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**Sexy is as sexy does. And in Plum Orchard, sugar, it does!**

Emmeline Amos is sick of her ex saying she's boring and prissy. After all, she works for a phone-sex company! (As general manager, but still.) On a rare girls' night out, fueled by blender drinks and bravado, Em accepts a shocking dare—to handle a call herself. But it's tipsy Em who gets an earful from an irate single father on the other end of the line. Awkward.

But not as awkward as discovering that same mad dad is Call Girls' gorgeous new programmer. Jax Hawthorne is still upset that his daughter called the "girlfriend store" on his behalf, but he can't deny he'd choose a hot-librarian type like Em if he were looking for love. Which he's not.

Em wants to do more than just talk the talk. So she makes a bawdy bargain with Jax. They've both been burned before—this time, they'll keep it strictly physical. Except as soon as they settle on no strings attached, things start to get tangled.

## Something to Talk About Details

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## From Reader Review Something to Talk About for online ebook

### Allison says

Dakota does it again. I am loving everything about Plum Orchard and this series. Of course when you hear the words "phone sex company" and "Dakota Cassidy" you know it won't be anything but a good time. Book 2 is about Em and Jax, and what it takes to move on from your past. This book was full of twists and turns, there were a couple things I definitely didn't see coming. It's heartwarming and funny, and will leave you waiting for the next! Can't wait for more of this series!

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### Kimberly Wade says

Received this ARC for honest review:

Dakota Cassidy is on a hot roll with this series. I chuckled, and it also brought tears to my eyes. The call girl series is highly addictive. I loved seeing Em come into her own and face her demons. I cheered for her threw the whole book. Jax and her were sexy together. This is way worthy of buying. I give this 5 dog ears!! Dakota is hotter than Hades with her books these past few months!! You go girl!!

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### Claire Mc Partlin says

NARRATOR: Scarlet Chase

A great addition to this very funny series mainly set in a phone-sex company in a quite conservative Southern town, although as the previous books it's not as risque as you may think as it's not so much about the phone-sex company but more about the characters and just very amusing.

This book is about Em (Emeline) who is now the General Manager of 'Call Girls'. Her ex-husband ran off to follow his dreams after admitting he was a cross-dresser called Trixie, but left Em and their two young sons with all the gossip that of course ensued afterwards.

Em has always been fairly quiet but after the divorce, and working at her new job with the other much more outgoing girls, has brought her out of her shell a bit and made her want to be a bit more adventurous with her life.

At the beginning she inadvertently crosses swords with Jax, after his young daughter rings Call Girls looking for a girlfriend for her Dad and gets through to Em in error. After the confusion is sorted out it turns out that Jax is a single Father to his daughter, good friends with Caine (previous book and part-owner of Call Girls) and has just moved back into Plum Orchard. He ends up working as a freelance programmer at Call Girls and sparks start flying between him and Em and they start seeing each other secretly, no strings attached, bit of course feelings get involved and they start feeling more for each other than they'd planned.

I love the characters in this book, they're so outgoing (I love Dixie!) but really have each others backs and when one of their own is in trouble they all rally around.

I've read the first two books in this series and I'd forgotten quite how funny this series is. Very enjoyable

light-hearted series that touches on a few more serious issues too to balance things out. I'm looking forward to reading about Jax's brother, Tag, in the next book.

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## Jennifer says

I received an ARC of this book for an honest review.

Something To Talk About is the second (or third if you count the prequel) installment to the new Plum Orchard series by Dakota Cassidy. The main character Emmaline Amos is introduced in the previous book, Talk Dirty To Me.

I was very excited to find out it was her story, I really dug her in Talk Dirty To Me, and she stole all the scenes she was in. We learn that Em used to be (and usually still is) a pushover, who was more concerned with not making a scene than standing up for herself and those she loved. I think the combination of her divorce and the cause behind it, and the dread of having to interact and be cordial to former mean girl Dixie was the catalyst for Em's change in attitude. Something To Talk About picks up right in the middle of Em's change.

Though I was very excited to read Em's story, I must admit I was a bit disappointed. I think Em makes a better secondary character than main character. I wasn't fond of her internal monologues - very wishy washy in nature and I think her thoughts made me like her a little less. As a secondary character we're not privy to those thoughts so we only get the dialogue from her and we can create our own inner monologues. I guess I had created her a little differently in my mind.

I still enjoyed the story as a whole. A lot more explicit sex than the other stories, which also took me by surprise seeing as this was uptight Em, but the scenes were hot, and they do vary from tame to sizzling. I will give you guys a heads up, the story is slow at first. The first 40 pages or so I had a hard time getting into; a lot of things getting set up for the real story. But trust me, things get interesting after that. And can I just tease and say there's a BIG secret that gets revealed in this story. Well, there's a few secrets, but I kinda saw all of them coming, except for one. This one dropped me on my ass!

And now for some random comments:

1. Lusty goo - \*giggle\* eww that sounds so wrong! Don't ever use that again, Dakota!
2. Oh my god, that first kiss!!! That scene was amazing! If there had been a guy around, I would have just grabbed him and kissed the shit outta him. That's how inspiring (and hot) that scene was.
3. "Your couch is awful. My back will never be the same." Neither will my vagina. - Oh my god, I almost died laughing!
4. Jax has a whole conversation with Jake in his mind - schizophrenic much? LOL.
5. "Did we just have angry sex?" Hahaha gotta love Em!

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Overall a nice story, but I will admit I did not cry, I didn't even get teary eyed, and that's a little disappointing considering the amount of tissues I've already used up on this series.

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## **Tina says**

Characters - 4

Story - 4

Pace - 4

Cover & Blurb - 5

Narration - 4

**Overall - 4.2**

Standalone: Yes, it can be read that way.

At first, I wasn't really feeling this story. (Probably 3 stars). Not that it was bad, more like it wasn't "WOW! Amazing!". I think I had a little book hangover. But the second half of the book I noticed I was very hooked and glad I picked it up to read. On to the next.

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## **Aimee says**

I enjoyed the first book in this series, but I ADORED this book. I'd taken a peek at the reviews but kept an open mind. I also love when someone FINALLY finds his or her voice.

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## **June says**

Rating: 3,5♥

I think the book was pretty cute. I love the scene where little Maisy called Call Girls so she could shop a girlfriend for her daddy. Aww... it was adorable. I wish there are more interactions between Maisy and Em and Jax and Em's boys, instead we got some sex scenes which unfortunately I find tacky.

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Rhayne's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

4 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

Something to Talk About is book two in the Plum Orchard series. With each new story in this series, these characters just sink further into my heart.

This story really has several layers. We follow Em and her children down a bumpy road as she tries to rebuild her life and pick up the pieces after her divorce. We meet Jax and his adorable daughter Maizy. Then we get to trail along their path of finding, accepting, and ultimately claiming new love and happiness.

If there was one common theme delivered in this book it was growth. Em has lived under her mother's microscope and is plagued by gossip that surrounds this small town. She lets everyone dictate how she needs to behave and how she deals with every situation. She has had a lot of dirt thrown at her and watching her

gain internal strength and courage to fight back was amazing. Jax is living with immense guilt for how he handled a bad situation years ago. I really don't want to get too far into his story because it takes a major twist that you need to experience while reading. However, he finally gets to a place where he is able to face the past, accept his actions, and let go.

Jax and Em start off in a sex-only, no commitment relationship. Neither is allowed to ask questions about the others' lives, and no one is to know about them being together. The lengths they go to keep it under wraps were hilarious. It becomes apparent that in Plum Orchard there is no such thing as a secret. It also becomes apparent that a "just sex" relationship between the two is never going to work out. There is no way to keep the emotions and the actions separate. They have a lot of issues to work through and their story just pulls you in deep and keeps you rooting for a happy ending.

Em really took a stand for herself in this book and it was fantastic to see her evolve. She put her mother in her place, she doused out Louella, who is only around to cause hurt and humiliation to anyone she chooses to target, and opened up to her ex-husband about his actions and how they have impacted her and the children's lives. Seeing who she has become from book one to book two is exhilarating. She is finally able to live the life she chooses and she isn't afraid to claim what she wants.

If you haven't grabbed hold of this series and lost yourself in this small town full of love, friendship, and caring, with a side of gossip, secrets, and betrayal you are missing out. It includes all the ingredients to make an exciting, sexy intriguing book.

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### **Nora-adrienne says**

Dakota Cassidy has dragged the truth behind Southern living and given it to us in the fictitious town of Plum Orchard. Em, Dixie and the girls of Call Girl's Inc. are pulling back the curtains and baring all the dirty little secrets even better than the Bitch's of the Magnolia's ever did. It's a knock down drag out fight for truth, justice and the ability to live free from criticism.

Beg, borrow or steal a copy. You won't regret it for a minute.

FTC information. I borrowed this book from the local library.

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### **Christi Snow says**

#### **My Review:**

Two months ago, Jax and Em had a moment that was then interrupted by the single most horrifying event in Em's life...and Jax was front and center to her humiliation. Now he's back in town and just as hot as before...and that's something Em needs...someone hot and sexy in her life. She's been with one man her entire life since Em has always been the good girl, but she thinks she's earned a bit of bad now...so she makes Jax a deal he can't say no to.

I liked this book and felt for both the characters. While this book didn't rate up there quite as high as the others in this series, I still really enjoyed it. Em & Jax are both great characters with complex backgrounds and that made their situation all the more emotional. But neither one of them is looking for a relationship so they make a deal...hot sex when they can manage it since they are both single parents...and it is hot!

There were lots of little things about this book that I really loved:

\*first and foremost...Jax & Em...I enjoyed both their characters and liked the banter between them. They were both characters that I could get behind and root for.

\*I liked the meeting spot they had with the air mattress and the aches and pains that caused. It was a fun bit of realism about their situation that made it a bit more heartwarming.

\*Jax with his two brothers and all their relationship with Maizy. That entire dynamic melted my heart every single time that family was on the page. I love all three of those guys and am waiting for Gage and Tag to get their stories.

\*Louella....I don't love her or even like her, but there's something there that makes me curious. What's in her background to make her as vicious as she is? I have a feeling more is going to come out there...and this is based on nothing from this story, but there has to be something more to her...It would take a lot for me to love her as a main character but there are twinges there that say it might happen someday.

\*The twist at the end in Em's story. No spoilers, but OMG, I loved that!! LOVE!

I continue to enjoy this series and can't wait to read the next story....which, whoohoo, does feature one of Jax's brothers...Tag. This boy has some issues which will make his story delectable!

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### **L.A. Williams says**

Emmaline Amos is going through changes. She wants to break free from her ex-husband's assertions that she's dull and prissy. Now that she's General Manager of Call Girls, (a quite respectable phone-sex business, bless her heart!) it seems that the changes she wants to make are going to come easier. After all, who can be prissy with all that pretend spanking and heavy breathing going on; especially after having several drinks during a girls-night-out!? Em decides she can be as saucy as the best of them and picks up the phone to prove it. But instead of a lonely man on the other end, it's a sweet little girl – with a really angry father.

Jax Hawthorn has his dander up over his daughter getting through Call Girls' phone screening and actually ending up on the phone with a phone sex operator. Em has to set him straight about his daughter trying to help him by calling the "girlfriend store." Jax graciously acknowledges her criticism and has to admit, if he was looking for someone, Em would be on his shopping list. But past hurts have made him much more careful, and he's not buying.

Em wants to break free from the labels others have stuck to her. And Jax is just the person she'd like to peel them off. A blurted proposition to have a friends-with-benefits affair (secretly-of course) gets Em what she wants. No relationship, no risk, right? It may not be that easy...

"You heard me. I want to talk dirty. Bring it on."

Another funny, touching gem of a story – you'll laugh and cry.

Something to Talk About is the second full-length story in Dakota Cassidy's Plum Orchard contemporary romance series. It is preceded by a novella, Talk This Way, and the first book, Talk Dirty to Me. The main character Emmaline, is a pivotal character in Talk Dirty to Me, and the reader gets to know some very important things about her in that story. However, through minimal exposition, the reader could jump into the series with this book, and be caught up. That's not an easy task, as these books are not overly long, but it is done well through dialogue and a little introspection by Em.

Emmaline's character follows a similar arc to the heroine of the previous book, Dixie. By no means are the stories cookie-cutter copies, though. Rather, it seems as if there's a cascade effect brought on by a character named Landon, who is introduced in the novella. His actions in that book caused changes in many of the lives of the people around him. As their lives changed, so do they.

While Dixie is blatantly sexy, Emmaline is "librarian sexy". Her longing to break free from the hurt caused by her ex-husband leads her to push herself out of her own comfort zone. She does things that seem to be uncharacteristic for her, but in reality are just parts of herself she'd let lie dormant. She wasn't really changing, she was showing more of who she really was.

Jax's development was just as strong as Em's. He's wonderfully inept with tools, which is a lovely serendipitous balance to Em's handiness. A big strong man that needed home-repair help from a woman, was charming. Aside from charm, he's got some great depth. At first, it seems as though he's just being a protective parent and brother. As the story progresses, it becomes clear that his fears aren't just affecting his own life.

Once again, the satellite characters are fully fleshed out. They have vital impact on the plot and the main characters. More than that, they help create a realism to the story and world-building.

The plot moves along at a good pace. Em's hesitation over a relationship does battle with her attraction to Jax, and her solution to get what she wants aligns well with her character. The end of the book bears some surprises, which was a real treat.

While not quite as moving as the previous story, *Something to Talk About* is an excellent read. So far, Cassidy is 3 for 3 in the series, and I cannot wait for *Talking After Midnight*.

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### **Elisa Vangelisti says**

Non ci ho capito niente, è tutto un gran casino. L'ho trovato inconcludente, sciocco e ridicolo.

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### **Christy LoveOfBooks says**

I am loving the **Plum Orchard** series! I read *Talk Dirty to Me* not too long ago and loved it, so I was eager to read the next book, *Something to Talk About*. I'm happy to say that it was also a wonderful read.

*Something to Talk About* is told in alternating POVs and picks up about three months later. This time when we visit the fine folks (and jerk faces) of Plum Orchard, we get Emmelines story. I loved her friendship with Dixie in the first book and thought she was a great character. After the events that occurred, I was more than happy to delve into her life. There is a lot to love about this book.

*Em* – I liked her a lot in the first book, but loved her in this one. Where Dixie is fiery and doesn't back down from anything, Em tries to avoid gossip and conflict at all cost. After her divorce and now working as the general manager of Call Girls, she becomes ... curious. She feels like she doesn't really know who she is anymore, and is starting to wonder if everything her crazy mama drilled into head is wrong. It was so much

fun watching her discover herself and become her own person.

*Jax* – What a great man. He's raising his five year old daughter with the help of his two brothers, but feels bad that she doesn't have a female influence in her life. When he begins working at Call Girls as a programmer, sparks fly between him and Em. I really liked how good he was with her and was willing to let her take control in their ... situation.

*Brothers* – Jax 's brothers live with him while fixing up their aunt's old house. Their relationships with Maisy, Jax's daughter, is adorable.

*Call Girls* – I love their little group. They tease and give each other a hard time, but it's in the way only friends can. Marybell obviously has something going on, and I can't wait to get her story.

*Dixie* – Whew! The woman is on fire in this book. She has Em's back no matter what and isn't afraid to call people out on their bull crap. I love how loyal and protective she is when it comes to the people she loves. And the relationship she has with Em's sons is so sweet. She is definitely the kind of friend Em needs in her life.

*Romance* – Em and Jax were so much fun! They come to an agreement to keep it completely physical, to allow Em to experiment in ways she never has before. It made for some not only steamy moments, but funny ones too. All I'm going to say is: The Annihilator! Haha. It wasn't only about that though, it was nice how comfortable they grew with each other.

*Setting* - I love the small town setting of this series. Sure, the people of Plum Orchard can be a major pain, but it's very entertaining as an outsider.

*Secrets* – Oh boy, there are some doozies. Prepare to have some lives rocked. Not all are necessarily bad, but they do offer an interesting twist on things.

See! There's some good stuff in *Something to Talk About* ! It was an excellent installment in the **Plum Orchard** series, and makes me even more excited for the third book, *Talking After Midnight* .

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### **Aliaa El-Nashar says**

The main reason I wanted to read this book was because I was intrigued by the idea of a small town good girl working in a phone-sex company.

Em has gone through a lot, and it doesn't help that everyone is against her and her whole life is in shambles. Her mother is an awful woman who disapproves of everything she does, her husband left her because he didn't think she could handle him being a cross dresser, her sons are being bullied at school, and the town's Elite, The Mags, are out to get her for siding with Dixie and working in Call Girls. So when she finally has a close friend in Dixie and is asked to be a general manager of her company, she says yes. Even if the whole town ostracizes her in the process. She knows where her friendships lie, and it's not like she's actually taking the calls herself.

Of course things go a little bit insane when she gets drunk one night and answers a call to find a little girl on the other line, and a very angry father replying. It doesn't help that said father is the very gorgeous Jax she can't stop to think of. But her life is already a mess, she doesn't need Jax in it to make it worse. Even if she can't resist his charm or his love for his little girl.

This book was definitely not what I was expecting, the story didn't go the way I wanted it to, but I still enjoyed it very much, especially Em's personal growth throughout the book. The main thing that bugged me in both books one and two is how they dealt with Louella, the bitchiest and most bitter woman in town who's been turning both Em and Dixie's life into hell, just because ten years ago Dixie won Caine, when she couldn't. I mean, I'm all for not solving everything with your fists, but Louella seems to get only worse, no one stops her, and talking about it doesn't help one bit. Their lives are turned into hell and all she gets is a very private but not so great set down? Yeah, I didn't like that.

I'm assuming there will be more books in this series, hopefully in the next one she gets what she deserves? Pretty please Dakota? I want her brought down, publicly humiliated, dropped down from her ever so high pedestal, please?

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## **Heidi says**

Three and half stars: A return to Plum Orchard, but this time with the quiet, more demure Em.

Emmaline Amos is all about keeping her head down and avoiding gossip, but she is finding it harder and harder to do that these days. Since her ex husband's big secret was exposed to the entire town by the meddling Louella Palmer, Em has been doing her best to protect her reputation and shield her boys. Unfortunately, when the gorgeous Jax moves from her daydreams to real life, she is unwilling to involve herself emotionally with him so she makes a daring proposal. Can Em balance her personal life and hide her secret sex life from the prying eyes of Plum Orchard?

What I Liked:

\*I was excited to once again immerse myself in the not so quiet and not so cozy town of Plum Orchard. Plum Orchard is a small, Southern town where gossip runs rampant and every is in everyone's business. I love following the antics of the folks in the small town and seeing the sparks fly. This is a fun, engaging, flirty and steamy series for all of you who like your romance with spunk and spark.

\*Em was one of my favorite characters in the first book: Talk Dirty To Me. I loved her even more in this second book. This is her story, and I enjoyed watching her overcome her struggles while expanding her horizons. She is a kind, big hearted woman who despite her circumstances manages to hold her head high and remain classy, even after the despicable antics of Louella. What I admired the most about her was the way she didn't back down or bad mouth her ex husband's lifestyle choices. Em is a classy, beautiful woman, whom I loved watching grow.

\*The romance is one of heat and attraction, and then it takes a fun little twist as the couple makes a daring pact. I won't spoil it for you, but it is a fun ride. It is heat and passion and all the good stuff, but then it ends up being so much more. Jax and Em have some sizzling hot chemistry.

\*I enjoyed catching up with some of my favorite characters: Dixie, Caine, and all the gals from Call Girls. Dixie is a firecracker and as always, there is never a dull moment when she is on scene. I love watching the sparks fly when she takes on the mean girls of the town. Caine is as sweet and charming as ever, and the rest of the gals from Call Girls continue to entertain. I love the secondary characters, even the mean girl, Louella Palmer.

I liked the secrets and surprises in this one. There were some big twists that I didn't see coming. I liked that this was more than a basic romance. The additional stunning reveals made it much more exciting.

\*I appreciate that this is a companion novel series. You can certainly read them out of order as they are stand alone novels, but they are much more enjoyable when you read them together as you have a clearer understanding of the town and the backstories. However, if you want something fun and flirty and sexy for summer this is a great pick.

And The Not So Much:

\*I had a harder time falling into this one compared to the first book. I think because I missed the fun antics and the competition that caught my attention in the first book. This one is much more tame in comparison and while Jax and Em have great chemistry that aren't as entertaining as Dixie and Caine were. Still I liked their story.

\*I struggled a bit with the romance, while I liked the pact and the sizzle, I got a bit frustrated with the lack of communication. Sure that was part of the agreement, but there were times when I wanted to slap Em for not being honest and upfront with Jax. It isn't exactly miscommunication, more lack of communication, but there is a reason for it. \*This is a romance based at first more on lust, it almost borders on insta love, but in the end, it works.

I was a bit disappointed that there wasn't more explanation as to what was going on with Jax's brother. There is some type of trauma there, and the story kept alluding to it, I am guessing the story is for the next book. I was also wanting more on the story regarding Jax's sister, Harper.

\*The whole thing with the birth certificate was a bit of a stretch. I was curious as to how a certain character even knew to dig for that juicy information? It was never explained.

Something To Talk About is a fun, steamy romance with lots of secrets and rivalry in a small Southern Town. Em is a class act, and I think she is a character readers will adore. If you are in need of a sizzling romance with plenty of sparks, this is a great series to check out.

#### Favorite Quotations:

"This is not an occasion to jump up and down like we just met a Backstreet Boy, Dixie."

"Grandpa Givens says Cinderella just wanted a boyfriend, but Belle wanted a whole library. I think he said that's smarter than just wanting a boyfriend."

"Love took time, and sometimes, even when it had time invested, it wasn't real love after all."

"Life is meant for livin', enjoying, the people you love, laughter, friends and the freedom to do all those things."

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