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After inheriting a broken-down house, Billie finds more than she bargained for when she enlists the help of a millionaire with a tool belt.

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Millionaire investor Ian Cooper may be the perfect man, but Billie Garcia only wants him for his tool belt. She's just inherited a broken-down house she can't afford to fix up, and Ian has all the skills she needs.

And a few she wants...

The handsome hunk is an old family friend, and definitely off limits. Even though Billie's last boyfriend treated her like a sexy ATM without a daily limit, and she really, really deserves better. Even though--

No, no, no. Off limits.

Ian has always loved getting dirty.

Getting his hands dirty....

Owning a hot investment firm is great for his net worth, but he financial reports aren't nearly as attractive to stare at as Billie. Her house is just the diversion he needs. He'll have to resist Billie's charms, but he's managed that for years. How hard could it be?

Within a week, he can't resist her—and he doesn't want to. But Billie's afraid to risk the heart she's guarded so carefully all these years. Can one impulsive night really be the foundation for a lifetime?

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## From Reader Review Going for Broke for online ebook

### Bungluna says

Sweet friends-to-lovers story with a few hot spots thrown in.

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### Kim says

I liked this. I think I've enjoyed everything Gretchen Galway has written to date. But, this is a friends to lovers story and I'd have to say it's my favorite trope, so it already has two things in its favor.

Ian is a good hero. He never really wavers once he decides he wants Billie. He may not think long term and consider the consequences of his actions, but he does stop and consider things when this is pointed out to him.

I also like Billie. She is a little bit too non-confrontational and doesn't stand up for herself enough, but she's not exactly a doormat. And this character flaw becomes less as the book goes on.

I'll be looking for this in audio!

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### Victoria Sturlini says

#### WONDERFUL STORY!!!!

I really enjoyed reading this book! It was very good! The entire story was endearing and cute right from the first page all the way through to the epilogue. Billie and Ian were so likeable.... Right from the beginning I was rooting for them like they were real people! It was truly a super romantic, super sexy, interesting story. It was really nice also to read about Trixie again... I enjoyed very much getting reacquainted with her again she is such a loveable character from the other books in the series. I like how Gretchen weaves the different families together. Most of all I was delighted that Gretchen gave us such a wonderful and satisfying epilogue!!!! It was great!!! ♥

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### Monaliza says

I'm a big fan of Gretchen Galway. Her books always lift my mood and make me laugh (and sometimes cry because who doesn't like a happy ending, right?).

This book is brilliant! It's about Billie and Ian. They have been friends forever but there was always something between them, even though in high school Ian used to date Billie's older sister, Jane. - yep it is a crazy story like that.

He is very rich but somehow socially awkward, but a very nice boss and super smart and good with his hands...in more than one meaning. \*winkwink

She is your average girl that has such a hard time at work because her boss is such a pain, and she is just

bouncing back from a bad break up.

Dear people of the internet, I can't recommend or give enough stars for this book. You can read it in one day (it is that hard to put down) and have a wonderful time reading it and just feeling like you're part of the story. You won't regret purchasing this book.

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### **Courtenay Bennett says**

It wasn't a bad story, and it was written fairly well. I just didn't really feel any chemistry between the characters and they were way too into each other all of a sudden with no real warm up or back story.

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### **Becca says**

Thank you to the author for an advanced reader copy.

If you haven't read any of Gretchen's books, and are a fan of funny and fun contemporary romance - get to it!

It wasn't till after I finished the story that I learned it's one of a series put on by various authors. In this story we meet Ian Cooper, a genius millionaire, and Billie, smart in her own right but not as successful. These two have history, as family friends. But when Billie seeks his help fixing Grandma's house...well the sparks finally flame up. I love that we get to see Trixie and Hugo, prominent characters in some of the other Oakland Hills books.

Well written and hard to put down, so I didn't till I was done! I recommend you do the same.

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### **Dawn says**

Adoring these Oakland Hills book series! I enjoy how Galway writes, the dialog seems real, the characters are well rounded, and just overall fun to read.

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### **Between My BookEndz says**

No one, and I mean no one, does the "friends to lovers" story better than Gretchen Galway! Sure, her stories are filled with witty dialogue, quirky characters to love and the beautiful sights of the San Fran Bay area. But when she has her hero and heroine "friends" suddenly look at each other in a different way, writing magic happens!

Sweet, kind Belinda "Billie" Garcia is grieving the death of her beloved grandmother when she learns that she and her sister Jane inherited her home. Jane has some funds to contribute towards repairs and updating, but government employee Billie is lacking the funds to fully repair the home since her parasitic ex-boyfriend sucked her savings dry. But Billie comes up with a plan: she may not have the funds, but she can move into

gran's house and start to clean it out the mess the hoarding octogenarian left behind. Bille then takes it a step further and brings in a "secret weapon," childhood friend Ian Cooper, investment genius and skilled handyman.

Ian dated Jane in high school, but after what seemed to be a bitter breakup (no one knew the story there) Billie and Ian kept their friendship light. But now thrown together rehabbing gran's home, the friends start to realize in their hearts that the feelings they have for one another are anything but platonic!

This is another wonderful contemporary romance from an author you should have on your TBR list. Ms. Galway has a wonderful way with a plot line, keeping you invested in her stories. Although there is rarely a suspense plot going on, somehow you still wind up on the edge of your seat to read what happens next. And did I mention her quirky characters? Trixie and Hugo make an appearance - loved seeing them! - and Zeus needs to make an appearance in every book. I highly recommend this book, and all the others, by this author!

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

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### **pamela adams says**

#### **Good story!**

I enjoyed reading this book. The characters are fun and it's well written. The subject matter is great as well. Falling in love with a long time family friend can be difficult. When the family friend is your sisters ex, that has the potential to be a nightmare! I was disappointed that it wasn't a funnier than it is. It seems a little too serious to be "romantic comedy" it's a bit more "contemporary romance" .

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### **Teresa Rosenberg says**

I received an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Note also, four stars (from me) is a really good review. (5 stars is for literary masterworks that change my life.)

It's no secret that I'm a huge fan of Gretchen Galway's writing style. She's always had such a gift for *showing* rather than *telling* the reader how her characters are feeling -- through dialogue and action and mannerisms -- that I find really engaging and endearing. "Going for Broke" has all the things going for it that made me a fan of Galway's writing: realistic (or at least, not outlandish) contemporary romantic comedy peppered with gentle wry sarcasm and funny but not slapsticky-stupid situations.

In "Going for Broke," we meet Billie, who has just co-inherited (with her sister, Jane) a house in terrible shape that had been owned by her hoarder grandmother; and Ian, a friend of Billie's and Jane's family whom Billie asks to help her organize the repair of the house. Ian takes over the repair project and sparks fly between him and Billie, but Billie feels Ian is off-limits because he used to date -- and had a bad breakup -- with Jane.

The story unfolds at an enjoyable, even pace -- both the development of the present relationship as well as the uncovering of what happened in the past between Ian and Jane. Even though Billie is not much like me, personality-wise, she is written so well that I can understand and sympathize with her (and blessedly not

want to punch her in the throat for making bad life choices, which is a problem I often have with romance novel characters).

This book belongs to the Oakland Hills series (and our beloved Trixie does make a perfectly Trixie-like appearance -- she's such a great character!) but it is completely enjoyable as a standalone; you won't be even a little bit lost if you haven't read the others. (However, you should read the others. They're so good!)

Highly recommended to anyone who enjoys a sweet contemporary romance with a bit of moderate sexytimes. (It's not raunchy, but if you're a prude, there's a little part you might want to skip.)

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### **Laurie says**

Fun, sassy, intelligent read! I love the Oakland Hills series and Going For Broke is no exception. I love how Galway's heroines are always a bit too honest and too curvy (if there could be such a thing)! I also love all of the quirky supporting characters, especially Lorna, Ian's feisty assistant and, of course, our lovable match maker, Trixie.

In Going For Broke, Billie realizes that there just might be a spark between her and her older sister's ex, Ian. As uncomfortable as that may seem, the friends to lovers story works well with some really funny situations and dialogue.

I personally loved this story as we just inherited a house "full of cat filth and People magazines from the 1980s." Gretchen captures the atmosphere, mood and relationships perfectly.

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### **Diana says**

If you love a story about friends that fall in love then you will love this story. I really liked how Billie and Ian had been friends for a very long time because their families. The reason Ian didn't act on his feelings sooner was because of Billie's sister Jane whom he dated in high school. I liked how that added a little drama to if they would get together or not. I also enjoyed the home improvement stuff I am a sucker for house fixing and this had some of that as well as a cute love story. I highly recommend this book!

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### **★ Belle The Bibliophile ★ says**

#### **Too Superficial**

I'm at that time of the month right now so my mind is all jumbled up but the only thing I got after I got past the epilogue was *"Well. That was superficial."*

Seriously. This book could have been so great but all these characters want to do is... **each other**. Literally. There's no relationship build up whatsoever. I see zero chemistry and quite frankly, I didn't get it at all.

It's been implied that Ian and Billie had been in love with each other for years but that's about it. I think if the author were to give us a little flashback on the dynamic of their friendship back in the day it would have solidified this duo for me.

But all we get is two people can't keep their hands off each other and all of a sudden they're in love. It's so fucking annoying.

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### **Susan says**

I loved Going for Broke. I read it in one session and enjoyed every minute of the book. Gretchen creates characters that are real, fun, and heartwarming; Billie and Ian are no exception. Her stories are filled with laughter, some tears, and loads of love. I highly recommend this book.

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### **Ashley says**

#### **I'm in love!**

I really enjoyed Ian and Billie's story. They have great chemistry together. The story starts with Billie and her sister inheriting their grandmothers house when she dies. Billie is living with a bunch of people decides to move into the house and fix it up. Let's just say grandma was a hoarder that had cats! Ian is a friend of the family and owns his own business and offers to help out. This book made me laugh so hard. I love this story. Ian is a genuine good guy. If you like to laugh and fall in love this books for you!

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