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## **Honeysuckle Summer Details**

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## **From Reader Review Honeysuckle Summer for online ebook**

### **Tasha says**

*my review posted here*

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### **Mindy says**

Since my mother suffers from agoraphobia I thought I may have a personal connection with the book. Unfortunately, while the author taps into the world of agoraphobia, she does not appear to fully embrace the state of an agoraphobic. I was slightly disappointed. The story line is predictable, but it was an enjoyable read.

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### **K.C. Willivee says**

3.5 stars. Loved the sensitive way the heroine's agoraphobia was addressed, but her constant nobility in pushing away the hero began to grate on my nerves.

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### **Harlequin Books says**

"Woods' is an amazing writer and I love all of her work but the Sweet Magnolias just seems to have a little extra something. ... The emotions on this one were unbelievable. It had a touch of everything. I couldn't put it down." From a review posted by an eHarlequin.com member, read more [Here](#).

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### **Colleen (NerdyWoman) Kayter says**

Sherryl Woods is never afraid to tackle the really tough issues we face and she always does it with well-researched but sensitively presented narrative and dialog. In *A Slice of Heaven*, the second book in the Sweet Magnolias series, she addressed the issue of divorced parents dealing with their teen daughter's anorexia. Well, that daughter is all grown up now, married to the boy who really helped her through that difficult time (see Annie and Ty's story in *Home in Carolina*) and our attention is now focused on her friend Raylene.

Raylene hid in her husband's Charleston home to hide the bruises. Now divorced, she still hasn't overcome her fears and suffers from agoraphobia and anxiety attacks whenever she leaves the house. Now how is a girl supposed to meet Mr. Right when she's hiding at home?

As always, Woods' narrative makes the problem very real to us, then introduces a compassionate man who makes her feel safe and desirable.

Honeysuckle Summer is such a wonderful conclusion to The Sweet Magnolias series and if you've read one, you'll definitely want to be sure and read them all.

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### **Gail says**

Raylene is the third of the next generation of Sweet Magnolias. She's come back home to escape an abusive husband, who's now in jail for that abuse, staying with Sarah and helping take care of the children--but she can't leave the house without a panic attack. So when Sarah's little boy takes off to chase the ice cream truck (or something like that), she can't chase after him, and the deputy who comes to handle the call is all judgmental--but you just know that's going to change right quick. It's a good read.

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### **Brigitte Alouqua says**

Bon, eh bien voici une petite chose à ajouter à ma liste de ce que je dois absolument réaliser ... acheter une voiture d'occasion !

Car oui, toute cette histoire débute bien avec l'achat d'une voiture d'occasion ?

Rubis, la voiture de Karin au tout début de cette aventure, décide de rendre l'âme, malgré tout son savoir-faire mécanique, Joe, le mécanicien, ne peut malheureusement plus rien pour sauver cette pauvre Rubis. Le truc, c'est que Karin avait mit de l'argent de côté depuis pas mal de temps, afin de s'offrir des vacances à Hawaï. Cette tuile qui lui tombe dessus lui donne deux choix possibles : soit elle part malgré tout en vacances mais se retrouve piétonne pour un bout de temps, soit elle passe les portes d'un marchand de voiture et remplace Rubis.

Se sera donc ... la voiture ? Eh je vous assure qu'elle a eu entièrement raison de prendre cette option parce que cela lui aura permit de faire la connaissance de Brad.

Le souci, c'est que Brad va se montrer un peu trop protecteur, elle qui a déjà subi cela toute sa vie avec ses trois frères aînés, elle qui veut son indépendance, elle qui veut montrer qu'elle est capable de s'assumer seule sans que quelqu'un soit toujours derrière elle, il faut bien avouer que cette situation n'est pas des plus simples.

Cela n'empêchera pas Brad de vivre avec elle une semaine de rêve, non pas à Hawaï, mais bien dans sa ville, à San Francisco. Il y a toujours des choses que l'on a tellement l'habitude de voir, que l'on y prend même plus attention, cette semaine de vacances dans sa ville, va permettre à Karin de redécouvrir ce qui l'entoure.

Karin est une jeune femme attachante et pleine de vie, elle n'a pas toujours eu la vie facile, non pas à cause de gros problèmes, mais le fait d'être la petite dernière de la famille, les grands frères se montrent trop protecteurs avec elle, déjà rien que ce point, ce n'est pas forcément simple à vivre. Quand à Brad, c'est un homme qui s'assume, il est ancien pilote de bolide, il a cessé les courses sur circuit pour venir en aide à son père et ne regrette aucunement son choix. Leur rencontre va tout changer pour eux, que ce soit dans leurs manières de voir et appréhender les choses, ou encore émotionnellement.

« Dans la chaleur de l'été » fait définitivement partie des lectures que l'on aime savourer en vacances, c'est une romance légère et assez rapide à lire, c'est le genre d'histoire pas du tout prise de tête et qui nous donne le sourire. N'est-ce pas le but d'une lecture de vacances ?

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### **Brenda says**

I really liked the book. Of course I had read some of the other books written by Sheryl Woods about the Sweet Magnolias so it was like reading more about old friends. For some reason the book kept reminding me of another that had an ex husband that the main character was terrified of but the main character didn't have agoraphobia.....

The story was very interesting and fun any way. There were some important points made there about dealing with agoraphobia, and another character was struggling with an eating disorder.

Here is the information from the back of the book:

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### **Laura (Kyahgirl) says**

3.25/5; 3 stars; B

I am not familiar with this author and I must say I will read more of her books even though this one did not bowl me over. This book was well written and well paced but its several books into a series so I wasn't as attached to the characters as I would have been if I had read other books in the series. Honeysuckle summer was a sweet love story slightly overshadowed by small town drama and strong plot lines about teenaged eating disorders and recovery from domestic abuse.

I liked this book and i wish i could give it four stars but the audio format was not the best way to read this book. Honestly, i think the narrator did the best she could but there really should have been two narrators. There were so many voices, both male and female, all with southern accents, that i think the narrator was overwhelmed. Some of the women started sounding like "valley girls" and some of the men, especially Carter, sounded a bit like Gomer Pile. If you are too young to know who Gomer Pile is just think "big, dumb, galoot".

I know now why this author has so many fans, and I will definitely look for other books by her.

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## **Lisa says**

I never knew much about agoraphobia until I read this title. I enjoy Sherryl Woods' Sweet Magnolias series about the couples and friendships in a gossipy but welcoming small Southern town.

Raylene Hammond's fear of leaving the house is understandable - her ex-husband Paul (the "dream doctor" she thought would take her to a life of wealth and privilege) turns out to be both physically and psychologically abusive. Paul is put in jail after a rant in which he causes Raylene to miscarry their baby. The terrified woman returns home to her best friend Sarah, who welcomes her into the safety of her home.

When Sarah's five year old son strikes out through the neighborhood in pursuit of the ice cream truck, Raylene finds herself unable to even leave the porch. Carter Rollins, the new deputy in town who brings Tommy safely home, judges her to be a self-absorbed snob and wishes he could nail her for child neglect. A lecture from Sarah's fiancée Travis straightens Carter out about the situation and he visits Raylene to apologize. While visiting, Carter finds Raylene an attractive, bright and funny woman and he determines to help her overcome her agoraphobia.

Carter has difficulties of his own. His parents were killed in a car accident, leaving him to raise his fourteen year old and sixteen year old sisters. Carrie, the older girl, is developing anorexia due to issues about losing her parents and moving to a new town. Annie, another friend from town, has battled anorexia herself and does her best to help Carrie through this issue.

The story climaxes with Paul Hammond being released from jail and finding his way to Raylene...despite all the precautions Carter and the other folks in town have put in place to protect her. Since Carter is across the county on another call, Raylene must face down Paul herself...and also protect Mandy, Carter's younger sister who happens to be helping in the garden that day. Raylene's courage in standing up to Paul (and literally knocking him flat in the process!) helps her to realize that she is able to fend for herself and that having friends in small town Serenity is of much more value than social climbing in Charleston. The story ends with a wedding, a Bermuda honeymoon (yes, Raylene finally made it out of her house!) and with Carrie beginning to make friends and overcome her anorexia. Both Carrie and Mandy are thrilled to have a new "big sister" who "really gets how it is to be a teenage girl!"

This was one of my favorite Serenity books. In addition to having a police character ( always a plus in my view), the plot deals with issues that many people struggle with today. I'm currently reading "Catching Fireflies"....this sequel of a THIRD generation of "Sweet Magnolias" focuses on cyber-bullying, doctoring photos online, and other cruel pranks that girls (who are FAR WORSE bullies than boys) misuse in today's social networking culture.

Sherryl Woods always delivers a winning book!

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## **monica says**

**Verano de madreSelva**

Muy interesante y buena. trata temas muy importantes en la sociedad. la importancia del apoyo de la familia y amigos. la autora no dio ningún detalle en las relaciones de ellos como pareja lo que me sorprendió. e leído otros libros y da algún detalle, lo que me desilusionó un poco. a pesar de eso muy buena.

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### **Elle says**

I liked this book. A lot. But never finished it.

How is that? You might ask. I'm not sure. I just never got to the end. Although the book was good, it did start to drag on a bit at the end and I just sort of set it down. And that was that.

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### **Kathryn says**

Another good one in the Magnolia series. This time we get to know Raylene's story a little more and her challenge with agoraphobia. Carter a deputy sheriff at first takes exception to Raylene but when he learns the true story he returns to apologise. He is caring for these two sisters Mandy and Carrie, their parents having died a while back. Carrie is struggling and has developed anorexia, so now with some pre experience the people of the town are on to it. We meet many of the characters from previous books and there is the usual community spirit amongst them. The romance between Walter and Rory Sue added another dimension. A good read.

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### **Chiara says**

This was the best book out of the last 3. I enjoyed seeing Raylene conquer her fears and must admit that Walter and Rory Sue have been my favorite characters even if they were minor characters they made me laugh.

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### **Darcy says**

I have been so so with most of this series and have even wondered why I keep reading, but I am so glad that I did as this one is the best one so far!

I really like Raylene, love how blunt she is, how self aware she is about her issues, just not ready to face them. I hated how she was forced to with the disappearance of Tommy. She so wanted to find him, but was scared spit-less to do more than sound the alarm for help.

I didn't really like Carter at the beginning, hated how judgmental he was towards Raylene without knowing the story behind her. I was glad that Travis ripped him a new one. I will admit that Carter was able to win me over pretty quickly after that. His visits to Raylene at home and how he treated her like a normal person was great.

I loved how the two different generations of Sweet Magnolias would gather for margarita night to hash things out. This book, more so than the others, seemed to find them meeting more and more. Yes, they often gathered for Raylene, but it was great to see them spring into action for one of Carter's sisters. I loved the way that the Sweet Magnolia men once again jumped into action to help Raylene when her biggest fear came calling again. I hated that she had to deal with that after getting free before.

I was so surprised by the friendship that had built between Raylene and Walter. It seems an odd pairing, but they are brutally honest with each other and there for one another.

The ending put a smile on my face, it was a great place to leave all of them.

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