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When a prim and proper baker and a laid-back bartender have a neighborly disagreement that gets them both in trouble with the law, a sweet reconciliation is stirred up in the playful third romance in Andrea Laurence's sexy Rosewood series.

Maddie's life is perfectly sweet. Her bakery's tasty treats are rising to the top of every must-have list in town, and her commute is just a block away by foot. She loves everything about her little downtown Victorian bungalow—except for her unbearably noisy neighbor, Woody's. The bar's obnoxious and sexy owner, Emmett, seems to live to aggravate Maddie. But he mostly thinks she could use a stiff drink to dislodge the stick up her ass. He's just trying to run his business. Bars stay open late, they play music, they serve alcohol. If she doesn't like it, why did she buy a house across the street?

When Maddie and Emmett's battle lands them in front of the local judge, they're ordered to do several weeks of community service cleaning parks and painting over graffiti. As they scrub away the latest works of art by the town's anonymous "Penis Picasso," the baker and the bartender slowly begin to see there's more to each other than meets the eye. So what happens if they wave the white flag and surrender into each other's arms?

## Stirring Up Trouble Details

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## From Reader Review Stirring Up Trouble for online ebook

### Katie(babs) says

Stirring Up Trouble (Rosewood #3) by Andrea Laurence is a great story for those who like the opposites attracting trope, and how the main couple trade insults at one another, which is actually a type of foreplay for both. This was a very uber-cute small town romance with a stuck up heroine who falls for the seemingly blue collar worker who eventually steals her heart. A very light-hearted tale with a few awww worthy romantic gestures from the hero that will make you smile.

The heroine Maddie is a prim and proper, pearl clutching type of woman, who comes from a very well to do family. She's pretty much daddy's little girl, and a former mean girl in high school. But Maddie is very different from when she was a teenager, which you see right from the start. Maddie has been given many things in life but she wants to prove she's a hard worker and not a spoiled rich girl. She owns and runs her own bakery, and gets up at the crack of dawn to bake and create tasty desserts her small town community will love. She also bought her own house, on what she thought was a desirable, but quiet street. Unfortunately for her, Emmett owns the bar right across from her house, and because of his rowdy patrons, she can't get to sleep. She makes sure he's suffering as much as she is and calls the cops on him, which happens to be her brother.

Emmett is more than annoyed by Maddie because he ends up paying a fine every time she calls the police. She wants his bar closed by 10pm, which he can't do because he makes most of his money then by having live bands and a big crowd. He thinks Maddie has a big stick up her butt. She may think he's low class, but Emmett hides a big secret. Let's just say he left the stress of his old job to open a bar in a small town. But Maddie is about to ruin everything for him. Even her brother is fed up and ends up handcuffing the two together, in order for them to work out their problems. When that doesn't help, they're both arrested and must work community service together.

Not only are Maddie and Emmett forced to be in each others company, there's a graffiti artist spray painting huge penises on town landmarks. Maddie and Emmett decide to try and catch the criminal, aka The Penis Picasso, which leads to some late night detective work, which helps change their opinion about one another. Both are attracted to one another, but they're like oil and water. Emmett is fine with keep things under the radar so Maddie doesn't have to answer to her family and snooty friends, but as she and Emmett grow close, she wants to date him out in the open. But Maddie has been burned by men before because they only dated her for access to her family and fortune. Can she trust Emmett not to break her heart? And will Emmett reveal his secret to Maddie so they can have a clean slate and work on a future together?

Stirring up Trouble is a fun read. It's a bit loopy and slapstick, but it has a lot of heart on the pages, especially with the cast of characters Emmett and Maddie interact with. Both have great chemistry and their personal issues are solved in a way that should please readers. Emmett's one big romantic gesture for Maddie is very swoonworthy and romantic. It deals with the Penis Picasso, and how Emmett does a little graffiti of his own to show how much Maddie means to him.

Stirring Up Trouble is a feel good romance, and a recommended read.

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## **Beatriz Perez says**

I enjoyed this one.

After reading the synopsis for Stirring Up Trouble I was really excited to start reading it. I'm not going to lie, I had a bit of a hard time getting into the story. I really disliked Maddie at the beginning. Her characters was very snobby, and she came off as very rude. I ended up liking her, but it was a struggle at the beginning of the story. Do not let this deter you from reading this book, give it a chance and just keep reading.

Maddie owns a bakery and a house in her hometown. She opened the bakery with her dad's help as well as the house. The only problem she has, is the bar across the street from her house. The bar is so loud at night she can't sleep and with her bakers schedule, it's hard to sleep any other time of the day. She puts complaint after complaint with the local police. And this is the part I started rolling my eyes really hard. Who the hell buys a house across the street from a bar and then complains about the noise?? I get is a book and is fiction but I was really mad at her character every time she started being annoying about it.

Emmet is the owner of the bar across the street from Maddie's house. He is the reason I kept on reading, and I'm glad I did, because I ended up liking the story. I immediately liked his character. He was funny, with a good head for business and a dreamboat!! You could tell he genuinely cared for Maddie. Once they are forced to be together, I started seeing Maddie in a different light. I liked their chemistry, and the fact he was always making her laugh.

There were a lot of other things going on on the book besides Maddie and Emmet's "relationship", and that was another thing that kept me entertained and wanting to keep reading. The side characters are an important part of this story as well. Maddie's grandma is the coolest and she was very funny. Overall, the book is well written with bits of humor and romance. I absolutely loved the end. The book is part of a series but can be read as a standalone and I recommend you pick it up and give it a chance.

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## **Kame says**

3 1/2 stars

Emmet owns the bar across the street from Maddie's house. Each have a career that has them keeping odd hours. Lack of sleep causes them to lash out in public and the result is a month of community service.

I liked Emmet right away. He seemed to have a good business sense and seemed to genuinely care about Maddie from the very beginning. I can understand why he wanted to keep parts of his past a secret. Maddie had to work hard to win me over. She was rather snobby. But in the end she redeemed herself.

The reason I requested the book was a combination of the cover and the setting. It was rather Gilmore Girlsish in location - a small southern town with quirky characters. The plot was full of them and a few side plots that kept things interesting. The writing was entertaining enough to have me look for this author again.

I received this book from the publisher via NetGalley and this is my honest review.

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## **Susan Parkes says**

I received a copy of this book for an honest review, well what can I say, buy, buy, buy. I loved it. This is the 3rd book in the Rosewood series and you do learn abit about the second characters in the other books so I would start with book 1 so you do not miss out on the development of these characters.

Madelyn Chamberlain has always been known in town as one of the mean girls so when she opens her bakery, she knows that she has to change. Maddie has also purchased a victorian home which she adores - except for it being opposite a noisy bar called Woody's owned by Emmett. Because she owns a bakery Maddie has to get up very early to start her baking for the day and having a bar opposite is not what she needs - so war starts when she reports Emmett for noise pollution to the police, and this is where the games begin.

Emmett is not happy when the police arrive and fine him for the noise that any bar produces and knows instantly who reported him, he is not happy but pays the fine which turns into fines as Maddie keeps reporting him. They end up arguing in front of the police and are then arrested for disturbing the peace, they are then charged and up in front of the judge who tells them that they have to complete community service TOGETHER to pay their debt.

This is where the combustible chemistry, humour, friendship starts to develop, secrets are revealed and Maddie has her eyes opened to certain aspects of what your actions can cause.

I loved the style of Andrea's writing, how she kept me entertained with all the other goings on in this book. The characters in the book are all great and I could not put this book down. So I would definitely call it A MUST READ for romance lovers out there.

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## **Under the Covers Book Blog says**

Trouble is stirring up in this small town of Rosewood. Madelyn Chamberland the local baker and the Emmett Sawyer the bar owner is having a quarrel over the noise the bar's music and loud patrons are making at night. Feeling fed up, Madelyn escalates her complaints by bringing in the cops in the picture. But the plan backfires and both are sentenced to clean up the illegal artwork of the Penis Picasso...together. Of course, leaving them with no choice but to get to know each other on a deeper level.

Ms. Laurence had a few things going here that kept me flipping the pages. First is the romance between Madelyn and Emmet. I can't help wanting to know how they end up together despite the hate they had for each other in the beginning. I irony of falling in love with the person they avoided in the first place just made me laugh. The misconceptions about each other were even funnier. Ms. Laurence also made a point of pointing out Madelyn's character in high school. She was not the nice person she has become but to her defence; she tried to make amends. I love that Ms. Laurence made her accountable for her actions and didn't make it easy to get out of that hole. Let's face it, forgiving that "mean girl" in high school doesn't usually happen. But, they can change for the better. Last, Emmett. He had a bad boy aura that any woman would like to tame. There was this steamy scene and he had me fanning myself. I'll admit, I just wanted to read more

about him.

Stirring Up Trouble is a cute small-town read. It has all the qualities of a small town romance including the gossiping townspeople, the relatives at every corner and the protagonist who loves being in this type of community. The ending was a little corny, and I think it could've been better, but it was cute enough that I was satisfied with the overall story line.

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### **Kathy (My Nook Books and More) says**

Stirring Up Trouble is another romantic getaway to author Andrea Laurence's Rosewood series. This is a small-town romance with a mystery and humorous moments. I really liked Stirring Up Trouble!

Stirring Up Trouble is the third book in the Rosewood series but it can be read as a standalone. I've only read the second book, Feeding the Fire, and I found each book easy to follow.

I enjoyed this book but it took me a while to like the main character Maddie. Maddie has been spoiled all her life by her Dad and her family's wealth. In high school Maddie was a mean girl who enjoyed being cruel to others. But when her heart is broken by a guy who was after her money Maddie is determined to never get hurt again. Years have passed and Maddie is now the owner of an up and coming bakery. Her delicious treats are earning her a new reputation as a talented and successful businesswoman. Everything is going right for Maddie with the bakery and her new home across the street. But by living across from the town's bar, Woody's, Maddie has to deal with the noise and often drunk patrons in front of her home. Woody's owner is the sexy Emmett, who Maddie has been trying to avoid. Not only because she is busy with the bakery but also because she vowed to never date anyone who wasn't rich. By only dating rich guys Maddie would know they weren't after her money. But the problem with this is that Maddie was a snob and looked down at Emmett. This is why I didn't like Maddie. She is working so hard to make her business a success but she forgets she needs to change her attitude towards people. This attitude causes a feud between Maddie and Emmett over the noise. Their bickering lands them in court and as a punishment they must do community service together. As much as they hate each other they can't deny their attraction and chemistry. The more time they spend together Maddie softens a bit and realizes how cruel she's been. Seeing her grow as a character and make up for the mistakes she made changed my opinion of her and I enjoyed seeing them come together as a couple.

The romance of Stirring Up Trouble was sweet and a little predictable, but I still enjoyed this book. The town of Rosewood is filled with lovable characters and the humor they add made this a fun story. I really like this series and I look forward to reading the next books.

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## **Carol-Ann says**

A fantastic read in this #3 book in the Rosewood series! Loved Maddie who own's her own bakery she love's her work and where she lives in only she could get a goodnight sleep! It's the down side of living by a bar loud music and a obnoxious sexy owner in emmett who she goes to war with but he is just trying to earn a living just like Maddie but she doesn't see it that way! Revenge gets them both in trouble with the law and the fireworks definitely fly between them both loved there chemistry! Loved the humour in this book , I received this advance copy for an honest review!

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## **Christi Snow says**

### **My Review:**

This was a cute set-up for a book. A bakery owner who gets up at 3:00 AM living across the street from a bar that's open until 2:00 AM....yeah, there's going to be some conflict there. But the thing is...the bar was there first and Maddie knew that.

And that brings us to Maddie...who is not the most lovable heroine ever. In fact, she's spoiled and uptight and will make a great, bitter old maid in another thirty years....because yeah, she already has the attitude. I had a really hard time liking her...at first. But as Emmett falls for her, she began to soften a bit and she began to grow on me. Although i did find myself fascinated by the entire Chamberlain clan. This is the first book that I've read by this author, but I'm definitely ready to learn more about them. The family who is pretty much hated by everyone, but with the exception of Maddie, they all seemed like pretty awesome characters (at least this generation and Granny...who I loved). And Maddie did come around. She had a good character-growth arc.

I also really enjoyed Emmett's side of the story. I like that he wasn't all that he appeared to be, but had very good reasons for not telling Maddie. I liked him and how he related with his employees and customers. He truly embraces the point of a bar...to relax and hang out. I especially loved when he was commiserating with Maddie's brothers.

It was a sweet, fun book. I enjoyed reading it. There was only one little niggle about it that I talked about below that lowered my rating from a 5 star to a 4. But even with that, I plan to read from this author again. I want to read more about the Chamberlain family...maybe Logan next? And I definitely need to go back and read the first two from the series.

Note...there was one thing about this book that really bugged me...the sex scenes. I write...I know these aren't easy to do, but there was so much flowery prose in the sex scenes, it took me out of the story... every single time. There's a bad guy in the book called the Penis Picasso, but an orgasm is called a 'pinnacle of pleasure'? No, just no. Ugh. If you can say penis, then you can use the word orgasm. It was just distracting and made the writing (In the sex scenes only) feel a bit 80's.

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

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## **Jaime Arkin says**

I had to stop reading this at about 20% in because I just hated everything about this female lead character. Why on earth would you purchase a house across the street from a bar and then complain and complain and complain that it was loud? She's either the stupidest person on the planet or she just expects everything and everyone to bend to her will. Either way, I'm not interested because I don't see her changing my opinion of her even if she does a total 180.

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## **Catherine (The Sassy Bookster) says**

Everyone loves to hate the mean girl and Madelyn Chamberlain was such a nasty character that it took me several tries to get to the end of this book. It was very telling about her character that even her brothers couldn't stand to be around her for too long. The only reason I kept at it was Emmett.

Maddie is the mean girl who grew up to become a mean woman and while she's a very talented baker and her pastries are to die for, her behavior leaves a lot to be desired and no one knows that better than Emmett Sawyer, the owner of the local bar. Since Maddie moved in across the street, Emmett has received enough citations for noise violations to paper his walls and very soon their feud lands them in front of the judge. Slapped with an order for community service, Maddie and Emmett must serve it out together or get thrown into jail for contempt of court, a fate worse than death for two people who can't stand each other.

Maddie is an entitled daddy's girl and is used to getting her way all the time, so it's a huge surprise to her that she can't talk her way out of community service. The time spent with Emmett is good for her because Emmett does not consider her family name and their history in Rosewood to be a big deal and this allows Maddie to let down her guard around him.

I really enjoyed Emmett's laid-back and carefree character and the fact that he took his relaxation seriously. The highlight of this book for me was the capture of the town vandal.

STIRRING UP TROUBLE was an enjoyable and sweet story with the expected cast of small town characters and a clichéd but cute ending. This book got me interested in the previous book especially, which I'm enjoying very much and I would love to read Logan's story.

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## **Chrissy says**

Stirring Up Trouble is the third book in the Rosewood Series by Andrea Laurence and can be read as a stand alone. In Stirring Up Trouble we get Maddie's story, who I was excited to read about, and also cringing, because she wasn't the nicest character in the previous books. I will admit, at times, especially during the beginning, I found it extremely hard to like Maddie's character, but as the book grew on, I ended up liking her more and more.

Maddie starts a war with Emmett, the local bar owner, for disturbing her sleep at night. With her waking up early and going to bed early, the noise coming from the bar each night is driving her nuts. She's used to everyone cowering down to what she wants so when Emmett didn't back down, things got interesting. Emmett isn't a fan of Maddie's, he calls it like he sees it, and believes she's a stuck up snob who believes the world should bow down to what she wants. He's met girls like her before, and isn't about to let her walk all over him. When he doesn't back down, and they end up in a screaming match, they are brought in and forced to do community service together.

The chemistry between Maddie and Emmett is definitely hot, and I wanted them to give into what they both wanted, but enjoyed the wait that Andrea Laurence put us through. Maddie and Emmett start to open up to one another, and they both learn that there is so much more to each other, then they originally thought. Seeing Maddie lowering her defenses, and seeing how her attitude affected others was awesome, and I enjoyed seeing her starting to change her ways and ask for forgiveness for the things she's done to make people dislike her so much. Emmett is keeping secrets from Maddie, and as much as I loved his character, I despised that he kept something so huge from Maddie. I understand why he did it, but Maddie should never have found out the way she did about who Emmett really is.

This was an enjoyable read, and I loved getting to see more of Pepper, Grant, and Blake. It is a little bit over the top, but at the same time, a story that I couldn't help but fall in love with. Emmett and Maddie's story had me laughing, cringing, and swooning over and over again. I highly suggest this book if you are looking for a contemporary romance with some definite laughs.

I have received this book as a member of the XOXperts, XOXO After Dark's official street team, in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Sheryl says**

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## **Judyrudy says**

Stirring Up Trouble is the third book in Andrea Laurence's Rosewood series. I've read the first two books in this series and this is a great addition.

Madelyn (Maddie) Chamberlain is one of the characters that you love and hate. She comes from a wealthy background and has been given everything in her life on a silver platter. At first she comes off as a spoiled brat. She is a baker by trade and has purchased a Victorian home directly across the street from Woody's bar.

When she is upset about not getting her sleep, she takes matters into her own hands and calls the police.

Emmett Sawyer is the owner of Woody's bar. He's purchased the bar and moved to town. Maddie raises his ire when she calls the police on him for disturbing her peace – rather her sleep. He incurs fines upon fines as Maddie is relentless in calling the police for the nightly noise coming from the bar.

During one disagreement, both Maddie and Emmett are hauled into jail. Community service is forced up on them. The more time they spend together, the more they are attracted to one another. Yet Emmett is from the wrong side of the tracks. He's a bar-owner after all.

Yet Emmett is hiding a secret from Maddie. Enter Maddie's grandmother and Emmett's secret comes to a head. Maddie is also hiding a past herself. Can this spoiled brat and likeable bar owner find their happily ever after?

I loved the ending and how Emmett declared his love for Maddie. It was the perfect conclusion to this book.

I highly recommend *Stirring Up Trouble*. It is a standalone book but the reader would enjoy reading the other books in the series. I'd like to disclose that I received an advance copy of *Stirring Up Trouble* in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Katrina Wiese says**

This was my first introduction to Andrea Laurence and the world of Rosewood, and I can tell you I am headed to find the first two books in this series to add to my Kindle!

I started this book and I worried that I wouldn't be able to continue it, as the heroine, Maddie was just so horrible and she made me so angry with her better than everyone attitude. However, I knew this was a love story and that she must do a complete change in order for the love in the story to happen. Also I immediately loved the character of Emmett (I mean how could you NOT?!). The story line moved along at a good speed and by the middle of the book I began to see Maddie change and I fell in deep with the book and had a hard time putting it down. I loved seeing Maddie change and Andrea Laurence did a fabulous job of building realistic changes within her in a reasonable amount of time so that you actually got to see Maddie grow, it wasn't just an overnight I am changed character, there was real growth and struggle for Maddie. That is what helped to endure her to me and really root for her by the end of the story. I have to compliment the chemistry of the main characters, you could feel the electricity between Maddie and Emmett, as well as read it, their arguments were verbal foreplay! And who doesn't love a story about opposites attract? Let's talk about the supporting characters and setting of the story. The whole cast of characters truly helped build this story to its

wonderfulness, and the little southern town had so much charm it made me want to up and move there into a big Victorian home.

This is the third book in this series, but can be read as a standalone book. However, you will want to go back and read the first two as well, I can't wait to learn more about Blake & Ivy and Grant & Pepper!

Overall, Stirring Up Trouble was a fun read with good writing enhanced by an enjoyable story line and lovable characters!

I received an ARC of this book, from NetGalley, in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Danielle says**

Stirring Up Trouble was a cute and flirty read that I fell in love with! Emmett and Maddie were actually a great couple and with all their bickering back and forth made not only this story fun but it's actually been awhile since I did so much laughing.

Maddie is a rich girl and former mean girl in a small town in Alabama. She opens and runs her own bakery and just bought a house right across the street from the bar Emmett runs and owns.

At first I have to admit I didn't care much for Maddie and the attitude she had. But as the story continues I began to like her and understand a little why she was how she was. She grew up basically with a sliver spoon in her mouth, was daddies little girl and got everything she ever wanted. I did love how she grew as a person and started to make things right with some of the people she hurt and wanted to be a better person.

Emmett moved to this town for a change 3 years ago and wants to keep his past where it belongs. Although Maddie is beautiful she drives him crazy and with his bar across the street from her house things definitely got interesting.

The feud between these two is hilarious. This book kept me up until the wee hours of the morning because I couldn't wait to see what would happen next. Emmett and Maddie came up with some creative ways to try to win the battle between them. I also enjoyed the times when they were arrested.

“Good luck,” Grant said, slapping him on the back. “Nothing says I love you like paying someone’s bail.”

The ended was done fantastic and I love how Emmett declared his love for Maddie. It was swoon worthy!! I really do recommend this read!

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