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In the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountain town of Nugget, California, falling hard is all too easy . . .

This is the summer of Annie Sparks—at least according to her. No more supporting lazy jerks or coddling irresponsible family or taking care of anyone who doesn't deserve her help. Instead she's headed to an estate in a remote mountain town, to spend her summer with her boots covered in mud and her hands working the earth. Love is the last thing on her mind.

Nugget is a long way from Logan Jenkins' old life as a Navy SEAL. But before he starts fresh in the private sector, he receives a bequest from a man he never knew: his biological father. To learn more about his background, Logan makes his way to his late father's estate, where he is immediately knocked on his heels by an incredible woman with a heart of gold.

Annie's not looking for a fling, and Logan knows Nugget can't be forever, so falling in love should be impossible. But when they're together, time stops, and suddenly the impossible seems like the only thinkable option . . .

PRAISE FOR STACY FINZ

“Stacy Finz is a unique new voice. Nugget, California, is a charming small town filled with inventive characters and sweet romance.” —Jill Shalvis, *New York Times* bestselling author

“Tender and touching, Stacy Finz writes romance with heart.” —Marina Adair

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poppy says

This is the first book in the nugget series that i have read and i can not wait to go read the rest.I really enjoyed this book it was well written with really great characters i just loved Logan and Annie they were so swee together.A great book would recommend

Bella says

What a marvellous sweet romance! I absolutely fell for the hero, Logan, at first introduction. An ex-navy SEAL searching for closure meets Annie, a beautiful, strong, intelligent agricultural economist with big dreams, and all kinds of magic happens. A lovely story, a great ending, and terrific side characters you might know, and will definitely love. Nugget is the kind of town that is the perfect romance series setting, and this is a perfect sweet romance. Written so well, too!

Kathryn says

I received this ARC from the publisher through NetGalley. I just loved this book. This is a great series by a great author. It was so wonderful to be back in Nugget, California. Reading this book just felt like getting into a nice snuggly pair of pajamas. It felt great to be back in Nugget, catch up with some of the old characters and meet some new ones. Stacy Finz is starting a new series coming this summer and I look forward to it. Since the new series takes place in a nearby town to Nugget, hopefully we will run into one of these characters occasionally. If you liked Robyn Carr's Virgin River series, you will also like the Nugget series by Stacy Finz.

4.5 stars.

Terri says

Review also found at <http://kristineandterri.blogspot.ca/2...>

3.5 stars

I received an advanced copy of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you! The expected publication date is April 11th, 2017.

This is the ninth instalment in the Nugget series. Needless to say there has been a lot of time and energy put in to this fictional town and its character. It is not necessary to have read the entire series leading up to this story however I do offer one warning. When you reach the ninth book in a series, the cast of characters gets rather large. It can you leave you wondering how everyone fits in to the town as you know that their story has been previously told. In my case, I had read the fifth & sixth story and none of the others. I was able to

know who a lot of the characters were however there was a blank spot on some. For those that are ok with not knowing the backstory of every character, you will be fine. for those who need to know, pick up book one and start from the beginning. With nine books there is enough to keep you entertained for a while.

This story was a little different from the others that I have read in the series in the fact that both character were relative newcomers to Nugget. The previous stories I read always involved one hometown character and a newcomer. I guess in a town as small as Nugget, you would run out of people in the age demographic of the majority of these characters unless people kept moving in to the town.

A second item that I noticed, and liked, is that there was a little less angst between Annie and Logan. While they may not have succumbed to their physical attraction right away, they became fast friends and the reader does not have to endure that endless bickering that can be predominant in this genre of book. It is not always necessary to have the characters hate each other at first, before they discover they can't live without each other, as Finz has aptly shown in this story. It was refreshing. I liked how they clicked right from the beginning. The drama comes later on.

As for the rest of the story, it follows the regular formula you would come to expect from this genre. The highlight of the story, and I may have said the same in previous reviews of this series, is the town of Nugget. By now you feel like you really know the town and all of its people, and this is coming from someone who has only read three of the nine stories.

I recommend this story and this series!

Kim Vanravenswaay says

This is the first book that I've read in the Nugget series. I loved it and can't wait to read the rest of the book now.

The sense of community. Both Annie and Logan are fairly new to Nugget, but the townspeople made them one of their own right away. But along with that comes the busy bodies, everyone needing to know your business. With Logan just getting out of the Seals, he wasn't too keen on this. Annie on the other hand is a social butterfly. Together they made such a great couple.

Hannah says

ARC REVIEW

Book 9 in the Nugget series by Stacy Finz stars the intelligent Annie Sparks whom we first met in the last book along with Logan Jenkins the illegitimate son of Ray Rosser, the convicted murderer and no good sonovabitch of Nugget who died in prison. Logan didn't even know who his biological father was until he was contacted by a lawyer about being named in his father's will. Logan out of curiosity went to the ranch that used to be his father's, it now belonged to Gia Trendwell, he didn't care about any of that he just wanted to know more about his father. Annie moved on to the Rosser ranch when she walked out on her boyfriend. She had enough with lazy moochers who did nothing but waste her time and this included her brother who continually made bad decisions and cost their parents lots of money and this time collateral on the farm they

could not afford to lose. Annie wanted nothing more than to help Gia's tree farm succeed especially the part of the plan that helped women get back on their feet, learn money management and business.

It was just suppose to be temporary, it was just suppose to be a fling until he left to San Diego and then Annie would get on with her life wherever that was heading and that was it. Annie and Logan never intended to fall in love, but they did and hard and neither of them knew how to handle that. It's hard enough trying to figure out where your relationship is going when moocher brothers cause problems and then there is Raylene, Logan's half sister who if you've read the other books you know how she is, getting in the picture just to rock the boat and stir up trouble for Logan. Logan, omg, he's such a freakin' sweetheart; even though it's "casual" he ends up buying Annie new boots because she needs them and a pair of cowboy boots just because he knows she'll like them. Logan is the opposite of what Annie normally goes for but he is exactly what she needs. Logan is the opposite of his father, he was raised by a good man and it shows he even goes out of his way to help Raylene after she acted like a twat.

Overall, this is another great read. I love this series it is one of my favorite small town romance series and they just keep getting better and better.

Micayla Lally says

I loved the dialogue and witty writing of this book!

Jessi says

Annie Sparks is at a cross-roads in her life. She's just decided she's not going to keep helping her parents drive the family rice farm into the ground in order to support her brother's dreams, dreams that always seem to fail. She's also broken up with the boyfriend who seems to enjoy using her. Now she's moved to Nugget to advise previous series heroine, Gia, on the best way to use her ranch for crops.

Logan Jenkins has just gotten out of the Navy and he's not sure why he's in Nugget. It's not like the man who fathered him ever did anything more than have sex with Logan's mother and then send her away. Well, he did leave Logan a ton of money which really, really pisses off his half-sister Raylene, the Evil Bitch from another previous book in the series. When Annie mistakes him for someone applying for a job, he decides, "What the heck" and sticks around.

I never really felt like we got to see the whole of either Annie or Logan. They felt fairly one-dimensional. And their romance was iffy for me but nothing that would make me quit the series.

Kiki says

What exactly was the point of this book again? ??????

Nate Brightman says

Falling Hard is the 9th book in the Nugget series and the title refers to how hard Annie Sparkle and Logan

Jenkins fall for each other despite their best attempts not to. As much as I loved the Annie Sparkle character despite her ridiculous name, I have to admit I thought this book felt like the author was more or less going through the motions for a goodly portion of it. I say this because like a third of the books in the series the story revolves around a hero (in this case Logan Jenkins) who despite all the compelling reasons to remain in Nugget, (finding his true love not being the least of them), is insistent that his stay in the small Northern California town is only temporary. Much of at least the first half of the book revolves around Annie and Logan, knowing Logan is only in town for a few weeks dancing around each other, trying not to fall into bed together and definitely not falling in love. Annie just isn't a "fling" kind of girl and Logan quickly realizes that and tries to respect that fact. But of course they can't fight fate or the chemistry between them and eventually fall into a sexual relationship to compliment their deep friendship, which as expected leaves Annie devastated when Logan true to his word leaves Nugget to return to San Diego and start his new security business with his ex-SEAL buddy Gabe.

There's so much that is good with this book. Annie is a lovable as any heroine in this series. She's smart, hard working, devoted to her family and big hearted. The side story of her relationship with her parents and her brother is well done. Logan Jenkins is just fresh out of the SEALs when he discovers he's the illegitimate son of Ray Rosser who had died in prison serving time for murdering a cattle rustler and left him an equal portion of his estate (the money he got from selling the ranch to Gia), along with his daughter Raylene whom we got to know in "Getting Lucky." One of the things I really enjoyed about this book was seeing Logan's relationship with Raylene develop and seeing Raylene finally grow up and take responsibility for herself. Logan comes to Nugget hoping to learn something about his father's side of the family history and his roots. Enough of the older folks in Nugget knew Logan's mom and her story that once they hear his last name, the fact that he's Ray's illegitimate son doesn't remain a secret very long. While no one in Nugget has anything good to say about his father or his half-sister, they still open their arms to Logan and treat him as a member of their tightly banded community. Throughout the story we get a brief look at most of the good citizens of Nugget, the Baker's Dozen, the Nugget Mafia, Annie's new friendship among the younger women, Dana, Darla, Harlee, and Sloane. Clay and Emily, Nate and Sam, Rhys and Maddy all make appearances. Because much of the book takes place on the old Rosser Ranch and Flynn is Annie's family lawyer who first introduced her to Gia, Gia and Flynn have a major presence once they return from their vacation in Mexico. Giffin and Lina are in there too but if you blink you might miss them, especially Lina. Falling Hard while not the best book in the series is still a very fine compliment to it. Now after burning through the first nine books which were written before I discovered this series I'll have to wait until October for #10 Hope for Christmas where I believe Emily finds her long lost daughter Hope in time for Christmas. Get the Kleenex ready because I can already feel the tears welling over that one.

Amy says

Falling Hard is the 9th book in the Nugget series by Stacey Finz. I am such a fan of this series and this latest book didn't disappoint!

Annie Sparks, the heroine of this story, has been mentioned in previous Nugget books and we finally got to know her better. She is fairly new to Nugget and I enjoyed learning how smart and kind and hardworking she was. I liked her instantly. So did Logan Jenkins, the former Navy SEAL who showed up looking for answers for the biological father he never knew. The chemistry between them is real and instant, but Logan makes it very clear that he is not cut out for small town life and Annie isn't interested in a fling.

I love every trip Stacey Finz takes us on to Nugget. I like catching up with characters we've already read about and seeing how the new couple fits into the fold. Logan and Annie's journey to love is a great read and

I can't wait to see who's story we get to read next! I definitely recommend this one to all romance fans.

Becky Burciaga says

From the onset there was a genuineness and honesty between Logan and Annie that completely captured my heart. The entire story was filled with the type of emotions that drive by a story smoothly and effortlessly. There was the perfect balance between romance, reconciliation, and drama to give the overall story the heart it so wonderfully deserved.

The author wrote with a passion which shown through not only the chemistry between Logan and Annie, but also all the quirky characters who also added the charm that only small town residents are capable of doing.

The series has been running for sometime now, but I hope it continues...there are so many opportunities for more HEA's!

This ARC book was a complimentary copy provided by the Publisher and Netgally, I am voluntarily providing my honest review.

Patrizia says

Bel libro, uno dei migliori della serie.

Non riesco a capire se la serie finisce qui (l'epilogo sembra quasi un riassunto delle varie coppie) oppure se continuerà, visto che c'è l'apertura per l'arrivo di diversi maschi alfa... Sicuramente l'autrice ha iniziato una nuova serie ambientata in una cittadina vicina, il cui primo libro uscirà a luglio...

Heather andrews says

Annie sometimes has to keep Logan in line, "...just your run-of-the-mill beige bra. Yet, it turned him on like crazy. He pulled her under him and started taking it off. "Logan, I have to check the sprinklers." Laughing , she pushed him away. "Later! We'll do this later." There are times Logan is over eager, "off with your clothes, woman. We've got a lot of lost time to make up for." He hauled her out of bed and dragged her dress over her head..." I really enjoyed this book, Logan was a sexy man.

Tricia Linden says

I've enjoyed everything by this author, and this book didn't disappoint. I loved how Anne and Logan meet without Logan revealing who he really is. It gave me, as the reader, some inside info that made me want to keep turning the pages. Looking forward to more by this author.
