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When Mike Corwin awakens after some wild partying in Vegas \$150,000 richer and married to Amber, the gorgeous woman he met the night before, he thinks he's hit the jackpot. The bad news is that Amber's a con who takes his money and runs. Seems the family curse has finally hit him. Hard.

But to Amber, Mike isn't business as usual. If only she didn't need the money to ensure her father's safety, she might actually have fallen for the intense lawman. Instead, she's forced to betray him.

Now Mike's hell-bent on divorce and Amber's on the run... but when a twist of fate reunites them, can they turn their run of bad fortune into a lucky streak?

Lucky Streak Details

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Laura says

The second in the Corwin family Trilogy. A solid 3 3/4 stars.

So much better than the first book! This book centers around Mike Corwin, son of Edward, the eccentric brother. Mike became a cop to keep order in his life that he never had with his "out there" father. Mike meets Amber Rose while in Vegas for his partner's wedding. It is instant attraction and it all begins.

Here's what I liked:

I loved the chemistry between the Mike and Amber...there is plenty of work up to it and it works. It is night and day between them and Derek and Gabrielle in the first book. I figured out why I disliked the first book so much while reading this one--on the top of that list was the characters. Derek and Gabrielle made appearances in this book and I found myself wanting them to leave...they annoyed me (mostly Gabrielle--she is way too shallow). Mike and Amber were better characters with more depth. I wanted to like them and I wanted them to be happy--that is a good thing.

The relationship between Mike and Amber was more "real." They went through a "get-to-know-you" phase and worked on finding out if they really could make it work.

The "suspense" part of the book was small, but good--it played well into the storyline. It wasn't over the top and it kept the plot developing.

Also, there was plenty of closure for the family in this one. I felt like the last book flopped at the end. This one not nearly as much (although it did a bit).

Here is what I didn't like:

I did find that that last chapter of the book has me skimming--to much detail about nothing. She got up, took a shower, brushed her hair, made breakfast, blah, blah...how does that add to the story?

The ending is a little anti-climactic, but it was okay. Similar to the first book where it just seems to fizzle a little at the end.

The medical reasoning at the end of the book seemed a little off to me. I think some details were left out--some things were mentioned, but a clear diagnosis wasn't told. It left me a little unsettled.

The neutral:

This book also set up the last book in the series. Jason, the third Corwin cousin, is introduced at great length and his story is set up I'm sure to get excitement for the last book in the series. I'm looking forward to it, but I don't need it the day it is released. Since this book was an improvement on the first, I'm hoping the last will be even better.

Overall opinion:

Liked it! Glad I stuck with the series after I disliked the first one. Carly Phillips really is better than *Lucky Charm* and *Lucky Streak* proves it.

Ishabelle says

I definitely enjoyed it more than did the first book. I liked the premise. The heroine was a complex character. This book may just be my favorite in the series.

Wendy says

This is a really cute book with a lot of fun characters. CP is always fun to read, she writes a quick and entertaining story. I gave this one a four out of five.

Amber is a woman that has had to resort to counting cards in Vegas to win enough money to keep her father in a nursing facility because he has Alzhiemers. But she isn't happy with what she has had to do and wants out. Her partner doesn't want to let go though. When he threatens her a strange man steps in to help her.

Boston Cop Mike Corwin is having a great vacation in Vegas celebrating his friend and partner's wedding. He sees a beautiful girl that seems to be having a little trouble with a scumbag, so he steps in to offer his help. But when things are settled he asks her to party with him and his friends. Amber accepts his offer and they spend the rest of the day and night together having a great time. The attraction is strong, on a whim they get married at a chapel in one of the casinos. But on the way back to his room she encourages him to put a ten dollar chip, given to them by the justice of the peace, into a machine. Although Mike is skeptical he goes for it thinking that he isn't the lucky type. But he ends up winning \$150,000.00. This can't be happening to him, he isn't the one to win anything. But it must be his lucky day because he has a new wife and the money. But when he wakes up the next morning with Amber gone and the money too, he knew it was just too good to be true, and heads back home to Boston for a trial that he has to testify in.

Amber just knows that Mike is going to be mad but he will understand that she had to take the money to get her father back from her scumbag ex-partner. He knew just where to hit her the hardest. But she fully intends to find a way to pay Mike back, even if she has to work three jobs. Amber heads back to the hotel but when she gets there Mike has checked out of the hotel and left town.

Mike is tired. He can't believe that he was suckered by a beautiful woman. He should have known better. But he plans to find out more about her. Before he can do anything he comes home from court to find his front door open. Sneaking upstairs to his bedroom he finds Amber in one of his shirts and nothing else. Okay, that is every man's dream. But he isn't falling for it. He wants some answers about the money and about Amber.

As the story goes on Amber is being chased by one of the men she and the ex-partner conned. She is also falling farther in love with Mike and finding that she is falling for his family too. They are quirky and weird, but she likes them anyway. And Mike comes to realize that Amber has some insights about his father that he didn't think about before.

While trying to solve the problems that Amber has with the ex-partner and the man that she conned, Mike

and Amber find that they really do love each other and that their spur of the moment wedding isn't a big mistake. In fact it could be the luckiest thing that has ever happened to them.

Tracy Roberts says

Who says curses are real? The Corwin men that's who. Many years ago, there was a curse put on any Corwin man that dare to love. Mike is the 2nd of the Corwin men that are effected by the Corwin curse.

Mike is a police officer who is in Vegas for his friend's wedding. When Mike walks into the lobby of the hotel he see's Amber who he believes is being harassed by a guy (Mike isn't sure who the man is). As Mike confronts the pretty lady and the man that's bothering her, Mike is caught by the beauty that stand before him. He is instantly attracted to Amber and would like more time with her. Once they get rid of the man (Marshall), Mike asks Amber to spend the day with him and his friends.

Amber is a lady down on her luck. She has a photographic memory that she uses to cheat the tables and win money that she needs to pay for her father's nursing home bills. When Mike comes along to "save her" from her partner in crime Marshall, she is also instantly attracted to Mike. When Mike asks Amber to spend the day with him she finds herself unable to refuse.

Mike and Amber have the best day together and end up in a chapel that evening. But come morning Amber is nowhere to be found.

Will Mike find Amber? If he does will he be able to figure out what is going on and why she took off? You'll have to read Lucky Streak to find out.

Julie says

Loved the updated version of Lucky Streak. At first glance Amber and Mike seem like oil and water, but as you get deeper into the book you fall for them faster than Amber fell for Mike's father! Amber sees all the little, and not so little details, so she realizes there's more going on with her father-in-law than the Corwin Curse. Mike grew up fearing the curse, will he be able to break free of it? These two are fun, and steamy , and full of adventure.

Kahea says

*****4 'It's All About Edward' Stars*****

Is it a bad thing when one of the secondary storylines captures your interest more than the main one? Maybe, maybe not, but that's kind of what happened with Lucky Streak. For the most part I really liked Mike, the man is all kinds of upstanding, smexy as hell alpha male with a really good heart. Amber was a bit of a mixed bag for me. I admired how dedicated she was to her family and how good her heart truly was, but it took a long time for me to warm up to her. With my feelings towards Amber being all kinds of mixed up, it made it difficult for me to want her and Mike together for the long haul, but then THAT moment hit, which admittedly took a while to happen, and then I was more open to the idea of them together.

That moment actually comes in the form of Edward Corwin, Mike's father. His character and story was what caught my interest and kept me turning the pages. Even though he wasn't supposed to be the focus of the story, I felt as if he was the catalyst for a lot of the twists and changes that occurred in the story and I simply

enjoyed the hell out of him, even when my heart broke for him.

It's not everyday where a secondary character takes over a book for me, and I'm a huge fan of well written secondary characters, but it happens and it happened here and I gotta go with my gut.

~ Copy provided by the author ~

Nicki - The Overflowing Bookcase says

This book gives you a two for one. Not only do you get Mike and Amber's story which involves a quickly marriage in Vegas and two gamblers looking to reclaim their debt, but you also get the wacky story of Clara and Edward as they overcome anxiety and depression to rekindle an old relationship. The characters in this story were great and the plot twists and storylines gave new meaning to rollercoaster rides. Overall, a very enjoyable read as the second in the series about dealing with the Corwin curse.

Jessica Alcazar says

FANTASTIC little chic flic romance story! ALL 3 of these books were highly enjoyable. Every character had me LMAO!

However, I will say that Lucky Streak (#2) was absolutely the funniest of them all. Hands down!

PS....I really wish Uncle Edward and Clara had their own story, even if it was a short story in an Anthology because that man had me in stitches....stinky Pete! Bawaaaaahahahahaha!

Amy Leibenguth says

I really enjoyed this book. Mike and Amber meet in Vegas. They get married that night on a whim. Then Ambers past has her running scared. Though they just met, Amber feels connected to Mike. And even though they barely know each other, she wants to give marriage a go. She arrives back in Boston and surprises Mike. She also tells him everything he needs to know about her past. A lot of fun getting to their HEA as characters from book 1 are back and the funny way the curse is looked at by the Corwin men. Definitely entertaining! I'm looking forward to Jason's story next!

I received an ARC. I am voluntarily reviewing this book.

jenjn79 says

Really enjoyed this 2nd book in the "Lucky" trilogy. The characters, the storyline, and the romance all engaged me and had me wanting to keep reading.

The basis for this series is that there is a curse on the Corwin males where if they fall in love, they will lose their woman and their money. It's affected the family for generations and now the current group of cousins must deal with it to move on with their futures.

Mike Corwin is a Boston police officer. He goes to Vegas for his partner's wedding and ends up meeting Amber Rose. They spend a day together having a lot of fun and on the spur of the moment decided to get married. Mike also ends up winning \$150k from a slot machine. But when he wakes up the next morning, his money and his new wife are gone.

Amber hates herself for what she did to Mike, but she's in a boatload of trouble. So she did what she had to do. Of course, Mike isn't going to just forget about it. He has every intention of finding Amber and settling things...that is if Amber doesn't find him first.

I think one of the things I liked best about this book was that the storyline didn't go quite as I expected it would. From reading the back cover, I figured the story would involve Mike going on a search for Amber, her trying to avoid him and not telling him the truth and whatnot. But things actually go kind of the opposite. Amber tracks Mike down, apologizes, tells him mostly the truth and then insinuates herself in his life. She does everything to try to get him to forgive her and give her a chance. I just really like how the story progressed in that sense. And I liked that it was a direction I hadn't expected.

There's also a great use of family and supporting characters. The situation with Mike's father - whose life is pretty much crippled because of his worries over the curse - was interesting and I liked how Phillips used it in the book. There were some good dynamics regarding family interactions, and emotional scars resulting from the curse.

Romance-wise...Amber and Mike have some great chemistry. They can't resist each other in bed, but have a lot of trouble dealing with everything else. I thought Phillips did a great job exploring the various ups and downs of the relationship and how all the outside forces factored in. Each character has to face things they've done and things they've let rule their life before they can truly commit to each other. For me, the romance just worked really well.

I also enjoyed the little smidge of suspense thrown in with some of Amber's past coming up to bite her on the butt. It gave the story a little variety and a little bit of tension. Plus it fit the storyline well.

So overall, this was a really solid contemporary romance and another winner from Carly Phillips. Nothing about it bothered me and I pretty much enjoyed reading it cover to cover. It's sweet and sexy, has great sense of family, and a nice storyline that gives the book a sense of direction instead of being just mushy, mindless fluff. I'm really looking forward to the last book in the trilogy, which was set up in this one. Should be interesting finding out what happens with Jason Corwin.

J K says

Imagine Drew Barrymore clapping in the Wedding Singer "YAY"! That's me. I really really loved this story. Mike is in Vegas celebrating his partner's wedding and saves Amber as she is being harassed. What happens next is a non-stop adventure. His father is a "crazy" recluse because of the Corwin curse. I really felt every emotion reading this book. I felt their connection from the very beginning and could believe them stopping at the Chapel to get married. Loved that you didn't have to wait too long for the yumminess to begin either. Derek and Gabrielle are here too. Loved how Amber would do anything to take care of her father and even wanted to take care of Mike's dad. I felt just as heartbroken as Amber at the "roller coaster" comment and didn't blame her for leaving. Loved that Mike made up for that in Vegas. (PS...I really don't like to give away parts of the book so if I'm vague I apologize.) Jason made his appearance sadly but I cannot wait to get

his story with Lauren. Carly has such great character development. I enjoy the crazy uncles, the story, the “extras” (Clara). Carly makes me feel so much and it is so easy to get lost in her books.

Jackie says

Even though this book is in a series, it can be read as a standalone. This book jumped right in to the story. I love how it instantly grabbed ahold and had you keep reading. We got an unusual storyline, the idea of a curse, a quickie marriage in Vegas, and a reclusive in law, but still maintained a love story with characters you saw grow and connected with. You fell in love as they did. The love story scenes were as hot as all Phillips' books. There was quite a bit of action and mystery; you never knew what would happen next. So many times the second novel in the series is a let down, but this one was great and left me excited for the next.

Stephanie says

Love this story of family and love. Amber will do anything to ensure her father is well cared for that she gets into trouble. But Mike saves her and gets a wife out of the deal.

Barbara Lack says

Refreshingly different. This is book 2 in the Corwin Family Curse Series. I really, really enjoyed this book. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. The characters are flawed and slightly quirky. There were a lot of fun moments, however once again Carly Phillips dealt with the subject of mental illness and Alzheimer's with grace and compassion. I truly loved this book.

****I voluntarily received an Advanced Readers Copy of this book for my honest review.****

Cali Jewel says

Wild, sexy, fun and engaging opposites attract romance. This Corwin is in Vegas for his partners wedding and on a hell of a lucky streak and married to what seems like the perfect woman.

Mike Corwin is a tough as nails cop and believes he hit the ultimate jackpot in Vegas when he wakes up with a wad of cash and a sexy new wife. Then the other shoe drops and Seems the family jinx has finally hit him. Hard. Amber turns out to be a con-artist and she disappears with the money. Now Mike's hell-bent on divorce and Amber's on the run... Extremely entertaining summer lounge in the sun read. Looking forward to more luck from this interesting family.
