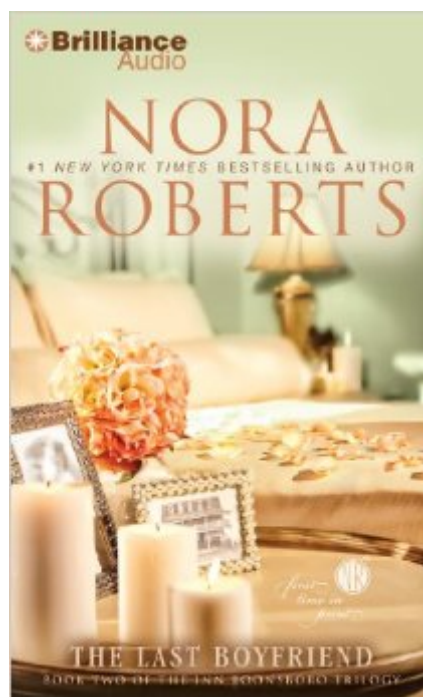


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Synopsis

Owen is the organizer of the Montgomery clan, running the family's construction business with an iron fist and an even less flexible spreadsheet. And though his brothers give him grief for his compulsive list making, the Inn Boonsboro is about to open right on schedule. The only thing Owen didn't plan for was Avery MacTavish. Avery's popular pizza place is right across the street from the inn, giving her a firsthand look at its amazing renovation and a newfound appreciation for Owen. Since he was her first boyfriend when they were kids, Owen has never been far from Avery's thoughts. But the attraction she's feeling for him now is far from innocent. As Avery and Owen cautiously take their relationship to another level, the opening of the inn gives the whole town of Boonsboro a reason to celebrate. But Owen's hard work has only begun. Getting Avery to let down her guard is going to take longer than he expected and so will getting her to realize that her first boyfriend is going to be her last. No one writes relationships as well as Ms. Roberts, with the subtleties and quirkiness of the give-and-take of friendship and romance. • Fresh Fiction

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Customer Reviews

I'm a huge fan of Country Living Magazine and reading this book felt a bit like reading that magazine - except there were no pretty pictures and no information about where I could buy all the beautiful pictures, knick knacks and all the other stuff and it takes a LOT longer to slug through this book than a magazine. I think at one point the book actually uses the phrase "bits and bobs" to talk about the

knick knacky crap they were carrying around... I suspect she literally ran out of ways to describe her decorating obsession. At one point Justine (who really seems to be a Nora Roberts stand-in) is congratulated for inventing putting brown and a shade of blue together in one room. It was then that my eyes rolled back so far they almost stuck there. Is poor Hope going to be responsible for dusting all that stuff as well as getting up every morning to cook breakfast for an Inn full of people? If so, that woman needs a raise!!! I'm guessing all this Inn stuff was a good 30% of the book. Another 15 to 20% of the book is the ghost. People run up to her area to talk to her. She pouts and slams doors. She seems to carry a Honeysuckle air diffuser and can blast people with it at will. She gives clues to her identity and sends people off to try and solve her puzzles. Now, I realize I'm sounding like a grumpy old ninny here but if the ghost can communicate her name and draw hearts on a mirror and even attend Bridal Showers then why can't she just write "Find me Billy (whatever his name is). He used to live (wherever) and I need to talk with him before I move out of your Inn." So after all that there is a bit of a story here about a guy and a girl who have always liked each other, they take it to a deeper level, and they need to communicate better.

Avery and Owen have known each other their whole lives and Owen was Avery's first boyfriend at the age of five. Fast forward years later and Owen's working with his brothers, buying, renovating and running multiple businesses and buildings. Their latest project, the Inn Boonsboro, is close to opening and everyone's pitching in to put the final touches on the Inn. Hope, the innkeeper has moved in, the ghost is still floating around and appearing to various people and Avery is keeping busy running Vesta across the street, her pizzeria that has her working a lot but she still has dreams of opening another restaurant and lounge and she hopes the Montgomery's will get on board with her. The angst level in this book is very low. There is no suspense plot, there's a little bit of relationship angst between Owen and Avery, all due to zero communication that's quickly worked out, which I liked. Avery also deals with some family drama that's really just a bump in the road to her life moving forward with Owen. This story revolves around Owen and Avery's relationship, the opening of the Inn and a storyline for the ghost that will move into book 3. I thought the relationship between Owen and Avery was sweet, well-paced and it felt natural. These two people have loved each other for so long, been close friends and seeing them fall in love was a nice progression. Owen is such a great guy, he already had me in his corner with his organized, planning self. He likes order and he likes to be prepared and along comes Avery, tossing some spontaneity into his life. But she wasn't so much of an opposite that it made no sense - she's just as driven as Owen is, even if she doesn't schedule her life down to the minute. They're a great match, and I enjoyed

seeing their story unfold.

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