is in the present, and only goes to the past when it pertains to the characters or events in the story. The colorful characters in the story each have their own personalities, and problems, including the dogs.

Jocelyn Hillier is an ambitious, honest young women, who is extremely hardworking, and loves animals. Jocelyn helps her Mom do the laundry for the renters of the community. These would be the wealthy seasonable visitors that reside in the seaside community. Joscelyn's mother has warned her to stay away from any possible romantic entanglements with the wealthy visitors.

Jocelyn finds herself helping wealthy and obnoxious Mr. Allardyce with his highly pedigreed dogs. She walks them and gives them love. When Mr. Allardyce dies, Jocelyn finds herself in the position of being

legal guardian of his dogs, and living in his mansion with a tremendous amount of money that she is able to spend. Instead of being a seasonal resident, Jocelyn is now living in the wealthy tourist style, which she is not used to at all. Of course this new arrangement has irritated some people who believe that Jocelyn has no right to anything Mr. Allardyce's will stated. One of those who will fight her is Liam, Mr. Allardyce's son.

In addition to possibly fighting the will, can it be possible that Liam is cute and a nice guy as well? Of course, Jocelyn takes note that her dogs require a tremendous amount of maintenance, and some of the most lovable moments center around the dogs. The most important stipulation of the will is that Jocelyn must be guardian of the dogs. Yet, there are some people who question that as well. What does one do? Is it love or money? Which is more important?

I had a good time reading this book, and had some chuckles. This is a heartwarming story, and I highly recommend this to readers who love animal stories with romance. I received an ARC from NetGalley for my honest review. Happy Reading!!

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

Funny cute rom-com.

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There's nothing like a fun read to put you in a good mood. This new book by Beth Kendrick is written in perfect romcom style.

Her characters are funny if not just a little bit crazy. Witty and decidedly likable, Jocelyn has an addictive personality that really makes the story fun especially when her and her best friend Bree hang around. Awesome bestie that I want to have!

A secondary characters are all great too. I especially enjoyed Liam and the rest of the story about his connection to the house. And we can't forget about the dogs! The most important part of the entire theme. So funny.

The author added loads of plot twists and unexpected surprises that really made this story stand out. The town of Black Dog Bay is quintessential small-town America, the quaint uniqueness that makes us all wish we could live there too.

In Dog We Trust by Beth Kendrick is a heartwarming, feel good story that is sweetly addictive and just an overall wonderful read that will make you smile.

\* review copy received

Full review - <https://amidlifewife.com/in-dog-we-tr...>

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### **LORI CASWELL says**

Dollycas's Thoughts

Jocelyn Hillier and her mom do tons of laundry each week for the guest houses rented out in Black Dog Bay.

Due to a freak almost accident, she finds herself with a part-time job too. Dog sitter for a group of show dogs owned by Mr. Allardyce. She doesn't care much for him but she loves his dogs. When Allardyce passes away Jocelyn is stunned to find he not only named her legal guardian for his dogs but entrusted her with the house they live in and plenty of cash to see to their every need.

Shortly after the reading of the will, her new boyfriend breaks up with her and Allardyce's son files a lawsuit to overturn the will. He is not happy to lose his inheritance to a pack of dogs. Jocelyn also needs to deal with the dog's trainer and their dog show schedule all while one of the dogs is due to deliver a litter of pups any day. With a lawyer trying to advise her of ways to make everyone happy, she decides to take them all on and do everything she can to keep the canines together and with her.

I was thrilled to be back in Black Dog Bay – “the best place in America to bounce back from your breakup. Home to Better Off Bed-and-Breakfast, the Eat Your Heart Out bakery, and the Whinery bar, Black Dog Bay offers a haven for the suddenly single.” While the books in this series all take place in the same Delaware town, they can all be read as stand-alone and in any order.

I really liked Jocelyn. She had her hands full not only with the dogs but with the laundry business as well, because her mother is recovering from back surgery. My husband had back surgery right before Christmas so I can totally relate to the care and recovery and the efforts of those helping with that recovery. At first, this character didn't really show her strength by as the story continued the fight inside her really emerged. She fought for the dogs and she fought for herself. After a while, she even opened her heart to someone new. Her best friend Bree was there every step of the way, encouraging her on. Friends their whole lives and always there for each other.

Like any great Romantic Comedy, there is a love interest for Jocelyn, in fact, there are two. I wanted to jump right into the pages and punch the first guy right in the nose. He put on a great front at first, but his true colors were soon out for all to see. The second guy was the complete reverse, a jerk to start with, but then he came to his senses.

This is a wonderful lighthearted story. Life, family, romance, dogs, and humor fill these pages. It would make an excellent Hallmark Movie. The ending is a happily ever after as expected, but it is told in a delightful way. I really enjoy the way Ms. Kendrick tells a story.

I loved this story. It was a fun read, a perfect escape for me!

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### **Barb (Boxermommyreads) says**

So this is the fifth installment in the Black Dog Bay series and unlike what I usually believe, I honestly think you can read this out of order with no real issues at all. Yes, there are some crossover characters but honestly, if you want to get a feel for this author and this series, it is quite easy to start with "In Dog We Trust."

Black Dog Bay is a local spot in Delaware where people go to heal heartbreak and make new paths for themselves. Many of the inhabitants have been burned or dumped and they come to the area looking for the elusive black labrador which signals their luck is about to change. However, Jocelyn has spent her whole life in town, working with her mother for a laundry services which caters to the many local businesses and

hotels. One morning while jogging, she saves the show dog of a rich old man living on the beach and her luck changes. She ends up falling in love for the idiot driving the car and before she knows it, she is left as the executor for the dog's estate once their owner, Mr. Allardyce, suddenly dies.

I really liked Jocelyn and her best friend Bree who realizes that her friend's future husband is not all he is cracked up to be. In addition, the reader is also introduced to Mr. Allardyce's estranged son, Liam, who shows up wanting his inheritance and despite loving dogs, can't believe his father left his estate to his four-legged children instead of him.

"In Dog We Trust" is a fun book and a great way to spend an afternoon. Jocelyn is such a dog lover and truly makes every move thinking about how it will effect the dogs in her care. There are even some adorable puppies born, including one which Jocelyn's mother names George Clooney. There is some romance, which is to be expected with this series, but friendship, family and pets are the main themes and everything else is just a side note.

And on a side not of my own, there is a unique auto mechanic named Otter which makes a brief appearance in "In Dog We Trust" and I really hope Kendrick explores his character more in depth in a future installment. I would highly recommend this series to animal lovers or romance lovers or even those who prefer a mixture of both.

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## **Holly B says**

An enjoyable women's literature novel set in the small town of Black Dog Bay.

Although this is the fifth in the series, I read it as a stand-alone and it worked just fine. The character of Jocelyn was my favorite. She is a dog-lover and works part-time as a care giver to Mr. Allardyce's pampered show dogs. The three Labrador retrievers get her full attention and she is devoted to them.

Things get interesting when the millionaire, Mr. Allardyce dies and leaves Jocelyn named the legal guardian of his show dogs. As guardian, she will live in his mansion and have control of his estate.

Pretty soon Mr. Allardyce's son, Liam shows up and questions about why he has been left out of any inheritance comes up. Can you imagine? It has all gone to the dogs!

I thought the first half was great and the second could have had better pacing, but overall, a a cute read filled with some humor, some puppy love, a dash of drama and a bit of a romantic interest.

Recommend for a light escape read!

3.5 STARS

Thanks to NG/ Berkley pub. for my review copy. Out Jan.8, 2019

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## **Cristina (Girl in the Pages) says**

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. **\*A HUGE thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for providing an ARC for review!!\***

So in typical fashion, I found out that the Black Dog Bay series which I love dearly had a new installment thanks to Lauren @ Bookmark Lit who is probably responsible for a solid 25% of the books on my TBR shelf at any given moment. I hit that NetGalley request button SO FAST you don't even know. So over Thanksgiving break I was spending yet another summer in my beloved East Coast seaside town of Black Dog Bay on another truly puppy filled adventure.

The newest series installment follows Jocelyn, a local Black Dog Bay resident, who runs a cleaning and laundering service for all of the beach rentals in the town, which is quite a lot as Black Dog Bay is has a reputation of being one the tourist hot spot for the brokenhearted. Right away, a huge theme of the story is established- us vs. them, locals vs. seasonal tourists, working class vs. rich. I found this to be interesting because it never played a massive part in the other books, where many of the protagonists have either been outsiders or locals who left for a long while, and there were definitely rich local townsfolk (like Hattie from the first book in her ridiculous purple house). Jocelyn gets roped into a dog-sitting gig on the side for a mean, rich seasonal resident who dies and in a truly bizarre twist of fate leaves all of his assets to his dogs, and to Jocelyn as well as he names her their guardian.

Now I'm not too sure how realistic the legal premise for the plot of the book is, but it was fun getting to glimpse into the absolutely insane world of show dogs (which I didn't even know labs were a part of). From their fancy filtered water, upscale food, crazy training schedules- it was a crazy yet fun way to read about the lifestyle of the rich in a different perspective than usual. The dogs were hilarious and truly felt like their own characters, and I am not a dog person but I would have loved to snap up one of the puppies that's born for myself (George Clooney the silver lab, LOL).

Of course with a ridiculous will that leaves all assets to three lovable but honestly not that smart labrador retrievers, legal drama is bound to happen, which is also intrinsically tied in to the romance of the novel. Jocelyn is being sued by Liam, Jocelyn's benefactor's son, for what he believes is his rightful inheritance. Now of course the circumstances are far from cut and dry and as the story progresses you learn that he's really not ~that bad of a guy~ but I just felt like I couldn't connect to the romance. Perhaps I personally could not get over the extreme aversion I would have to dating someone who was trying to sue me (no matter how well intentioned they were). In fact I think Jocelyn and Liam would have made better friends than romantic love interests and the whole story could have still felt the same with the same resolution. In fact, I found myself much more attracted to Liam's badass, debutante mother who can rock a french manicure and wrangle cattle at the same time while still having time to weed your garden and make fresh squeezed orange juice. It was really fun to see a character in the story who had such a strong presence who did not have ties to Black Dog Bay and I could honestly use a whole book about her backstory!

In terms of protagonists, Jocelyn was OK but not a standout compared to some of the other Black Dog Bay leading ladies in previous books. I also didn't get as many cameos as I wanted (there were a few with Lila and one with Cammie but I would have loved to see more!). However, the real stand out character in this story for me was Bree, Jocelyn's outspoken, palm-reading, aspiring lawyer best friend. Bree was hilarious in a way that you could probably imagine your real life BFF being, from very unsubtle "stake out" missions to helping you figure out how the heck to navigate a lawsuit when you barely feel like an adult yourself. I was



super invested in her side storyline and I'm crossing my fingers that she'll get her own Black Dog Bay book in the future!

Overall: I always love returning to Black Dog Bay and In Dog We Trust was no exception. While I wasn't a fan of the romance I enjoyed the overall story line and found several new favorite characters who I hope to see return in future installments! This review was originally posted on Girl in the Pages

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## **Berit??? says**

### **A fun and fluffy tale full of love, friendship, and sloppy dog kisses!?**

This adorable story was comfort food for my heart and soul... sometimes you just need a lovely story that will put a smile on your face and a wag in your tail... this is the fifth book in Beth Kendrick's Black Dog Bay series and can absolutely without a doubt be read as a standalone.... this was my first book in the series, but I have every intention to go back and read the previous books... A perfect palate cleanser to throw in between all those dark and twisty reads...

Joslin was out running one day saves the life of a purebred show dog, and before she knows it she's become a dogsitter.... it's a good thing Joslin adores dogs, even though her mom didn't let her have one as a child.... before she knows it the three dogs that she is sitting have completely captured her heart... and Curtis, Carmen, and Hester completely captured mine as well!

There was a lovely romance in the story but it was a realistic slow burn that was kind of in the background... I really love that, because it allowed this book to explore some other really wonderful relationships.... my favorite of those being the friendship between Joslyn and Bri.... these girls had such a strong friendship the ultimate besties, everyone needs a Bri in their life, or a Joslin... The relationship between Joslyn and her mother was also charming, complicated, but charming.... The romance was sweet and satisfying even though it was understated...

This book is guaranteed to make you feel good about all creatures big and small, two legged and four! The next time you need a book pick me up, pick this one up! Absolutely recommend!?

\*\*\* many thanks to Berkley for my copy of this book \*\*\*

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## **Robin Loves Reading says**

In this fifth book in the *Black Dog Bay* series, Jocelyn Hillier's life has just turned topsy turvy, and more than once in relatively short order. For starters, Jocelyn is jogging one day on "Rich Person Road", which is actually Shoreline Drive. Jocelyn runs a linen service along with her mother, so she is definitely glancing at the other side of things. During her run, Jocelyn manages to save a couple of dogs from being run over. She so impresses their owner, Mr. Allardyce, that he insists on hiring her to care for all of his dogs, three Labrador Retrievers.

Suddenly, Allardyce dies, and Jocelyn is named legal guardian to the dogs, as well as a huge inheritance that comes along with their care. This includes her living in his incredible mansion - correction - her mansion.

When she learns this while at the reading of the will, she isn't the only one shocked. After all, she was a glorified dogsitter. Among the people outraged is Liam, who claims that Allardyce was his father and that he was robbed of his inheritance.

Jocelyn has been fighting her entire life. Raised without a father, she is blessed with a very strong mother and has learned quite a lot in her life. One thing for certain is that she is not going to back down easily. If Liam wants a fight, he's got one. Meanwhile, Jocelyn has been dating Chris, who happens to be the same man that almost ran her and the dogs over. More than once, Jocelyn wonders if she is good enough for a rich man like Chris. What social faux pas does she chance making?

Minor things that bothered me in the book. For example, Jocelyn was very comfortable riding with Chris, a perfect stranger, but not Liam, who she had been around much more. Minor inconsistencies like this offset my rating. Then, I wasn't too keen on certain issues she took her mother.

Despite those concerns, I found this to be an enjoyable read, and I loved the storyline. There were quite a few humorous moments in the story, especially when it came to the antics of the dogs. Although women's fiction, I am someone who enjoys happily ever after, and I do love how the author played this out. We got to see Jocelyn's growth throughout this entire process. And, needless to say, all of the dogs were a delight! I definitely want to grab this entire series to-date as well as any future titles.

The series consists of *Cure for the Common Breakup*, *New Uses for Old Boyfriends*, *Put a Ring On It* and *Once Upon a Wine*. Despite the fact that I haven't yet had the chance to read them, *In Dog We Trust* did quite well as a standalone.

Many thanks to Berkley and to NetGalley for this ARC to review in exchange for my honest opinion.

*Please see all of my reviews on my blog at [www.robinlovesreading.com](http://www.robinlovesreading.com).*

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## **Melissa says**

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Giveaway included!

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## **Jennifer ~ TarHeelReader says**

**4 stars! ? ? ? ?**

I've always wanted to read Beth Kendrick's books, specifically those from the Black Dog Bay series, like this one, *In Dog We Trust*. This book did not disappoint. It's a book for every animal lover, and especially every dog lover.

Set in Black Dog Bay, Delaware, *In Dog We Trust* is Jocelyn's story. She is the legal guardian for the late Mr. Allardyce's group of Labrador retrievers. With that comes a pampered new life she never expected. The dogs are charming and lovable but super high needs. They are pedigreed, after all.

On top of that, the man Jocelyn is supposed to marry leaves her with a broken heart, and Liam, the son of Mr. Allardyce, believes he should be the recipient of the inheritance.

Jocelyn is a fighter, and she has every intention of keeping the dogs and winning at life again.

Jocelyn is a character to champion. She is strong and fiercely independent. If you are an animal and/or dog lover, you will be drawn in immediately to this sweet story with a side of easy romance. Whether you are an established fan of the series, or a new reader like me, you can jump right in to Black Dog Bay and experience the fun and delightful story for yourself. Everything about this book and setting is warmhearted, quaint, and endearing.

Thanks to Berkley for the complimentary ARC. All opinions are my own.

My reviews can also be found on my blog: [www.jennifertarheelreader.com](http://www.jennifertarheelreader.com)

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## **Stephanie says**

I received a copy of this title via NetGalley. It does not impact my review.

After a couple of really heavy reads, I needed something light and uplifting and In Dog We Trust was just that. I really enjoyed visiting Black Dog Bay again. It's such a cute, quirky little town that I wish was real so I could go there. I liked that there were some brief cameos of characters from previous books, but you definitely don't have to have read any of them to be able to read this one.

I thought the idea of this book was really fun. I've heard of eccentric, rich people leaving all their money to their pets, but never really understood how that worked. Jocelyn is named the guardian of three champion show dogs and that means she gets to move into their big, fancy beach house and controls all the money. Despite becoming rich overnight, Jocelyn never goes crazy with the money. She still works her previous job and only makes a couple small purchases that aren't dog-related. I liked that she stayed so level-headed with all of that money. I also really enjoyed her relationship with the dogs. She is definitely a die-hard animal lover and while I may not entirely relate to it, I know there are lots of dog lovers out there that will really get it.

I liked the romance, though it was not nearly as central to the plot as I expected it to be. Jocelyn and Liam's relationship grew pretty organically without any big, sweeping romantic moments, but employed smaller sweet and subtle ones. There was a lot more focus between Jocelyn's relationship with her best friend, Bree, and with her mother, Rachel. I loved seeing these three strong women interact and get stuff done.

There were a few things I didn't like, though. There are some legal things that happen towards the end of the book that I didn't love how they turned out, but I also would've like a little more clarity on the whole thing. I also expected dog shows to be much more prevalent. We only see one show and none of the diva-like high maintenance upkeep that is described in the synopsis.

Overall, I really enjoyed In Dog We Trust. It was light and fun and I never wanted to put it down. I've been looking forward to reading more from Beth Kendrick and she didn't disappoint. I think Chick Lit fans and dog-lovers would really enjoy this one, as well.

## Carrie says

In Dog We Trust by Beth Kendrick is the fifth book in the contemporary romance Black Dog Bay series. Each book in the series has a different lead couple so they seem to be fine to read as standalone novels if choosing to do. With this being my first of the series I did a little lookup and ran across an earlier description of Black Dog Bay...

**“Welcome to Black Dog Bay, a tiny seaside town in Delaware known as “the best place in America to bounce back from your breakup.” Home to Better Off Bed-and-Breakfast, the Eat Your Heart Out bakery, and the Whinery bar, Black Dog Bay offers a haven for the suddenly single.”**

As one might guess from that description there's a bit of humor in these stories and after reading this installment I definitely would like to make it back to the earlier books. In Dog We Trust didn't take long at all to settle in and begin enjoying the story and the characters so I can imagine each read would be just as fun.

This one centers around Jocelyn Hillier who is a Black Dog Bay native who happens to be in the right place/right time to save a millionaire's pedigree pup from being ran over. The encounter lands Jocelyn the job of doggy sitter to the spoiled pooches and when the owner passes away she finds herself the trustee of the dogs who inherited the wealth. This leads Jocelyn to a battle with the disinherited son which turns into so much more between the pair.

Jocelyn was quickly established as a strong independent lead and I liked her from the start. The story is definitely one for animal/dog lovers as they play a huge part of the story and the romance takes a while to build with plenty of other things going on in the meantime. Just a fun story from start to finish that I'd definitely recommend whether you've read the others in the series or not.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley

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