

A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) By Farrah Rochon and the BIG secret Mya kept from Corey is UNEXPECTED.

A native of south Louisiana Farrah Rochon officially began her writing career while waiting in between classes in the student lounge at Xavier University of Louisiana. When she is not writing in her favorite coffee shop Farrah spends most of her time reading her favorite romance novels hanging around on Twitter and trying to attend as many Broadway shows as her budget will allow.

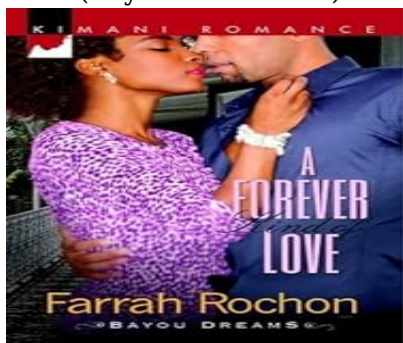
{site_link} I really liked Mya and since I've been reading this series out of order it was nice to see how Gauthier's role with the Underground Railroad was initially uncovered (it was Mya and Corey in the library just doing research!). After all we need a reason for the city heroine to stay and often authors resort to forcing the heroine using all kinds of contrived reasons while inexplicably having the rest of the folks in town shame the heroine for having dared to venture outside the borders of the small town even as these people celebrate the hero for making it big in the city. Farrah Rochon is normally an author whose plotting tend to be riddled with gaps in logic but to my pleasant surprise A Forever Kind Of Love is a pretty decent small town romance. Her grandmother collapses shortly after the funeral and Mya can't help getting involved in some local small town drama subsequently so Mya isn't going back to New York City anytime soon. In fact there is a powerful scene where the heroine meets an old friend who ended up working behind a pharmacy counter because she became pregnant young and ended up unable to make use of the scholarships she was offered. I like that the author can create scenes like this to make the heroine's issues resonate with me and I especially appreciate how the author doesn't just pile on the heroine like many authors of small town romances tend to do. He knows he was in the wrong back in those days but instead of being remorseful or super romantic in order to win the heroine back - that would be too easy I guess - he just prods and pokes and pushes at her hot buttons. I guess annoying one's way into the heroine's panties is the way to go if you are a romance hero? I don't see any hint of convincing maturity that would make me think of him as a suitable husband material. By this point the author has two choices: have the hero behave like a mature fellow and mourn with the heroine of what could have been or be a colossal asshole and accuse the heroine of being all kinds of whore putting her city career over her dead baby and other bizarre nonsense. Despite my reservations about Corey up to that point I thought this book was shaping up to be a pretty good read and it certainly deserved something better than this lame and overused late stage conflict. Worse the author has the heroine's family bludgeoning her with the fact that she belongs to the small town so the heroine ends up staying her realistic reservations about everything else all swept under the rug for this convenient happy ending. I don't know why the author took the pains to create a heroine with realistic insecurities if she's just going to have Mya run like Mary Poppins on crack for the happy ending shrieking that she is finally home or something like that. At any rate A Forever Kind Of Love is a pretty unexpected kind of good read one I never suspected that the author is capable of delivering until somehow the last dozen or so pages got switched with those from a more cliché-addled small town is best if you are the heroine - BEST YOU HEAR ME BECAUSE EVERYTHING ELSE WILL NOT DO - SMALL TOWN OR DEATH! story. Before you roll your eyes though I'll point out that this is definitely NOT a good girl comes back to small town and decides to repent of her big city ways type of story. Mya and Corey never forgot each other and given the circumstances laid out in Rochon's novel I found it believable that they would still be unable to completely move on despite each of them having had other relationships since becoming adults. I thought Mya was a little quick to forgive Corey given what happened between them and given that there wasn't too much explanation for why he did what he did all those years ago. Sorry but I need a better reason than it being a drunken mistake for why he cheated on her with her RIVAL on graduation night! And to top it all off this was two weeks after she'd suffered a miscarriage: But the black moment and everything that followed were full of unpleasant cliches and unconvincing character stuff, A Forever Kind of

Love (Bayou Dreams #1) I didn't love it but I didn't hate it, They were teenagers when they last saw each other and as such I don't put much weight in their previous relationship: They needed to fall in love as adults but really it was just a lot of remembered hot and bothered teen lust/love. Mya had a reason to leave and shouldn't have been made to feel guilty over leaving. Corey needed to prove he was worthy of being loved as an adult, He seemed to have pushed himself into her family/life in their hometown even though she wasn't there.

LA after 15 years to attend her grandfather's funeral: While there she is reunited with an old flame retired baseball player Corey Anderson: Sparks are still explosive between these two and there are unresolved issues and a secret that need to be addressed. Corey realizes he has a second chance and pursues Mya but not without overcoming some challenges and Mya's urgency to flee the small town life and her fears, With trying to revitalize the community will these two lovebird rekindle a long lost love or will fear and secrets continue to keep them apart: A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) This is first book I've read by this author, there is TOO much focus on the small made-up town of Gauthier. even though I like the WHOLE idea of the small close-knit community. I wish the author focused more on the REKINDLED romance between Mya and Corey because it was EXTREMELY slow in developing: After earning her Bachelors of Science degree and a Masters of Arts from Southeastern Louisiana University Farrah decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a published novelist: She was named Shades of Romance Magazines Best New Author of 2007. Her debut novel Deliver Me the first in her Holmes Brothers series garnered rave reviews earning Farrah several SORMAG Readers Choice Awards: In September 2010 Farrah joined the Kimani Romance family with the launch of her new series that follows the life of the fictional New York Sabers football team. After earning her Bachelors of Science degree and a Masters of Arts from Southeastern Louisiana University Farrah decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a published novelist, She was named Shades of Romance Magazine's Best New Author of 2007. Her debut novel Deliver Me the first in her Holmes Brothers series garnered rave reviews earning Farrah several SORMAG Readers' Choice Awards. In September 2010 Farrah joined the Kimani Romance family with the launch of her new series that follows the life of the fictional New York Sabers football team: An admitted sports fanatic Farrah feeds her addiction to football by watching New Orleans Saints games on Sunday afternoons, I also liked the set-up and the ongoing plots making him look like the good one and she like the black sheep of the family. It wasn't great enough to make me want to find / read the rest of the series, A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) It was the perfect love story. A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) I made it about halfway through the book which is what my rating is based on, The writing was good but the story just didn't hold my interest unfortunately: There was a lot of emphasis placed on the setting and people of the small town and not so much on the main couple, A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) A Forever Kind of Love was the first installment to Farrah Rochon's Bayou Dreams series, A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) This book was seriously lacking in the romance department, The whole book was essentially about the revitalization of this small town, Every book needs a good backdrop for the romance to build upon but in this book the backdrop was basically the whole story. I was really waiting and waiting for something anything to happen between Mya and Corey other than thinking about the past and what could have been. When they finally got going it was just a little too late for me, I felt like I knew more about the town than about Mya and Corey, Their whole relationship was really about the past because they didn't build any type of foundation in this book. This is the first book that I really didn't enjoy from Farrah. I am though looking forward to reading a story between Philicia & Jamal: A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) Small town romances can be the sweetest thing or the most painful tragedies ever depending on how the author approaches it, In other words small town romances can easily be throwbacks to the more annoying anti-feminist notions and such stories should be approached with caution. It is only in the last few chapters that the author loses control of her story and resorts to some unimaginative use of clichés that end up sabotaging her story: I'd be discussing this matter so this means there would be major

spoilers present in this review: Mya Dubois and Corey Anderson were the classic good girl/bad boy pairing fifteen years ago until she found him happily enjoying the cavorting of a half-naked hussy. In a pretty unusual twist to the usual it's all a misunderstanding scenario this time around the hero really did cheat on the heroine back then, They were teenage brats back then so perhaps this can be chalked up to youthful stupidity on his part: Shortly after she found out that she was pregnant but she soon miscarried. Mya never told Corey and given that he was cheating on her and planning to head out of town on his own I don't blame her: Today Mya returns to the Louisiana small town after the death of her grandfather, She also learns that Corey has come home to stay and even became close to her family in the recent months, Can they have a successful second chance this time around? One thing that really stands out to me here is how well Mya stands out as a well-drawn character in her own right: She didn't have many happy memories in Gauthier and the few happy memories she had with Corey are tainted by the events leading up to the break-up, Mya's reasons for leaving and coming back feel real rather than contrived. What is interesting here is that Mya may have issues but she also comes off like a normal person, Her career in the city isn't portrayed as a negative - she is not desperately unhappy living there, When Mya claims that she needed to leave Gauthier or else she'd end up making compromises that she would regret for the rest of her life she's not lying, This isn't a blame the ho for leaving the small town - how dare she spurns her duty to be a wife and mother to the hero! story that's for sure: And this is where I come to the real problem of this story - the part where the author loses the plot: Remember the miscarriage? Well the heroine is conflicted about telling him and I can understand her fear. Perhaps the author believe that the hero behaving this way would create some fireworks for the obligatory conflict moment before the happy ending, Even if this is the case the hero's behavior isn't just ridiculous it's also predictable and clichéd, The author introduces this conflict shortly before the happy ending so the hero doesn't even need a good grovel to back into the heroine's panties: A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1)

This book was a good solid read: It's the first in Rochon's Bayou Dreams series and I liked both the characters and the setting: The story centers on Mya Dubois a woman who grew up in Gauthier Louisiana and got out as soon as she possibly could, Having been away 15 years she is now home for the funeral of the grandfather who raised her: Mya starts to appreciate Gauthier in a whole new way throughout the book but that doesn't mean she stops loving her life and successful New York career. The chief complication? Corey Anderson Mya's high school boyfriend who has experienced success in his own right before returning to teach and coach in Gauthier, The unfinished business between Mya and Corey provides instant tension and even though it takes a little time it does spark into a hot and quite satisfying romance, However even with that quibble I loved this story and have already bought the next in the series, I DNFed at the end of Chapter One right after it's revealed he'd cheated on her: I don't like Big Misunderstandings but that's one situation in which I'd prefer it because legit cheating (unless it's some special circumstance) is a no-go for me, This is a second chance romance so he cheated on her 15 years ago, I skimmed ahead to see what the reason was (and to decide whether or not I should DNF): I DNFed so I don't know if either moved on in those years but if it's revealed that he did (or that she didn't) it'll piss me off even more: A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1)



Fifteen years ago Mya Dubois couldn't get out of her small Louisiana town fast enough: Especially after Corey Anderson showed her what heartbreak really was. Now a family tragedy has brought

Mya home to Gauthier—and the man she vowed to forget forever, But when memories flame into rekindled desire Mya is ready to flee again...before Corey discovers her painful secret, Now she's a sought-after Broadway designer who won't give the former pro-baseball player the time of day: Until they're brought together to revive their close-knit community...and their passion is reawakened. Not when he has a second chance to win back his first—and only—love[1]

And there were a lot of fun turns of phrase. It was mostly meh for me. Good start to the series and cannot wait for book 2.it's an OK read.just NOT quite what I expected.many times I wanted to skip ahead. Overall it was a quick read and ok. it was the bomb diggity. Maybe because I live in a small town like Gauthier La. Can't wait to read the next upcoming story. Loved it. Bravo. Maybe I'm just in a funk. Mya Dubois returns home to Gauthier maybe.but not so SHOCKING in the whole scheme of things.I also felt like the ending was bit RUSHED.I ENJOYED most of the cast.and DEFINITELY hope to read more about Jamal and Phylicia. It seems like they can have a really great storyline. Hopefully it is an improvement one. You know what to do.At any rate she decided to leave Gauthier ASAP.That was then. Sure she can be abrasive but I can understand that. I can certainly relate to the poor dear. She isn't a case of walking baggage. The people here don't treat her like dirt.I'm not keen on the hero however. It just gets more complicated. A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1) Damn.my second DNF within the same day. It should've been mentioned in the blurb that he cheated.which to be fair he hadn't known about but wtf ever. Sooo.I'm just quitting while I'm ahead.In high school Mya was Corey's girl. This time Corey isn't letting her get away. A Forever Kind of Love (Bayou Dreams #1).