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Despite her outgoing demeanor, Olivia is painfully insecure around the opposite sex—usually, she can't get up the nerve to approach guys she's interested in. But moving to Edinburgh has given her a new start, and, after she develops a crush on a sexy postgrad, she decides it's time to push past her fears and go after what she wants.

Nate Sawyer is a gorgeous player who never commits, but to his close friends, he's as loyal as they come. So when Olivia turns to him with her relationship woes, he offers to instruct her in the art of flirting and to help her become more sexually confident.

The friendly education in seduction soon grows into an intense and hot romance. But then Nate's past and commitment issues rear their ugly heads, and Olivia is left brokenhearted. When Nate realizes he's made the biggest mistake of his life, he will have to work harder than he ever has before to entice his best friend into falling back in love with him—or he may lose her forever....

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5 FUNNY,SEXY, EMOTIONAL STARS

"You're the first person I thought of"

"The only one I wanted here with me."

Wow I loved it!!! I didn't like the previous book and I wasn't sure for this one! But after I read some of the reviews I decided to read it!! And I wasn't disappointed!! This was really good!! I loved the story and the characters!!! There were so many emotional scenes. I really wanted to cry!!

I didn't want this book to end!! I can honestly say that this is one of my favorite books from this series!!! In the beginning I thought Branden and Joss were my favorite couple, but I was wrong!!

I loved the friendship between Nate and Olivia. As their relationship progressed into more than just 'friends', I connected with both of them both. I felt their love and their pain...

Olivia isn't sexually experienced and she wants the help of her friend Nate. Nate doesn't stay with the same woman for more than one night and he has so much experience when it comes to . So he decides to help her.They have a sexual relationship.

But can they keep it without, causing damage to their friendship?

I loved Olivia!! She was honest about her insecurities and finding ways to change the things she didn't like about herself. I like that she slowly found her voice and was able to express her feelings to Nate and what she wanted from him.

OMG Nate Nate....mmmm *sigh* He is a hot,sexy,funny,alluring Scot!! He wants to help Olivia...but in the beginning he didn't want to feel more...He has experienced a loss in his past, a person he loved a lot and he doesn't that to happen again. Sometimes I was pissed with him but I understood where he was coming from.. The chemistry between them was so hot!!! I loved Nate's dirty mouth!!

I think this book is the hottest in this series!!!

"I couldn't believe you'd been hiding those long, gorgeous legs.I dreamt of your legs that night,Liv.I dreamt they were wrapped around my back while I fucked your brains out."

"I want you.I want you to ride my c@ck and I want you to ride it hard.And then afterwards I want to site with my friend,eat some food and watch a movie with her.I'm not going anywhere."

If you like friends who becoming lovers with a little drama this is what you really need!! I recommend it to

everyone!!

Christy says

Before Jamaica Lane is the third installment in the ODS series. I love Samantha Youngs writing, and with the exception of *On Dublin Street*, this is my favorite book of hers yet! It was a wonderful combination of funny, steamy, swoony, sweet and ansgty. A beautiful friends to lovers story!

Olivia has been to Scotland for a while now. She's settling in. She has a job she loves as a librarian, her father, her 'family' which consists of Jo and Cole, and her friends. Nate has become one of her very best friends. He's attractive, he's a sweet, and he's a manwhore. Olivia is the exact opposite. Her experience in that department is very... er... limited. When she starts to develop a crush on a guy at the library, she asks Nate for advice.

"There's a guy at the library. A student. Postgrad. I like him, but I sound like Rain Man every time I try to talk to him."

Olivia has an idea. She will get Nate to help, to tutor her. She wants to be good at sex. Who better to help her than the most experienced guy she knows? Nate is hesitant at first. He doesn't want getting physical to change their friendship. As long as Olivia can agree to that, then he's in. Let the lessons begin!

"So lets get this straight. You want me to fuck you in order to teach you how to fuck another guy?"

One of my favorite things about this book was the relationship between Olivia and Nate. There was an obvious connection there. They had passion, but they could always just hang out, watch movies, and talk. Liv was a never annoying, sweet, comical, feisty and fun heroine. She was so lovable. Then there was Nate. Nate appeared to be the super hot manwhore, but there was so much more to him than that. He was actually a little nerdy like Liv, he was understanding and had been through a lot. It's made him the way he is. His heart it always in the right place.

Sex between friends... what could go wrong? After being with Nate, Olivia is finding herself thinking of her crush less and less. Not only are her lessons with Nate amazing, she feels like she has the whole package with him. She just wants him to feel the same. To love her, to want to be with her. Nate has things from his past. Things that hold him back from expressing the way he truly feels.

Nate and Olivia have a lot of obstacles to overcome. Will they be able to continue their friendship with these feelings in the way? Will Nate ever be able to get over his past and return the feelings Olivia is so freely

giving him? Olivia is not willing to settle for anything less than someone who can give them his all. Who wants her, loves her, needs her. She just hopes Nate is that someone for her.

Even though book one is my favorite of the series (duh... Braden!) Olivia and Nate are the best couple of the series! I adore them! They aren't perfect, but they are perfect for one another. Friends to lovers stories are some of my favorites. Although they aren't always the most original, I love the little twist this storyline brought to the original tale. ??If you're looking for a great story with a near perfect heroine, sexy and swoony hero, smoking hot chemistry, some mild tension and a few laugh out loud moments, you've found your book!

My favorite quote... ♥ ♥ ♥

(view spoiler)

Brandi says

4.5 Stars

An excellent friends to lovers story! I loved every minute of this book. Both Olivia and Nate were wonderful characters and their story was fun, sexy and sweet.

"It's a manwhore miracle"

Olivia is lacking confidence in dating, men and sex. Nate lost his first love at 17, and has embraced the manwhore life style. Nate has tons of experience and Olivia has none, so Nate becomes Olivia's teacher.

The lines begin to blur for these best friends, can their friendship survive these lessons? *Before Jamaica Lane* has that perfect balance of humor, steam, angst that had me constantly smiling. Highly recommend this one! Seriously read it <3

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

5 stars!!!

I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE THIS BOOK!!! It was fun, steamy, had a swoony, to-die for hero, a lovable heroine, and oh my god, the HUMOR!! I had a goofy grin on my face the entire time I read this gem of a

story. Samantha Young's writing is crazy addicting, and she combines just the right amount of angst, humor, and romance to create these passionate, all-consuming stories that hit the right spot. And I have to say, even though On Dublin Street will probably always be my favorite and have a special spot in my heart, this book features the BEST couple – two characters who are so well-matched, well-rounded, and couldn't be more perfect for each other. It's truly a beautiful, romantic friends to lovers tale that had my heart RACING and fully invested in this story!

One thing this author absolutely excels at is creating irresistible, one-of-a-kind heroes I can't help but fall in love with, and Nate Sawyer is no exception. He's a manwhore – and he knows it well – but beneath that, he's really such a good guy. Sweet, sensitive, caring and best friends with the heroine Olivia Holloway. They just get each other's quirks and oddities.

While Nate is self-confident, Olivia is the complete opposite – she's shy (adorably so), and has fears and body-image insecurities I could really empathize with because I've been there myself. When she finally finds a guy she's interested in, she enlists her best friend Nate's help to learn to be more comfortable in her own skin. I have to mention that these were the scenes that made me SWOON. Hard. Witnessing Nate's patience, understanding, and gentleness with the way he treated Olivia made my heart go pitter patter and want a Nate of my own.

The romance here was gradual and built up from the beginning. Of course, the attraction was there, but it was never acted on and Nate and Olivia were comfortable with being friends. Once those seduction lessons took place though, lines were blurred and feelings took place – deep, heartfelt emotions that neither of them realized existed until this point. In friends to lovers romances, I ADORE that self-realization where the characters come to an epiphany and see how much the other means to them...that final fall. And I have to say, the author nailed it in this book! So much swoon! ;)

Another aspect that was done really well in my opinion was the brilliant inclusion of all the other characters I've come to love since the start of the series. I think it's a risky move because there's always a chance these side characters will take up more book space than the main characters, but it worked well! Part of what shapes Nate and Olivia's characters is their long-standing friendships with the others, and I'm glad they were part of their story.

I was surprised by the last 10% of the book, meaning I became a big baby and started crying because of how beautiful things were wrapping up. For me, that's an indicator that this romance novel hit its mark, that things never got too cheesy or too angsty and drama-filled. Even though I tried to read this book as slow as possible to savor everything, I ended up finishing it in just hours. Sigh...this is one of very rare times I can say I genuinely adored EVERY. SINGLE. THING. about this book. And even though it's only February, I already know this book will be one of my top favorites for this year, and how I wish I read it sooner!!

Before Jamaica Lane is the 3rd book in the On Dublin Street series and can be read as a standalone. It's been over a year since I last read anything from this series and when I picked this book up, I fell right into it. There is overlap with characters from the first two books, but I didn't think it was so much they overshadowed the main couple.

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

4.5 Stars

Lines were being blurred, and other lines were actually being crossed. There were a whole lot of lines and none of them were of a solid consistency.

I only have one question after finishing this book: WHERE HAS THIS BEEN ALL MY LIFE?! I have no idea why I didn't continue with this series after reading On Dublin Street when it just came out. I'll blame my mile long TBR. But after hearing all about Nate from gushing GR friends, I figured it was way past time we get introduced. I was a little bit hesitant starting this since I read On Dublin Street such a long time ago, I remember a sum total of nothing from it. Oh and I kinda sorta mighta skipped book 2. (What? I'm a rebel like that) But I digress. My fear was since I couldn't remember any of the secondary characters introduced in ODS that I'd feel lost jumping straight into book 3. And while it took a bit for me to get everyone straight, I never did find myself confused. I was totally enraptured in this wonderful book in just a few paragraphs.

Olivia, even though she's not my preferred type of heroine, was easily one of my favorite characters I've read in a while. She's so quirky in her nerdiness that her insecurities never bothered me. As a matter of fact, I found absolutely everything about her endearing, **especially** her insecurities. After losing her mother to cancer, Olivia moved to live with her father in Scotland. Having been taking care of her ailing mother, Olivia never really had a chance to experience the things that most teenagers do; going on dates, fooling around. So despite her outgoing and quirky personality, the second she's around a guy she's attracted to, she gets shy and absolutely tongue-tied. Meeting Nate when she first moved to Scotland, she would have been just as shy around him, had he not immediately put her directly in the friend zone. Now they're the best of friends. So who else can Liv come to to help her get over her shyness with men so that she can catch the eye of a super cute graduate student she meets in the Library where she works?

Nate is the biggest manwhore of the group. His gorgeous looks and charismatic personality guarantee that never spends the night alone. But Liv gets something that the women don't get... his true self. So when she comes to him for help, he knows that he'll help her. If the constant zing of attraction that runs between them is any indication, it certainly won't be a chore either.

Liv?" his brows creased. "Just say it."

It rushed out in a burst of geek. "It's size is a little problematic because despite my tendency to ramble, my mouth is pretty small and it won't all fit in it and I have a gag reflex that might be a problem so I don't know how-"

"Liv-" Nate was choking on laughter. "Take a deep breath."

OK...so maybe it won't be all serious either.

I have to say how much I loved Liv and her personality. Her nerdy sayings, her and Nate's movie nights and "would you rather" games were so adorable. I honestly couldn't get enough of it. Also, it's so refreshing to read about a shy and awkward with the opposite sex girl that **isn't** a virgin. And despite her insecurities, Liv

was anything but weak. This is a woman that had no fear speaking her mind and standing up for what she wants and is right.

Then there was the electric connection between her and Nate that only continued to get hotter and hotter with each new "lesson"

God...Nate..."

"That's right, babe..."

I'm taking you straight to heaven."

"Heaven. Hell," I panted, my fingers raking the wall. "Who cares as long as I ride there on an orgasm."

Nate is not the simple manwhore that he appears. Having had an experience in his teenage years that have forever put him off of love, he has reasons for his sleeping around. And for once in my reading history, I thought they were ones that make sense. Nate was just this perfect combination of sexy and adorable. The way that he's with Liv makes you completely fall in love with him.

Does this feel like I don't want you?"

I reared against him, silently begging for more. "No." I shook my head, and then arched back as he thrust into me. Just like that, Nate began to screw the mortification right out of me.

There was also the sex. Did I mention the sex? Because oh my god, the sex.

Even though you know right away where these lessons will lead, it was still fun as hell watching both Liv and Nate fall for each other. Liv being strong and accepting of it, while Nate? Not so much. I wanted to throttle him for the way he handles everything. And then I wanted to hug Liv for not being the pushover that she could have been and standing up for herself...no matter how stubborn she may have been about it later. This was one of the best grovels I've read in a long time. It was, in a word, perfection.

You're not ready to hear this yet," he concluded. "But I do need you to know that I'm going to fight for you. I'm not making the mistake of walking away from you again. The only man in your future is me, Liv. The only kids in your future are mine.

If you're a fan of the friends to lovers trope, this book is simply a must read. Don't be an idiot like me and keep pushing off reading it. Drop whatever you're doing right now, and read it immediately. Trust me. You won't be sorry.

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Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Candace says

This audiobook has been sitting on my shelf for at least a year. After being disappointed by the second book in this series, I figured that this series had lost its luster for me. If it weren't for the fact that I've made it a personal mission to listen to all the books sitting on my Audible shelf, I probably would have continued to ignore this one. Lucky for me, I didn't. This story was fantastic!

'Before Jamaica Lane' tells the story of Olivia and Nate. Close friends, they never explored their attraction to one another. Their friendship was too valuable to risk.

When Olivia finds herself crushing on a hot guy that frequents the library she works at, she is immediately overwhelmed by her own insecurities. With the exception of the disastrous night that she lost her virginity, she hasn't had sex with a man. In fact, she hasn't done much of anything sexual with other guys. Her youth was consumed by her mother's illness and grief over her death, not leaving time for normal teenage pursuits.

Nate has spent the years since the loss of his first love sleeping with random women. He was the quintessential manwhore. With superstar looks, he didn't have to try hard to land a different woman in his bed anytime the mood struck. He kept it simple. Just sex. No emotions.

Olivia approaches Nate with a proposal. She wants to "practice", so that she can gain skills and confidence. Olivia wants to feel secure in her sexual prowess before she pursues her crush. If anyone can keep it "strictly sexual", she figures it's Nate.

As I'm sure you can imagine, things between Nate and Olivia won't stay that simple. It isn't easy to keep emotions out of the sex, especially when the two have such a close relationship already. It doesn't take long for jealousy and love to become big factors.

I loved the way Olivia and Nate's relationship evolved. This was a great friends to lovers storyline, with plenty of humor, drama and passion. It was a great story from start to finish.

I also appreciated the fact that Nate had to do some significant groveling after he screwed up. I hate it when an author lets the hero off with minimal effort or remorse after they seriously wrong the heroine. Maybe I'm bloodthirsty, but I expect them to pay!

Overall, this was an excellent audiobook. The story was great, as was the narration. It wasn't overly complex, but had plenty going on to hold my interest. It was definitely better than the last book in this series, in my opinion. If you're looking for a friends to lovers story, this is a great choice.

Jen says

4.5 Stars

"You have next to no experience and I have too much."

My mouth twisted with annoyance. "It's not really a good time to brag about that shit, Nathaniel."

He grinned at me. "I'm not bragging. I'm helping."

"Helping?"

"Helping you."

"Helping me how?"

"Helping you get laid."

That's it Nate. Take one for the team! Olivia and Nathaniel have been best friends for nine months, ever since meeting through the rest of the Dublin Street crowd. Olivia's been insanely attracted to Nate from the beginning, but with her self confidence level hovering somewhere near ankle level there's no way she'll ever try for anything more than friendship. Add to the fact the Nate is a practicing manwhore who's vowed never to commit and you have a relationship slotted firmly in the friend zone. Not that this was a real problem for Olivia or Nate. These two genuinely enjoyed their friendship and the time they spent hanging out together with no promise of sex. Until the thought of sex entered the equation.

Though Olivia's ruled out the idea of pursuing anything with Nate, a girl still feels the need for a little somethin somethin every now and then and poor Liv with her stunted sexual history would rather not feel like a socially awkward freak every time she tries to interact with the penis carrying half of the population. So when our gal Liv finds herself attracted to a big, hot piece of man trying to get his education on at the library she works at, she knows she has to make some changes if she ever hopes to come into contact with a living, breathing cock again. It only takes Liv getting fall on your face drunk and some embarrassing confessions about her sexual history and our man Nate's on board to help his bestie learn to let loose and become the confident sex kitten she's meant to be.

So at this point I was reminding myself that this was one of the oldest tropes around and of course they'd develop feelings for each other. You know what? I didn't give a shit. The story was that cute and melt-your-panties right off of you hot that it didn't even faze me. When these two finally got together, I could actually FEEL the heat and attraction that had been simmering between them for months. It stopped being a story about hot piece Nate helping Olivia discover her sexy and all about Nate and Olivia enjoying the hell out of each other's sexy. From the first time they hooked up and every time after, the bond between Liv and Nate was an undeniable force, even though Nate's told Olivia over and over theirs isn't a relationship that can ever be anything more than friendship because he lost his first love to cancer and that's it for him. He's only got one go 'round in him. What's a newly sexed up and in love girl to do when she realizes she may not get the guy?

"But my girl deserves more than whatever you two are up to. You deserve to start making a life with someone. You deserve to be the love of some man's life."

It's obvious the road to happily ever after is not going to be an easy one for these two, but it was absolutely a believable and satisfying one. I loved Olivia and how she knew her worth and stood her ground. I loved Nate realizing almost immediately he'd fucked up and fucked up royally. Seeing Nate own up to his mistakes and Liv grow as a confident person and stand her ground made the entire book worth the read.

I kept going back and forth between a 4 and 5 star rating for this but it comes down to the fact that I keep reading this book over again between other books or during downtime. If I'm going to keep re-reading it after only one week, I think it warrants the big 5 Stars from me.

Blacky *Romance Addict* says

I am a huge sucker for the best friends to lovers thing, and this one worked for me splendidly :D

It was so sweet and swoony, even angsty at some points and *sigh*, I just loved it <3

Jasmine says

5 STARS! ★★★★★

“It occurred to me that more than loss, it was the longing that hurt the most.”

I can't remember the last time a book has made me feel the way I did after this one. It involves a) asking myself where has this book been all my life b) kicking myself very hard for not reading this sooner c) wanting to stay in this fictional world forever d) wishing that I could have this kind of all-consuming love in my life.

I've read On Dublin Street a year ago and while it still remains as one of my all-time favorite reads, I admit I've put off the series after reading mixed reviews for the 2nd book. But after all my lovely buddies insisted that I MUST read the 3rd instalment here and it could be read as a standalone, I finally caved in.

Let me just say that it was undoubtedly the best reading decision I've made in a while. Samantha Young puts out a story that not only transports her readers to the streets of Edinburgh but breathes life into this story by creating these completely endearing characters that you'll fall hard for.

Each book in the ODS series revolves around a couple and Before Jamaica Lane is **Nate & Olivia's story**. Olivia moved to Scotland with her father after her mother's death while they were living in the States. During her stay here, she meets Nate who is Cam's best friend and they easily bonded sharing similar interests. Both of them are polar opposites with Olivia being the shy and inexperienced one at dating while Nate is the walking playboy of the city who can have any lady he wants.

When Olivia develops a crush on one of the guys in the library she works at, her lack of experience in the dating department had her pushing her luck by asking Nate for some advice. What started out as flirty lessons turned out to be something much more when the lines started to blur between friendship, lust and love.

There were just SO MANY things I loved about this read, honestly I'm flustered on even where to begin!

I can easily say that Olivia is one of the best heroines I've met and she's one of those women I can easily relate to, especially when it came down to her insecurities. She has a brilliant sense of humor with a touch of geek and above all, she has some major backbone. Her character growth was done so well that I swear she had me tearing up in a number of scenes, it made me feel so proud watching her firmly stand her ground. I was internally yelling "In your face, Nate!" when she didn't put up with Nate's bullshit anymore. In other words, she really owned her choices.

Nate Sawyer <- Oh yes adding him to my precious list of book boyfriends this instant. Although he was being portrayed as a walking manwhore in the beginning, the author did an amazing job by slowly peeling back the layers and revealed a much deeper and emotional side to this sexy man. There's a reason for his commitment-phobe issues and you can't even stay mad at him for long because you know deep down, he really cares for Olivia. He just needed time to work out his issues and it was easy for me to empathize with him after hearing his past.

Another thing I really loved about this book is Nate & Olivia's connection right from the beginning. Their platonic relationship was fun to watch and had me chuckling at their geeky banter. Gradually it grew into something more when all the flirtatious and seduction lessons started and holy sex on a stick, the sexual tension was enough to burn down my reading device! Nate was absolutely divine in these scenes and if I was Olivia, I sure as hell wouldn't turn him down either. I need some Nate lovin' in my life!!

And then let's talk about that angst, I ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT. Nothing spells out angst better than the amount of grovelling done on Nate's part to get Olivia back in his life. Pretty sure my heart went through some massive workout during these scenes followed by me being in a blubbery mess of emotions that had me tearing up multiple times as both of them ripped apart their defenses and bear their hearts out. By the last stretch, I may have even cried harder because of how it was all tied up beautifully for this couple.

Samantha Young surely knows how to capture her readers' heart with her writing as I found myself consumed with Nate & Olivia's love story from start till the end. Perfect balance of romance, steam, angst and humor; the author delivers a read that will sweep you off your feet with her storytelling. Fans of the friends to lovers trope will highly enjoy this one and definitely one of the best reads of this trope I've come across so far!

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?Flo? the coffee addict says

5 ****manwhore miracle**** STARS

"I didn't just want Nate to love me. I wanted him to love me the way I loved him. The kind of love that's so big it would last beyond a lifetime."

I promised myself I wouldn't review this book. Just some pressure free reading, but then the characters started to come off the page. And before I knew it I was in love with the story, made a little graphic and here I am writing a review. Oh well, stranger things have happened.

Before Jamaica Lane is the third book in Samantha Young's On Dublin Street series and just like all my friends predicted it was a complete win for me. After loving the first book and being slightly disappointed with the second I was reluctant to go back, but I can honestly say I don't regret picking this series up again. A complete win for me.

This is the story of Olivia and Nate, a friends to lovers contemporary romance, that will melt your heart, make you giggle like a little girl and fall madly in love with Nate in the meantime.

"You're not ready to hear this yet," he concluded. "But I do need you to know that I'm going to fight for you. I'm not making the mistake of walking away from you again. The only man in your future is me, Liv. The only kids in your future are mine."

Who are Nate and Olivia?

Both characters first appeared in the the second instalment Down London Road. Nate is Cam's best friend and he works as a reviewer for video games and movies. And on top of that he is a manwhore with commitment issues. Just to put it out there, but don't hold it against him. He still needs to realise that his other best friend is the one.

Olivia is sort of a sister for Jo and only recently moved to Scotland with her dad. She is a librarian and the 'other best friend' who will eventually be madly in love with Nate.

Olivia is simply adorable. A quirky, sharp witted gal with an interesting sense of humour, who is incapable to form a single coherent thought when faced with men she is attracted to. **Nate** is a charmer, warm hearted, a nerd and probably the best friend any girl can have. Romantic interest or not.

I have to say, I love both main characters on their own. Nate and Liv are wonderful, but when they come together magic happens. They click as friends right from the start and rather quickly become inseparable. They have amazing banter and complete each other. But things get really interesting when Liv falls for a guy at work and asks Nate to help her become more confident. Those lessons may or may not turn out different than what she would have thought.

“It occurred to me that more than loss, it was the longing that hurt the most.”

What can I say? Ms. Young created a lovable story about two friends who belong together. The chemistry and connection is undeniable and really captured my attention. The writing is smooth and effortless. The family aspect with all the surrounding characters makes this a well rounded and highly enjoyable read. Not to mention an explosive one when Nate and Liv get into their lessons. Holy hotness batman. And you know it can't all be smooth sailing, right? There are a lot of people involved that could get hurt and things in their past might turn this little game into a powder keg. But that's where the fun begins.

Well, I am convinced to keep going with the series. There are after all some very interesting and still single friends and family member left on the streets of Edinburgh...;D

Louise says

A fantastic book to begin the year!

You should definitely read this book.

What held me captive was Nate and Olivia. The moment they were introduced in Down London Road you know they will just "click" as a couple and eager to want to have their own book, I'm happy that they got one and it was awesome.

The highlight in the story was their engaging relationship.

Their chemistry together made the sexy scenes explosive.

How they connect emotionally because of their past intertwined them and made their bond more realistic.

Their banter is going to make you laugh. They're the best of friends ever! combine that to their undeniable love and it's the perfect read.

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If this is going to be Nate and Olivia's love story then...

oh look I found them :D

I hope Nate and Olivia will have some Hot "wicked" games too *sigh*

Lisa Jayne says

FIVE PERFECT STARS.

"One simple lesson in seduction between two friends can turn into so much more."

I loved everything, and I mean everything about this perfectly romantic novel. I've been told over and over again that I would love this story, and to those of you who knew me enough well of course you were completely correct. I didn't want this book to ever end. This story came complete with the perfect heroine, an outrageously gorgeous hero and a story line that left me weak at the knees, bravo Samantha young you've written the most perfect novel and my favourite in the series so far. Here are my 'I fell in love hard' dreamy book thoughts ...

What's it all about?

Olivia has no shortage of great friends, a job that she loves and security living in a city that she has started to call home. What she doesn't have is a whole lot of confidence when it comes to matters of the heart so when her gorgeous best friend, Nate Sawyer agrees to give her some lessons in the art of seduction Olivia jumps at the chance. Olivia knows that nothing will develop between them, Nate likes the ladies a little too much and never promises to commit and Olivia has a bad case of insecurity which means she believes someone like Nate would never fall for her. Olivia and Nate have firmly landed themselves into the friend zone but when attraction starts to develop into something more they have to make the decision to fight for something real or allow broken hearts, insecurities and bad decisions get in the way of what could be a loving forever, together.

What did I love?

This novel showcased Samantha young at her very best, I felt butterflies in my tummy at every romantic filled page and conversation, so much so that I felt like I never wanted to say goodbye to this book. The characters were marvellous, move over every book boyfriend that I've ever fallen for and make room for my favourite heroine to date, Olivia was everything that I like in a female character, she was relatable, funny, sweet, gorgeous and had enough back bone to make me cheer for her from page one right to the end. Unusually for me Olivia as the heroine was the shining star in this novel but that's not to say that I didn't enjoy this book's commitment-phobe, the delectable Nate Sawyer. I loved his friendship with Olivia and I adored how he made her feel special and loved. Everything about their connection was super duper lovey-dovey and I can gladly say that this couple have won the spot for most favourite couple of the series. As for the story itself well I can't deny that I go ga-ga over a friends to 'lets-tear-up-those-sheets-together-baby' story. The narrative was engaging as well as entertaining and as crazy as it sounds I feel such a fondness for these characters and their developing friendships as the series continues. Samantha Young has created a series that I'd be sad to say goodbye to but I'm hoping she already realises that readers will continue to love

her characters and novels, I for one will continue to be a firm fan and I'd be happy to be left to re-read this gorgeous story over and over again.

Final thoughts ...

It's no secret that I'm a little infatuated with authors who truly know how to write romance stories, especially those than make readers fall in love right alongside the characters. Samantha Young is an author who never fails to make me smile, swoon and get swept up in her delicious story telling. Olivia and Nate are a couple that I'll love to re read over and over again and I can't imagine ever forgetting about this loveable novel. This is the third instalment in the 'On Dublin Street' series and for me most definitely stands out as a favourite. If you love a well put together romance story with plenty of friendship, steam, moments of fun and an added bit of angst then you must not miss out. Go grab it readers, enjoy ... Kisses.

Geri Reads says

5 stars!!

WARNING: This review may contain slight spoilers and copious amount of sentences starting with "I loved..."

I've always been a sucker for books with a friends-to-lovers theme and Before Jamaica Lane is one of the better ones out in the sea of books with similar tropes. Yes, the recurring themes in this book has been done a number of times but what set this apart from other books is the connection and the chemistry between the two main characters.

We met Olivia and Nate during Cam and Jo's story in Down London Road. Olivia moved to Scotland with her father after she lost her job there. Nate was one of Cam's bestfriend. He's gorgeous, fun and is a total commitment-phobe. They started off as friends, bonded by their love for movies, books, etc.

There was already an attraction there especially on Olivia's part. But she's painfully shy around guys and a little bit insecure because of her inexperience. Plus, she never thought that Nate might see her that way. So she buried that flicker of attraction and moved on.

Nate doesn't do commitment. It sounds like a tired old cliché but he has a pretty good reason (at least in his head) for it. Nate had already met the love of his life but she died and Nate's heart died along with her. So he flirts with everything that moves and doesn't make any promises. But Olivia was different. She was the first female that he feels comfortable with. He can actually be himself around her.

Then someone caught Olivia's eye but being painfully shy especially around guys, she doesn't quite know how to deal with it. Enter Nate, the manwhore best friend who's going to teach her how to get the guy. They

find themselves spending more and more time together and things started escalating from there. And boy, did it escalate. Their first kiss...wow!

Samantha Young had me emotionally invested in both Olivia and Nate. They are, by far my favorite couple in this series. (Sorry Ellie and Adam) I loved how their relationship developed and the transition between friends to lovers doesn't feel rushed or contrived.

The author really took her time to develop these characters. I understood why Olivia was insecure. I hate it when heroines are insecure for no apparent reason whatsoever but Olivia's insecurity didn't annoy me. They endeared her to me. Same with Nate's reluctance to enter into any relationship. I did want to slap him upside in the head a couple of times but he's a guy. Making stupid decisions in relation to matters of the heart is a given, so I wasn't too upset with him.

I loved their conversations and their "Would you rather" game. Olivia is hilarious. She's the best heroine evah. She's a librarian, a little geeky with a wonderful sense of humor. She fits Nate perfectly. And I can totally see why Nate could totally fall for her. I usually hate it when a hot guy goes gaga for a girl and I'm left confused as to why he likes her in the first place. But here, I TOTALLY GET IT!!

Of course, this wouldn't be a Samantha Young book without some angst. But don't worry it's not that bad like On Dublin Street. (READ: NOT THE JOSS-INDUCED KIND OF ANGST) But still pretty angsty if may say so myself. I especially love the groveling in this book. I totally understood why Olivia didn't immediately forgive him. No one wants to feel like they're the second choice. I loved that Olivia wanted it all and she wasn't willing to settle for second place. I must say Nate more than proved himself, so I was totally happy when how everything turned out.

We also get to catch up with the gang in this book. Some parts of this book actually overlaps Castle Hill. And while I still like Braden, Joss really annoyed me. She has gotten progressively abrasive and annoying in this series. Ugh! (What does Braden see in her again?)

Anyway, I still loved this one very much. I'll definitely recommend it to everyone who love these types of stories.

Catarina says

4,5 Seductive Stars!!

This starts when Olivia asks Nate to give her seduction lessons.

After all, Nate is a sexy-as-sin playboy who jumps from one-night-stand to another and Olivia is a shy girl that doesn't know exactly how to connect with the opposite gender.

Since they are best-friends and geeks-soul-mates they believe that it will not going to interfere with their friendship. (Yeah, right.)

So, since you all see where this is going, I'll be short. Obviously their agreement starts to change things between them, their feelings also start to grow and somehow along the road they find out they aren't just friends anymore.

And that's will be when the problems begin, because Olivia's insecurity's and ghosts will set her back and Nate will also have a troubled path because reasons. (In the end, it always come down to their past. But you know that already.)

So in the end it comes down to this: How to you keep a person in your life after everything is changed and going back is no longer possible?

I love this series. My review could be resumed in just this sentence.

I loved Cam from the previous book, and Braden will always have a special place in my heart, but I think Nate just became my favorite. (It was probably his geek side! I felt connected :P) Yeah, there was the times he annoyed me, but I loved him through basically the whole book.

And the best thing about this? MOST AWESOME HEROINE EVER! I think I have a book-crush on Olivia, she is one of the most amazing female MC that I've read. And I normally don't like the girls *that* much.

Not to mention the whole gang is there, and it's always great to read about them.

Rating: 4,5 Stars.

Storyline: Not the most original one, but so well written that you quickly forget about that. Too much slow-paced in the beginning, dangerously close to boring, and that's the only reason why I didn't gave it 5 stars.

Writing Style: amazingly written, as always. The Scottish expressions get me a little confused, but I can't really judge that.

Character Development: Loved both of them. I loved the fact that they're both a little nerdy (not that usual) and had a pretty close friendship before their story began. Nate was a great MC and as I said before, Olivia was pretty much perfect.

Steam: So hot! Probably the hottest in the series so far. At least in my opinion.

HEA: (view spoiler)
