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Rose Fabre has just been dumped at the altar, and not by just any man but the star quarterback of San Antonio's Wranglers. To make matters worse, the embarrassing event is spread all over the news, and her own mother blames her. Though that is nothing new, after all Rose is never right about anything, according to her mother. She has to get out of Texas. Somewhere where maybe the news hasn't reached.

So she heads for Bon Amie Louisiana where her aunt Odelia has been a live-in housekeeper for some rice farmers for years. If she remembers right Bon Amie is so small she doubts it even has a newspaper. The last time she was there she was thirteen years old and remembers having a great time with the farmer's five boys.

Arriving at the LeBlanc Manor after midnight was not in her plan, but her spur-of-the-moment trip didn't allow for wretched traffic or the herd of cattle who refused to get off the road. She is met on the lawn by one of the brothers, Sam, who mistakes her for an intruder. Once she explains her reason for a visit and he puts away his shotgun, and shows her to a room.

What do you get when you have a city girl living in a house full of superstitious farmers? Chaos, and plenty of it. Add in two kids, several lazy dogs and her lovesick aunt and Rose has her hands full.

Sam doesn't like Rose very much and neither do his two young daughters. Rose learns that his wife took off years ago leaving Sam to raise the two girls. And for someone wanting to find a place to regain her peace of mind and forget about men, Rose has walked into a mess of them. Five LeBlanc brothers, all grown up.

Rose has some changes to make. She can continue trying to please her mother and trying to be someone she's not, or she can embrace this new life she's discovered and settle in. Bon Amie might not have a Starbucks, but the friendly smiles and unique characters not to mention the slower lifestyle. With this change of pace will Rose finally trust herself and to fall in love, this time its forever. But which brother will win her heart?

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From Reader Review Snow on Magnolias for online ebook

Pam says

Snow on Magnolias is a Bon Amie novel by Hattie Mae. It is set in Louisiana on the Annees Passess plantation owned by Sam LeBlanc and his brothers. The characters are well developed and the plot keeps you enthralled. It is one of those books that you just want to keep reading until the end. Then, you want more.

Rose has left Atlanta and come to Louisiana to lick her wounds. She was jilted at the altar and her mother blames her. Nothing Rose has ever done has been good enough for her mother, Ruth. She had heard from her Aunt Odelia who asked her to come help her at the plantation. Odelia needed help but would not ask her boss for any. Now Rose has arrived, although in the early morning hours. She was distressed to see her aunt's house has been burned. She turns to the plantation house itself.

Sam finds Rose in the early morning hours and takes her to the house and puts her in a bedroom. She is welcome to stay as long as Odelia and she want. Sam is trying his hardest to keep the plantation going as it has been in his family for a long time. His brothers, Lewis and Preston, help him on the place. His twin brothers are in college but come down on breaks to help out. He is superstitious and finding a red headed woman on Monday does not bode well for him.

Rose has to come to grips with her abandonment at the altar; her new role as helper to her aunt; Sam's two daughters who were left behind by his ex-wife; a new friend, Trudy; deadlines for her newest book; and her attraction to Sam.

Sam has to come to grips with his ex-wife returning; keeping his daughters safe and happy; keeping the plantation going and his twin brothers in school; and now his attraction to Rose.

Odelia is happy to have Rose visit and help her. She tries to help Rose overcome her writer's block by telling her about her long lost love, Wilson and showing her the letters she has written to him every Sunday since he left. Because they were not married, she cannot find out what happened to him after he left for the army. Can Rose solve this mystery? How will Odelia take Rose interfering with her life?

It is a delightful book to read. I hope she writes more about Bon Amie.

Marilyn says

Good

the book that is set in the Cajun country of Louisiana and the families that are so close the ties that brewing them together.

Denise Van plew says

This is my first time reading this author so the storyline drew me in especially since I myself love the south with some of my mother's side of the family still residing there even today. Magnolias such a pleasant scent also so was thinking fondly of them when I first turned the pages of this novel which right away was the kind that invited you in like said sit down a spell, take off the shoes this story will be a treat for sure. The character you are introduced to right away is Sam the main man who is awake in the favorite time of his late

night. Seeing headlights approaching and once stopped out steps a redheaded woman with that is a superstition pops into mind (know all about them was told plenty growing up)but once questioned finds out it is his own Odelia's niece come to see her. There you have it colorful intro to main female character she has written. Opposites if I might say so I have concluded so this ought to be interesting reading indeed. Sam also has 2 daughters whom his wife and their mother have taken off and not returned so alittle bitter he might be, but love his girls he does. I would say Rose is a witty charming character who has a not so nice mother whom after being jilted at the alter has come when her aunt has asked for help which has been a trip long overdue. So thanks to the wonderful skill of this author you are taken into the everyday life of this family right at harvest time with all the characters that are brought to life through this telling watching what happens when two people that are not looking for love, could even say one against it cause guarding his heart and the other one losing faith in her happy ever after being drawn to each other witnessing a marvelous relationship grow. Interjected in this novel is all the ingredients-love, humor, mishaps and hurdles enjoying the wonderful way they are presented and handled. Everyday live could not be more sweet when you suddenly find yourself falling in love and finding how it feels to belong to a family especially one with so much care for each other. Surprises will be occurring that do not always have a expected outcome. One of the best ingredients was a love thought lost then found by several not thrown away but will be treasured. All in all this is such a enjoyable read that it is one that leaves you all warm and fuzzy when you are finished. Also though there is a nice story behind the magnolias that was also every so often still active that brought a smile to the face while reading. Received this novel for a honest review.

Joni Smith says

This was such a great read. The words were descriptive enough to make me see and feel emotions, smell aromas and visualize the homestead. This was the first book to ever make me cry. Best read of my summer.

Jennifer says

Snow on Magnolias was a good read. This is my first read by this author even though this is the second book in this series. I did enjoy the story, but at times I did want a bit more.

This book opens with Rose showing up at her aunt Odelia's house after being left at the alter. She doesn't really seem that upset by being newly single, except that everyone is talking about it. Really she seems like she has just been doing what her mom wants, not what she wants. You don't really get to see her life before the book starts, it is not mentioned that much, and the failed wedding is hardly mentioned at all. She does say a time or two of how she is always trying to be what the guy will want, who would want her, such like that that show how her mom must have been growing up. Her mom seems like she is not very supportive unless it helps her position in society and such like that.

Rose shows up at her aunt Odelia's and the first person she sees is Sam. Sam who gave her her first kiss. Sam who's kiss she still remembers. Sam also remembers that kiss, but he has been burned before and doesn't want to trust a lady again. His wife just walked out and left him and their two girls a few years ago and never looked back. Now he doesn't want to let anyone else in. He has to think of his daughters and doesn't want them to be hurt again like they were when their mom left.

Through the book you see Sam and Rose start to fall for each other. They are attracted to each other from the

start, and both remember when Rose came to visit that first time, but Sam runs hot and cold. That and his daughters, or one of his daughters, doesn't seem to like Rose at all either and it takes a while for them to really connect. I did like watching Rose and the girls as he is kind of awkward with kids which I enjoyed. I liked that she wasn't just this super mom type person who could fit right in and everything would work out perfectly. She worked to try and win the girls over and in the end she does. It was sweet.

The last part of the book almost ruined it for me. It was a bit too contrived for me at times, but somehow wasn't really terrible. Like why do some of the characters show up only to leave again? Why does Sam think he cannot get together with Rose? His reasoning doesn't really make any sense. Even though I didn't love it I didn't hate it as much as I normally would either. It was alright, but just didn't work as well as I would have liked.

Now my other issue with the book? Well at times it was a bit lacking. For example Rose is a romance author and is having a hard time finding inspiration so her aunt shares her super romantic story with Rose. Well...that is one of the times when I found it lacking. Like aunt Odelia's story could have been told in this lovely way where you see her fall in love with Wilson and the letters they sent each other and whatnot, but instead it felt like here are the bare basics of the story and you just fill in the rest. It could have been romantic, but it was just lacking. It needed more detail, more of a story, than what we got. It was told so quickly and simply that it just didn't garner the reaction the author was looking for. This happened a few times throughout the book where you get the basic details, but not enough to really make it a compelling story at times. Still I did enjoy the book and will give another one in this series a try.

This review was originally posted to Jen in Bookland

Melody May (What I'm Reading) says

Posted on What I'm Reading

I enjoyed the first book, but I love Snow on Magnolias. I truly found the story amazing.

When we first meet Rose her life is in shamble and she decides to go visit her aunt in Bon Amie and put her life in order. There are a few things I learned about Rose: 1) She's a people pleaser. 2) She doesn't know her real self. I love that she's a people pleaser, because I could relate to her. She gives her whole heart, yet she's afraid she'll get trampled on. In away the story is about Rose's self-discovery, and she learns a lot about herself.

Sam LeBlanc is a great guy. However, he has a couple of flaws: 1) He doesn't trust easily 2) He gives his whole self to his family. You are wondering how could that be a bad thing. Well, it's a bad thing when you don't take time to do something you want.

Anyway, I can't tell you how much I loved this story. I love the flow of the story and I love how these two slowly drift closer. However, Hattie managed to add a little conflict to story which helps Sam realize what's important to him. I need to mention Rose's mother, she's a horrible person. Even though she's not in story, but you see how she tore people's lives apart. I love how Rose stands up to her.

Basically, if you are looking for a clean, sweet read that's not inspirational, you should definitely give Snow on Magnolias a try.

hilary shabazz says

A true tear jerker

beautiful, easy read. Did not want to put it down. this book is for those who believe in happy endings, family and friends

. it takes a family and true friends to nurture love and happiness

Brazen Bibliophile says

This is a sweet tale about a woman making a break from her painful and disappointing past and learning who she really is. It's about a man with a broken family struggling to be the man who holds it all together and loses himself in the process. Their journey is full of angst and heartbreak as they each have trouble getting past their fears and letting go of the past. Set in Louisiana, it's full of southern customs and superstitions. It's a beautiful story, rich with details of the local color and culture.

Linda says

My introduction to Hattie Mae came when I won her book "Snow on Magnolias" on Good Reads. It was an easy, enjoyable read. I could relate to many of the themes in the book--moving on after a failed relationship, family relationships, friendship, parenthood, small town farmers, jealousy, and second chances. This book had no blood and gore, cussing, or embarrassing intimate scenes. The characters are likable and believable. I am happy to know that there are more novels in this Bon Amie series! I'm ready to read another one!

Ginny Gallagher says

"They needed someone like you to fill their cup with joy." -Aunt Odelia to Lizzy in Snow on Magnolias by Hattie Mae

Author Hattie Mae certainly filled my cup with joy with her book, *Snow on Magnolias*.

Snow on Magnolias is a clean and sweet romance with character growth, love, and healing woven into one great story.

What I enjoyed...

The setting.

The story takes place at LeBlanc Manor in Bon Amie, Louisiana where tradition, southern charm, sweet tea, and porch swings reign supreme. I love stories set in communities that pull together to help their neighbors and that hold onto bits of their past for the treasures that they are. The author does a fantastic job of making LeBlanc Manor a place that I would love to visit. Heck I would even help out with the rice harvesting. ;)

The characters.

Down to earth, broken, and full of heart is how I would describe the characters of the Bon Amie series. The story is full of healing, forgiveness, and new beginnings with characters that you can relate to and cheer on as they heal and move forward with their life.

The moments.

I really enjoyed the farming aspects along with the family and community efforts to make sure the rice harvest was a success. Aunt Odelia's and her big moments in the story brought a big smile to my face. I was so happy with how things turned out for everyone and I look forward to reading book 3, Sweet Tea and Mayhaw Pie soon.

No cussing, no graphic love scenes, and a story that delivers a heartwarming message of love, healing, and the message that family is often more than being related and that connections with others is an important part of life.

I would recommend The Bon Anime series to anyone looking for a heartfelt romance with great characters and down south charm. The series does NOT have to be read in order. Each book is a stand alone story. You can read my review of book 1, Under the Sassafras [HERE](#).

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Maureen Schlatterbeck says

LOVE!!!

Stacy says

This book was given to me for an honest review. I gave this book 4 stars because I thought the author did a wonderful job building the characters and developed not one, but two love stories. The characters were relatable and the reader could easily see them as neighbors or friends. The story is set on a Louisiana Rice Plantation during harvest season. It was a family affair and everyone is expected to do their part. Sam has been hurt before and is not willing to put his family or himself at risk. Rose has had her pride hurt by a man, but her heart broken by her mother. The question is can these two fragile souls find their way to one another. Then there is another love story at play in the novel as well, one of love lost and found again. The author does a great job interweaving the story lines so they flow well together. There were a few areas that I felt the story line was rushed and I would have enjoyed more details. There were also some editing issues, but I could overlook them because the story was very likable. I would recommend this book and author if you want a quick, fun read.

Paula Eliane Ghiglieri says

Poor grammar makes this a hard book to read.

Although the characters are compelling, this author needs a decent editor. This book reads like a rough draft. Comma splices, awkward wording, misplaced modifiers, and other mistakes in every paragraph. I won't buy any more of her books.

Sue says

What a lovely Southern story - nice characters, good angst, sweet HEA ending.

Victoria says

Is a great book to read forever and ever
