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Emma Slate married her high school sweetheart at twenty and lost him at twenty-two. Now she has built a cozy, safe life for herself that includes everything but romance. When Matt, a handsome young contractor, begins work at her house, she tries to ignore the spark between them and keep her feelings in check.

Matt Winter should know better than to get involved with a girl who is moving out of state in a few short weeks. Especially one who is so guarded. There are so many reasons why he shouldn't go there...so why can't they stay away from each other?

(65,000 words)

\*\*Story contains explicit/steamy scenes that are intended for mature readers.

\*\*All books in C.J. Lake's Attraction Series are standalone novels with NO cliffhangers.

## **A Hot Winter Details**

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## **From Reader Review A Hot Winter for online ebook**

### **Victoria Limbert says**

This was really sweet. The heroine was a little dippy and over excitable about little things but I loved Matt and his friends.

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### **Becky Gates says**

#### **Good story**

Good character interaction, interesting characters. Sweet story. A hard working man falling for a widowed mom is a totally believable today concept.

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### **Jenny says**

Cute read, although I felt like it was slow to pick up in the beginning. And then I felt like I was missing something for the other half of the book. Either way, glad Emma got her head out of her ass and finally realized that Matt was worth it in the end.

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### **The Next Chapter Book Blog says**

Emma was a widow at 23 years old and left with 2 children to raise. No one should have to go through something like that. But her love life is on hold because men cannot come an go in and out of her boys lives. That plan had been going well until Matt showed up to help her remodel her home. He connects with her on so many levels. Her plan has never been harder to keep.

Matt cannot believe his luck when he gets to help Emma with her home project and he finds that he just really enjoys spending his time with he. She is such a perfect woman for him. But she is moving soon and he knows she is pushing him away because of that and because of all her old excuses. He knows she deserves some happiness too, it is convincing her to see that too.

I loved how these two connected. I felt the author found her style in this book. It flowed so much nicer than the first book. And the tension was felt right away and I was able to connect with the characters alot easier. It was a light read and fun to read. A great rainy day or beach read.

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### **Megan says**

Review to come.

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## **Pixie says**

This was a kindle unlimited book. I've basically accepted these are not going to be great & have adjusted my rating scale for them to account for that. It's like Netflix movies, they pass the time, but never are they truly 5 star.

I had several issues with this book the biggest being Emma. First off there was a lot going on there:

1. Single mom of two boys
2. Married young & husband died so she was a widow at 27 (had been for 4 years)
3. Job relocation so she was selling her house (hence needing a contractor)
4. She had a nosey, meddlesome neighbor, problem clients, a father from her school who didn't get the message she didn't want to date, her in-laws drove her nuts, etc.
5. Wishy washy as hell. One second she was all on board, the next she needed to establish they couldn't be together, next she needed to establish they could but in secret (what's this middle school)
6. She also wasn't overly observant of others feelings

Is this a romance I kept wondering, because if this is then I absolutely would pass.

Matt seemed like a rock solid guy from the beginning and thankfully was consistent. He was the only redeeming part of the book. Oh and his friends....do men really call each other "bro" anymore. That irks me. And interventions? Throw in dyslexia, a kid having an accident that puts them in the hospital, and a happy ending with a dog & man I wanted to shoot myself.

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## **Isabelle Morebooksthanlivros says**

### **Review**

Emma Slate become a widow far too young and life has taught her that fate can be brutal and painful. She has learn how to fend of for herself and provide for her boys. She has also leaned how to be independent. Sometimes independence can take us too far. Is she taking her Ms. Independence act too far? Can she see beyond her fears and take a risk again?

Matt Winter may only be twenty three, but he has more responsibilities than many forty years old out there. When he falls for a single mom of two kids, he is not expecting to be considered too young or immature. How can he make her see behind the stereotype? How can he tell her to give fate a chance, when she has been hurt before?

**A Hot Winter** is one of these reads that plays with your emotions. This book has taken me into different directions every few chapters. Sometimes, I could see myself in Emma and could totally agree with her. Then I would totally hate her for a second. After that, I would love Matt to death, but pretty soon I would wish for him to be more pro-active. Really, I live this emotional roller coaster almost through the end. It was a bit unexpected, because I was thinking about a fun read with some good passionate scenes, and a true romance. It was and more!

*Ms. Lake's* characters are so easy to connect and relate that readers end up having almost cathartic experiences while reading her books. Matt and Emma are so real, that they could be any of my friends or myself, even though I'm more than a decade older than them. They are not perfect and they are really frustrating at some points, but they are believable with great depth of character.

I love Matt's group of friends and I believe I would really enjoy both Bardo and Pellican's book. Each of them is a bit of an odd character, and I believe it would be fun to explore their world also. One is not very lucky with the ladies, but has the best comments ever and the other, is so insecure that has a big act in place to mask it. Really amazing secondary characters!

*Ms. Lake* has created a strong plot within this group of friends that are people like all of us. They all have normal lives, with normal jobs, some struggles and some good moments. They all have pretty nice families and none of them seems to be a really big screw up, which seems a big plus at the moment when most books out there have someone with obscure pasts, or totally dysfunctional characters.

*You may read this book because you have read book one; you should read this book because you enjoy true romance stories; but you MUST read this, because you are looking for a down-to-earth refreshing couple!*

**"I've fantasized about you putting me in your mouth," he admitted, his voice raspy. "Me, too. Though...in my fantasy I didn't know you were so big."**

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### **Tania says**

It was okay. Nothing special to be honest. There were a lot of times I felt the story dragged too much but to only have the ending be super rushed. The story had potential but it just wasn't the story I was expecting.

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### **Melissa says**

That was almost painful. I had to wait more than half the book just for the book to get interesting. After that, the h was just annoying. I had to force myself to finish.

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