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Kerri Manning returns home with only one semester of college left. She's in pain and trying to figure out what to do with a diagnosis that will change her future. It's hard to dream of happiness, but the new guy in town manages to make her laugh. Can she take a chance he'll stick around?

Eric Hunt is an up and coming sculptor who has grown tired of his fake friends in New York City. He finds himself in the small town of Eureka Springs looking for the passion he used to have for his art. Could Kerri be the inspiration he needs?

## **Chocolate Kisses Details**

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## **From Reader Review Chocolate Kisses for online ebook**

### **Donna Foster says**

So sweet the connection, encouragement and support the main characters have in this clean romance.

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### **Elizabeth Naranjo says**

Short and super sweet. I enjoyed this clean little romance so much I think I need to read more books in this genre.

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### **Summer says**

4.5 stars! I absolutely loved this book! It's not very often that I pick up a book that I can't put down until finished! The book was very well written. I'm so used to finding grammatical errors in books or parts of the story that don't mesh, but this book had none of those. I loved how descriptive the author was, it made me feel as if I was in the town walking down those streets. I loved how this was a cute clean love story that I'd be able to recommend to readers of all ages. I'm looking forward to more books from this series!!

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### **Nari says**

I liked that this was a true romance. A true romance has spark but it also has love developed on the characters personalities more than their looks. Kerri had a true to life struggle that made the story more real. Great book. I highly recommend it!

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### **Sassy Beta Reading & Review says**

This was a clean lil romance that I really enjoyed. I could not put it down. I ended up reading it all in one sitting. Kerri and Eric are so perfect for each other. Both had been hurt in the past and are not looking for love in their future. Emotions flair up quickly for both these characters. They each have their own secrets....hearts that need healing.

Written as a multi pov in 3rd person. I consider this a HFN ending. Nice story line, good characters, easy to visualize description to details, and engaging dialogue. All in all, a nice read.

Would I recommend this book? Yes

Would I read more from this author? Yes

Sassy Beta Reading and Review

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

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### **Emily F says**

#### **Sweet and fun with a tender depth**

I really enjoyed this book! I downloaded it on a whim and loved how the characters dealt with real problems and worked them out. The emotions were tender and it was a beautiful reminder that our challenges and setbacks don't have to define us, but can refine us. It was a sweet and clean read and I'm looking forward to the rest of the series and more from this author!

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### **Pattisue says**

This story has more depth and insight than I have read in quite a while. I never expected this touching tale to impact me so much. Rheumatoid Arthritis is an insidious, destructive disease that robs one of mobility, hopes, and dreams. Kerri Manning's world has been turned upside-down after a devastating diagnosis. "She couldn't handle the constant pain, exhaustion, and the pressures of school anymore." Her vulnerability and resilient determination go far beyond the limitations of her body. She comes to rely on the strength of family, friends, and hope. "Maybe this is God's way of telling her to look for new dreams." Sculptor Eric Hunt has escaped the soul stealing illusion of New York City to find peace and refuge in Eureka Springs. His southern charm and gentlemanly manners break through her defenses. "She ignites a sense of protectiveness from deep with his soul." Eric is mystified by Kerri's behavior as she struggles to maintain a sense of dignity and self-respect, and some measure of independence. His love and faith inspire her to find new dreams and dust off the old dreams she had abandoned. "She inspires him with her courage and perseverance despite her pain." He has finally found his muse, one who ignites his desire to duplicate her ethereal beauty in clay. I was really touched by Ken and Cheryl Manning as they struggled to help Kerri find her new normal. "She simply had to figure out who she was or who she could be with her prognosis." The compassion, understanding, and sympathy that River Ford was able to infuse into this story are rare. I will share this little gem with my friends and family.

\*I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are uniquely my own.

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### **Donna Campbell says**

#### **A great love story**

This was a really great love story that included sweet, clean romance. The characters had awesome chemistry and I loved the writer's ability to make this a page turner.

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### **Patricia Kiyono says**

I started reading this book after dinner and didn't stop until I was finished. In this book both main characters

have been hurt and hardened by past relationships and neither is looking for love. Kerri suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, causing her selfish ex to run away. Eric was hurt by women who wanted him only for what he could do for them. But somehow, the people around them (other than dim-witted Brynn) can see that they're perfect for each other. I did get a little irritated with Kerri at times - her reluctance to hope for a relationship with Eric seemed to border on self-pity. But Eric came through like a true hero.

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### **Susan K says**

Romance, clean

This was a cute novella. Kerri was a hurting (physically and emotionally) character who needed to come to terms with her future, and see what her future held with the illness she was facing. Eric was escaping the pressures and intensity and emotional shallowness of the city where he was working and selling art. As they meet, they both have to figure out what isn't being told or said, and to share their hurts and hope for healing for both of them. Two honest, genuine, hurting hearts, and coming together to see if their future was together. Lovely characters, and well-put together for a shorter novel. It really was a lovely, read, lots of chemistry, and some sweet emotions and scenes. I love finding a new author to read! I will definitely look for more by this author.

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### **Angel Graham says**

I enjoyed this book, and really empathized with the heroine. As someone who is in constant pain due to my own issues, reading about a heroine who also had chronic pain/illness issues was a welcome change.

I like Eric. Even when he was a jerk, it was understandable based on how he was treated by his former Fiancee and what Kerri's friend had said...and how it came out sounding.

While Kerri had her pain/illness issues, she still comes off as an incredibly strong, brave, and courageous woman who is willing to take chances, but doesn't want to be hurt.

This is well worth the time to read.

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