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"This Thanksgiving comes with all the fixings...and something extra hot."

"Blackwater, Book 1"

Sam Jennings promised his father he'd always take care of the woman who yanked him and his four brothers out of foster care. When his adoptive mom has a near-fatal heart attack, Sam knows it's past time to live up to his word.

As he sets out to put the Blackwater Diner back on its feet, he runs into his first snag. Waitress Julie Rose's sweet curves and long legs are driving Sam to distraction. Even his brothers aren't immune to her kind heart. But Sam is determined to be the only man in her bed.

Julie doesn't regret the years she lost caring for her grandmom, but now, between business classes and her job, she's left with very little time and energy for dating. Then there's her policy about never getting mixed up with the boss's son. But Sam's hard body and wicked ideas have Julie forgetting all about annoying things like rules, and she accepts his invitation to show her all she's been missing.

Sam is more than willing to take things slow as he teaches her all about the pleasures of the flesh. Luckily for him, Julie is a darned good student...

Warning: Contains explicit language, a sexy carpenter, and extra helpings of naughty fun under the stars. Heat and increased heart rate may help burn off extra holiday calories.

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MelissaB says

** 3 1/2 stars **

Sweet little story but needed more to it, the ending was too abrupt.

Genney Blass says

3.5 stars. I am having a hard time to express my feelings towards this book, but here goes. This book has something that can be characterize as the love of the family. The strong unity all brothers and parents have. What each brother went through when they were in foster care and how the mom stepped up and took care of them even though in the beginning they were not liked her one bit. But in regards to Sam and Julie romance, well, I felt like it needed more umph, I wanted maybe a rivalry between him and his brothers. It just felt short. Nice beginning of the story, the end just went straight on the caca side. I apologize to Ms. Rainey, but I was not enjoying this book.

Tammy says

This is the first book that I have read from this author and I can tell you I will be searching out more of her books.

The book was so sweet and it didn't hurt that Sam was amazingly HOT and so very nice. Also, Julie was such a nice girl and beautiful inside and out.

Sam and Julie are great characters and great for each other. Both have big hearts, even when Sam doesn't want it to show and hides under his gruff frowns and Julie refers to them. No guessing from the beginning that he wanted her. I loved how Julie keeps him at bay and makes him work for what he wants. Although Sam don't like taking no for an answer, when Julie says that she thinks things are moving too fast, he really seems to listen to what she is saying, instead of just pushing her into things.

Sam and Julie's romance was at the heart of this story, but they were also his other brothers that were involved. I can't wait to read the other books with the other brother's romances.

The only problem that I had with Sam's Promise, was that I wish it would have been a little longer, because I didn't much care for the ending. I would have liked to see them together for a little longer and see how their relationship develops into something much stronger.

Moran says

I really enjoyed the story and I just wish it was longer :(

I can't wait to read the rest of the books in the series!!

Auntee says

Hot, sexy, and sweet! *Sam's Promise: Blackwater, Book 1* sets the stage for what looks to be a nice long series about the 5 hunky Jennings brothers. Carpenter/handy-man Sam (the oldest) and his four brothers (brainiac businessman Brodix (yeah, I said **Brodix**), construction company owner Vance, and younger twins Reilly and River) were rescued from the foster care system by their sweet but no nonsense adoptive mother Wanda (owner of the Blackwater Diner) and her late husband Chet. All the boys adore Wanda and are visiting her for a Thanksgiving dinner. Also invited to the dinner is curvy, dark haired beauty Julie Rose, a 29-year-old waitress at the diner and a part-time college student. Julie's getting a late start on her life, education and career due to many years caring for her terminally ill grandmother. Wanda invites sweet Julie in the hopes that one of her sons will see what a special young lady she is and then maybe sparks might fly? A Mom could hope... Well, all of her sons seem taken with Julie, but there's only one that makes Julie's heart flutter--and that is the rather gruff Sam. (view spoiler), the Jennings brothers vow to make Wanda's life a little easier, and to help her with the diner which is facing hard times. This brings Sam (who has ideas of turning the diner into a bar and grill) in closer contact with Julie. Sexy, hazel-eyed Sam asks sweet Julie to dinner, and then the inevitable romance takes off from there.

Sam...

Julie...

No complaints here about the romance--there was just the right amount of heat, naughty words, and dirty deeds between Sam and the less experienced (but enthusiastic) Julie. (One of the stand out sex scenes revolves around a porch swing under the stars...whew) The love scenes don't overwhelm the story either. AR laces the story with plenty of dialogue, character back story, and lots of details that help to move the plot forward and keep the reader interested. There's no real conflict between Sam and Julie either. No silly misunderstanding or lack of communication. The only hesitation in the romance is Julie wondering if what she's feeling is happening too fast, but Sam manages to put her mind at ease. He was a mature, in control alpha, pretty sure of what he wanted and well aware of his feelings. I liked him--a lot.:)

My only complaint about the story? It ended too soon (and rather suddenly)--I wasn't ready to stop reading about Sam and Julie yet! I guess that's a sign that Ms. Rainey's got me hooked! Now I *have to* read about the other Jennings brothers, and catch up with Sam and Julie. I hope I don't have to wait long for the next **Blackwater** book...4 1/2 stars

Warning: This book contains explicit sex (oral but no anal), some dirty talk, and some light spanking. Not for the faint of heart.

Jenn says

This book was free though Smasword and I was drawn in pretty quick. Sam is screaming ALPHA male, he is drawn to Julie the waitress working at his mother diner. They have some pretty steaming sex in the book. This was a pretty quick read of about 93 pages on my Nook. I will finish this series can;t wait to see about the other brothers. My only complaint about this book was I wished it was longer.

Becky Condit says

I loved this book and Ms. Rainey's style of setting up a story, then following through with intertwining plotlines that mesh smoothly. Her characters are men and women to fall in love with: five tall, muscular, alpha brothers who make "family first" their life motto and the women they care about. I will definitely be looking forward to each installment of the Blackwater series to find out what happens to brooding Brodix, agreeable Vance, and the twins, cheerful Reilly and poor damaged River. If you are like me and enjoy reading a series in order, the time to start this one is right now!

Christina says

Wowzers! What a great little book! This is the first book I have read from this author and I can sure tell you I will be searching out more! The book was just lovely and sweet. Sam was amazingly HOT and so very nice. Also Julie was such a great heroin...such a nice girl and beautiful and not at all whiny (how can you tell I am getting so sick of the books with the whiny heroin...). Anyway what a great start to a series...there are 4 more brothers we hopefully get to read about. The sex scenes are plentiful and steamy and delicious. My only problem with this book is I wished it was longer.

Christina says

It was a shorter read. The characters "fall in love" super fast in this one. The sex was h.o.t.

Pamela says

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Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

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This Thanksgiving dinner is one for the record books.

I know when I open a book by Anne Rainey, I'm in for a treat. Sam's Promise doesn't disappoint. The writing flows and had me from page one. I became invested in the characters and thought about Sam and Julie even after I closed the book. Yeah, they really stuck with me.

Sam and Julie are great characters. Both have big hearts, even when Sam doesn't want it to show. I loved how he made it his mission to set things right. I also loved how he made himself very available to Julie. No guessing he wanted her.

Julie wants to please. I loved how she keeps him at bay. She makes him work for what he wants. That's the other thing. When he decides what he wants, he doesn't take no for an answer. His determination is darned sexy, not to mention the descriptions Ms Rainey gives for Sam. I could visualize him easily and can describe him in one word -- yum.

I also want to mention the brothers. This story isn't just about two characters. Yes, Julie and Sam's romance is at the heart of it, but there are great secondary characters in his brothers. I'm hoping there will be more stories with these guys. In a few pages, Ms Rainey describes them all well, making them distinct and memorable -- especially the twins.

If you want a story with heat, heart and a holiday slant, then this is the book for you.

Smut Junkie says

Cute and quick story. I HATED how it ended - it just left me wanting MORE MORE MORE! Very likeable characters and the romance was pretty good. Would like to read about the other brothers....

Chrisabel says

So good. Really enjoyed this read cant wait to read about all the brothers. This was my 1st read from this author and not my last.

JoAnne Kenrick says

I'm thrilled there are so many Jennings brothers in this first book...it must mean they'll be lots more tales to tell from the Blackwater series. I devoured Sam's Promise quicker than a five guys burger; his talented hands, patience and hot bod had me drooling to the point where I was concerned my eReader might short out.

Sam, and all his sexy brothers, are back in Blackwater for a Thanksgiving meal with their adoptive mom. But there are a few surprises in store for them. One, the lovely Julie Rose, an extra dinner guest. Two, their mom is feeling under the weather. Three, the family diner is having some problems.

Not to worry, The Jennings brothers have it all under control. But it seems Julie, a waitress in the family diner and business student, isn't quite as in control as she may like to think she is, esp when she claps eyes on Sam for the first time. she's got a lot to learn, and Sam's just the man to teach her.

This is quite the touching story, and I could totally imagine it to be a new TV series...one I'm sure I'd be hooked to if those brothers are as hot as they sound.

I sure hope we hear the twins story next ;) River sounds like a doll!!

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Review to post 12/13
