

Brew (Love Story #9) By Tracy Ewens " Memorable Moments: There were a lot of sweet moments sprinkled throughout this story but these were at the top of the list: 1) Boyd's outlook of Mason's mother (his ex) and their atypical situation. Dr Ella Walters moved to the small city of Petaluma California from San Francisco two years ago after a relationship went terribly wrong (fair warning we don't find out exactly what went wrong for quite a long time - at page 126 I made a rather exasperated comment asking what had happened). Naturally reserved her family are at best snobs and at worst vicious sociopaths distant and her recent romantic failure has caused her to shrink further into her shell of work work work. So what didn't I like? At some point in the books I have read by Tracy Ewens the characters just seem to get stuck in a loop of denial or self-doubt which goes too far the point at which I start using more profanities and exclamation marks than are strictly necessary. But as always what I really didn't like was Ella's 'friend' Bri her gentle teasing was more like a sledge-hammer she overstepped the bounds of friendship and was a bit of a bully. Also the way in which the group of women friends talk is completely unnatural (in my opinion) I mean who asks their friend if they have told a man that they love him particularly if that friend is in denial/ hasn't realised it herself? Despite my loathing of all things Bri this series is like catnip for me and I am gagging for Cade's story - is it with Bri please tell me no? English I picked up this book because of the cover. Ella Walters has embraced the small town life the everybody-knows-everybody thing has grown on her and she's even managed to slowly let go of her past and accept her single status. Alternating between Ella and Boyd's perspectives we get to see the characters as they battle their pasts their heads and their hearts as they recognize that things between them are more than just lust-driven chemistry. It's obvious from the very beginning that Boyd and Ella are meant to be that everything just needed to be sorted out with a bit of help from their very own cupid Mason and all the citizens of Petaluma. Plus it features beer and if you know me or have read my blog at all you know I love my craft beer! English A seemingly dead heart could spring to life in an instant under the proper care Dr. Ella to me had more reason to be hesitant about a relationship especially because Boyd had already done this song and dance in the beginning of their relationship but she was way more mature and fearless about her second chance than Boyd was. Don't get me wrong the gesture and their thoughts of already having the perfect family is cute and keeps in line with their selfless and unconditional love for Mase but the fact that Mase (who up until now has been amazingly mature and insightful) comes off as insecure and fearful of adding a new someone to their mix felt like they were still stuck in the same rut as before. The ending was still sweet and left me smiling and like I said when people learned their story he'd heard the grumbling about how a woman could abandon her son but he ignored it. Triggers: Infidelity (off page Ella's ex was married and she was unknowingly the OW) single parent (Boyd raises Mason as a single parent) abandonment issues (both H/h) and toxic family (Ella's family is Dysfunction with a capital D) HEA/HFN: Ends on a sweet HEA and a nice epilogue a few months down the road. To be honest I put this book into the DNF pile because my god! I love a slow burn romance but this was pushing it too far! But ever since I put it aside I got this nagging feeling so I gave it another go. When he's not running Foghorn Brewery with two of his brothers his days are packed with carpools teenage angst and well-intentioned school moms determined to send him on the perfect blind date. The book order so far is as follows: - Premiere-Candidate-Taste-Reserved-Stirred-Vacancy-Playbook-Exposure-Brew-Smooth-Tap-Blow Brew (Love Story #9) Tracy Ewens is a recovered theatre major who writes contemporary romance. English NO Skimming this novel it was not an option!! My first Tracy Ewens read but I will say that she is an amazing story teller that held my interest to the very end. English I was not familiar with Tracey Ewens's A Love Story series before this but based on how Brew swept me away I'm going to need to acquaint myself with them stat. As Ella connects with Mason she begins to connect with Boyd and in the process burly man pretty much my dream man!) I'm all in favor of love stories between people in their mid to late 30s! Please let there be more,

It probably won't be such a big deal to most readers, Favorite Line(s): "...he made her feel things that had her wishing he'd been her first everything: That he'd touched her brand-new heart before it

broke and healed differently, That she was a heartless bitch only concerned with her career and money. Over the years.

She becomes more connected to her own life and community. She becomes more empowered in every area of her life and this was incredible to see, Boyd will admit he's attracted to Ella but he's not interested in a relationship, He doesn't believe he can be both a good dad and a good boyfriend. Mason's mom walked out of his life when Mason was a baby and he hasn't had a relationship since and figures he can put one off for longer. But life has a funny way about it when it comes to our plans...and when it comes to the interference of teenage boys, Everyone in Ella and Boyd's life thinks they could be a good pair but Mason is the only one that tries to lend a helping hand: But it's not just the story of Ella and Boyd falling for one another, It's a love story between them and their respective communities, It's about the ways friends can be like family and family can go above and beyond in helping us and just how much we need one another, It's about recognizing our worth and moving toward healthy people and cutting out the ones that are toxic, But there is such good between these two and I was rooting for them the whole time, I loved seeing them take risks for one another and I loved the way they took care of one another and how they made it up to one another when they screwed up. (I also loved that Boyd was this big.



Boyd McNaughton is the oldest of four sons: The three eldest: Boyd Cade and Patrick own and run Foghorn Brewery and are in the process of opening a tap house to showcase their brews, Boyd is the brewer Cade will run the tap house and Patrick does the marketing: Boyd is also the father of a 13 year old son Mason born of a short-lived college romance. Boyd is the primary care-giver and he balances his work with bringing up a son with aplomb he just doesn't have time for a relationship: After a disagreement with Patrick over the latest brew results in Boyd cutting his hand on a keggel and needs a trip to the ER where he meets Ella. Although the sparks are there aplenty it is really Mason and Ella who hit it off as Ella gives him advice about the girl he likes at school. I liked Ella and I liked Mason I liked Patrick and Cade and West (the fourth brother who is a movie star) most of the time I liked Boyd: I liked the way in which a working dad was portrayed and I liked the tentative romance as it blossomed between two thirty-somethings who had been burned by love before: Luckily Boyd only did this once page 233 if you are interested but I did feel he needed to pull his big girl pants up: Brew is a romance book where Miss Ewens focusing on each character development before bringing them together: But it is nice to read slow burn like this for a chance of scenery, 3 stars English ARC provided in exchange for an honest review, Boyd McNaughton is a ruggedly handsome man Ella can't deny that but beyond his looks the only charming thing about him is his son Mason: Ella is working on connections though and Mason brings out the best in her and soon even Boyd can't deny that he wants to be her friend or maybe something more, Mason helps break down Ella's walls and when she embraces hugs she embraces Boyd too: They'll both have to let go of their idea of what's best for themselves in order to see that the best is right in front of them: Her eyes were more of an oatmeal stout deep brown with a hint of amber kind of like last year's Golden

Polish, I had no idea how much I needed a sweet romance read to fall into until I opened up the pages of Brew: It's a slow burn romance of the best kind nothing stands in the way of the characters and their love story except for themselves, I loved that Brew features a small town that I know well actually and the drama that drives the story is wholesome and true to reality, Ella and Boyd were dealing with things like broken hearts raising teenagers and navigating the bumpy roads of siblings friendship and how much monkey bread is considered too much: Brew is all about the relationships that shape you whether they are good or bad and it's definitely emotional as the good finally wins out. every time she said his name it was like hearing a song he thought he knew but realizing the new version was better: Tracy Ewens is a new-to-me author but she's made a fan out of me with Brew: I could easily find happiness as Ella with a man like Boyd and his adorable son by my side. I'll be going back and reading the entire A Love Story standalone romance series, Fans of easy romance and emotional love stories will fall head over heels for Brew just as I did. Ella Walters left the big city to start over and put distance between her and her past: The small town of Petaluma is close knit and she begins to settle in. Even makes friends and starts to collect hobbies all in an attempt to reconnect with people: He has an amazing relationship with his son he has a supportive and loving family and the Brewery keeps him challenged. Meeting Ella throws Boyd's routine life into a whirlwind of emotions and complications he isn't expecting and isn't sure he's ready to face: It's about opening yourself to new experiences and obstacles and facing your fears head on: If you're in the mood for a small town romance with strong ties to family and a second chance love story Brew will be just the thing: Maybe the color is a bit neutral but I loved the design and it really represented the story: The cover to this one isn't bright or bold but still grabbed my attention. I think it's really pretty :)When it comes to the story itself I loved the author's voice, Her way with words especially the inner dialogue of the characters it was a really engrossing and comfortable read: It was funny sad happy and angsty at times but each character shined through as his/her own person and moved the story along as just the right pacing, It's been awhile since I've loved so many characters in one book. Because even though she'd been burned before she was ready to be happy: The author managed to make him both wise beyond his years but enough of a kid still to find him endearing. He really was a great secondary character I wouldn't mind reading more about in the future. I loved Boyd for his love of family for his devotion to his kid and for being an awkward but sweet guy even with his hang-ups and indecision. These three clicked and their emotional connections made the story for me, I also loved the friendship that springs between Ella and Mason, Their connection was a strong one and seeing them interact especially with the whole dating/girl advice it was funny and cute. I loved Cade and Trick with their sage advice unconditional love and unwavering support for their family. I loved Ella's friends fingers crossed they'll feature in their own HEA in this series, I have a hunch Aspen and Trick will end up together but Cade is still up in the air. I'm happy I got the chance to read and review this new (for me) author and can't wait to see what else she has in store for the Foghorn Brewery, What I didn't like:This is just my reading preference here and might bother no one else but what kept this from being a full on five star read is a two part-er. One although Boyd had his reasons his waffling back and forth with Ella had me at the edge of my seat and biting my nails: Everyone around him knew what was going on and he still played the avoidance game. At pro level! Which is fine only if you're going to give me equal groveling time, The second part that kept this at a 4 star rating was the fact that Boyd and Ella decide not to have little Boyds and Ellas. Plus I really like babies and the fact that there isn't going to be any well it was kind of a deal breaker. It might not be typical for a mother to leave her son with his dad in lieu of a career but men did it all the time, Men chose career over parenting ...2) Ella standing up for herself and demanding respect. There isn't accusations or tears or an all-out scream fest. She is honest and truthful and I loved that she wasn't a doormat about it. " 3) And last but not least the proposal scene with Mason putting in his two cents. Adorable! "She likes you probably loves you by now and besides girls go for clumsy and nervous remember? You're in Dad, " * * * ARC provided for an honest review * * * SAFETYAges: Boyd is 37 Ella is 36. There is no residue feelings for either one of them and the appearance of the ex's served more as closure for them both. Push/Pull: Boyd was definitely the one doig most of the

push/pulling in this story: Main Pursuer of relationship: Since Ella makes the first move I'd say she was the main pursuer. But Mase would be a close second since he was always there to give his stubborn dad an extra push in the right direction: English Considering the fact this book is only 304 pages long, It still felt long but thankfully by the last 30% the paced increased and I was able to finish it, Brew is what I would consider a sweet love story with a dash of sexiness way way way down in the book hahaha: com English If only life came with instructions, He is a father a brewmaster and the oldest brother of four. After a simple argument ends with a visit to the emergency room Boyd discovers the one thing he's been neglecting—his life: Having grown up in a less-than-affectionate family of overachievers she moved to Petaluma for a slower pace and to escape her past: She has friends now instead of accolades chooses chocolate croissants over super foods and cherishes the peace that's replaced the drama, Sure she occasionally misses the buzz of the San Francisco General Hospital ER but Ella is learning that navigating a fuller life can be just as exciting. Ella for "advice" and Boyd stumbles all over her newly healed heart she finds herself longing for something she never knew existed, But families are messy and they'll both need to let go of the past if they want to find a future that's more than by the book. There are some shared characters throughout the books (siblings friends etc,) Closely related books are often distinguishable by the similar covers: When not working on her next book she drinks copious amounts of tea prefers an exit row seat and reads well past her bedtimeStop by {site_link} www. Tracy Ewens is a recovered theatre major who writes contemporary romance. When not working on her next book she drinks copious amounts of tea prefers an exit row seat and reads well past her bedtimeStop by {site_link} www: 6I liked it both protagonists had interesting issues to deal with and the interactions between them and with other characters seemed well done, I liked things happened slowly but the pace of the action and the pace of the character's emotional development wasn't a good match in my opinion: Some situations were sort of heavily discussed but I couldn't help to feel there was also some superficiality here and there. Characters Boyd a Brew master his son Mason and Ella a trauma doctor grow and heal through each other. This is a stand-alone read even though it says it is #9: Both Boyd and Ella have had unlucky past romantic encounters and are struggling to be HAPPY: This book was provided by author through NetGalley with no requirements for a review. Ella and Boyd have both suffered blows in their past which make them wary of connecting with others, Single father Boyd figures he'll be content enough with his 13 year old son Mason his family and their brewery: Ella throws herself into work even when she trades being Head of Trauma in San Francisco for settling in Petaluma as an ER doctor, Despite wanting to lick her wounds Ella is befriended by Bri and Vienna and the rest upon arriving in town but she still holds back. She keeps her secrets to herself and there's a lot in her life that simply isn't up for discussion. That is until Mason shows up to ask his dad for advice while Ella removes Boyd's stitches. The way brewing figured into the story was both thoughtful and insightful. Not only because it's Boyd's passion and the business he shares with his brothers but because of the way the metaphor of brewing added to the story itself. There were times I ached for the characters but by and large this was a fun heartwarming read and I can't wait to catch up on the 8 books that came before it: Clearly this can be read as a standalone and I'm glad for it, Disclosure: I received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review, It looks like this is part of a series although I think all the books are stand alone: Love single parent tropes and with a brewery in the background--I was one clicking. Although the story follow a pretty simple and fairly common outline I found myself really caught up in this small town and all the secondary characters, Honestly this author needs to write everyone of those McNaughton brothers their own HEA: A family of beer making brothers--come on--a no brainer there! Hopefully the rest of the gang speaks to her so we can see more of Boyd and Ella as time goes on, A bit of heartache but mostly healing hearts a quirky teenage boy meddling family and great best friends. I enjoyed the older age group of this couple as well as their developing friendship before things went further: Enjoyable read! *Complimentary copy provided via Netgalley for an honest review. English Can we just take a moment to appreciate beauty of this cover? I got it yesterday from NG and looks great in my dinosaur old tablet as well. "Fine is such a screwed-up word. It's like ... neat or nice. It says nothing. Being fine is like being

barely alive. Boyd knew what people thought. This is a love story.

It's true. Boyd and Ella have different wounds in their pasts. They have different work to do as a result. And it doesn't always line up perfectly. Mistakes are made. Lines are drawn. It felt just like a real relationship. I also really loved that Ella is 36 and Boyd is 37. She doesn't believe in love and isn't looking for someone. What I liked about this book. I thought the cover was good for a romance story. This is my first read by Miss Ewens. I like the story. The slow burn, the lazy life of small town and Mason. The romance is not sizzle hot and dirty but slow pace. I am not particular, I enjoy this book very much. I prefer the romance hot and sizzle. Overall this is an OK read. Dr. It was one of his favorite brews. That was a good year. Great beer. Great eyes. He allowed himself one more look. An unexpected ER visit brings Boyd McNaughton into her life. A single father Boyd is seemingly content with his life. Brew is a story of forgiveness, friendship, and love. What I liked: For starters I really liked this cover. I loved Ella with her determination and optimism. I loved Mason, he was a great character. The secondary characters were also really amazing. I'm definitely going to check back in for their stories. Not able to really move forward with change. "I know you have your 'stuff' as you put it. I respect that but you need to respect mine. I need to be the only woman my person's only woman. She digs your weirdness. Explicit content: This is a fade-to-black/clean romance. No detailed sexy times. Cheating: None. OM/OW drama: Both ex's show up and some drama happens. Separation: A short one of a few weeks. It's explained and resolved in the end. That felt like a lifetime. Now back to the characters- Ella and Boyd. I liked them. There really isn't much to say about them to be fair. Nothing special. For me the star of the book was Boyd's son Mason. He was the ray of sunshine to this rather pale novel. For more .www.jemimajamir.com. Boyd McNaughton is working on balance. Ella Walters is working on connection. When Boyd's son Mason seeks out Dr. Note: Each Love Story is a standalone. tracyewens.com to sign up for updates and news. tracyewens.com to sign up for updates and news. {site_link} More a 3. However the pace wasn't always a good one. Some thoughts they had were easy to understand. The end was sweet but could have been done better too. Just really enjoyed reading this one. Comments here are my honest opinion. This was a heartwarming story. This is how the story grows. This book plain made me happy. English This is a new to me author. I grabbed this one based on the synopsis. English.