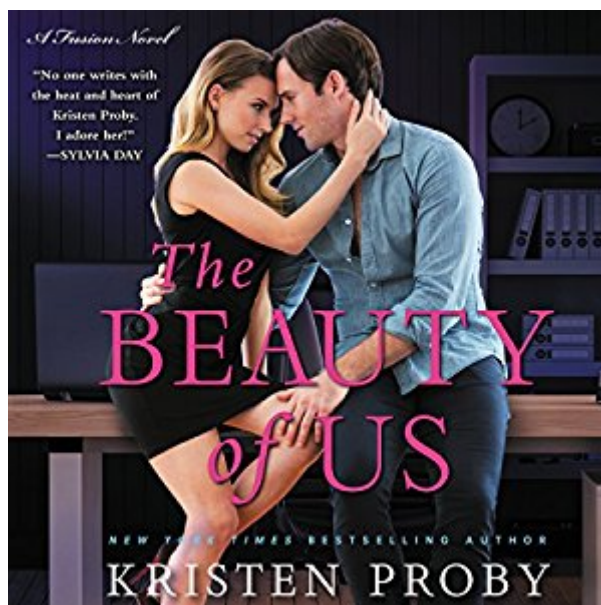


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The Beauty Of Us: A Fusion Novel



Synopsis

New York Times best-selling author Kristen Proby delivers another sizzling novel in her delectable and sexy Fusion series. Riley Gibson is over the moon at the prospect of having her restaurant, Seduction, on the Best Bites TV network. This could be the big break she's been waiting for. But the idea of having an in-house show on a regular basis is a whole other matter. Their lives would be turned upside down, and convincing Mia, her best friend and head chef of Seduction, that having cameras in her kitchen every day is a good idea is daunting. Still, Riley knows it's an opportunity she can't afford to pass on. And when she meets Trevor Cooper, the show's executive producer, she's stunned by their intense chemistry. Trevor's sole intention is to persuade Riley to allow Best Bites TV to do a show on her restaurant. But when he walks into Riley's office, he stops dead in his tracks. The professional, aloof woman on the phone is incredibly beautiful and funny. But can he convince her that he's interested in Riley for himself? Or is he using the undeniable pull between them to persuade her to agree to his offer?

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Customer Reviews

This is such a fun, light series to read. Riley is the fourth of the five best friends/business partners to find her happy ever after. Riley has not had the best luck with men. One disastrous date after another, and she has now declared she is over men. All men. That is until she meets Trevor. The producer of the TV show being filmed about their trendy Portland restaurant. After accidentally overhearing Riley's tale about her latest date from hell, he decides to show her that not all men are

jerks. That real gentleman do truly exist. And of course their chemistry is off the charts. But they still have to work together. Keeping up their professional relationship in public. But in private, all bets are off. There's only one problem. When the show wraps, he's going back home. To L.A. No matter how great the chemistry is, how much you care for each other, maintaining a new relationship long distance is never easy. Add in a delusional ex, and a psycho gaming partner, demanding jobs and wet cell phones and it would have anyone rethinking their relationship. It's fun catching up with the past characters as the current couple find their own HEA. This was a cute story, a bit "insta-love/lust" for me, but still a sweet love story. An easy, quick story to read, well written. No cheating, very little drama and an very happy ending. Mia's story is up next, and from what we've learn about her character up till this point, and the tiny teaser at the end of this book, her story should be a doozy. I can't wait.

I was excited to read *Beauty of Us*. I've read a lot of the author's books as well as the others in the Fusion series. The story was good but not as good as the others. Riley is part owner of a hot restaurant, *Seduction*. Trevor produces a cooking show and wants to use *Seduction* as the location. The story starts out well and the relationship between the two is strong. But it lacks luster in the last quarter of the book. It almost felt like the author was rushing to just get the book done. It was out of character when Riley called Trevor after he went back to LA and he couldn't be bothered to talk to her. He was mad because she is interrupting his online gaming night. They had a close relationship before he left. And Trevor had no issues then with bowing out of gaming night just because he'd rather spend time with Riley. But after he goes home and Riley has been getting stalked by Trevor's ex and a gaming partner, and she really needs to talk to him, he's mad that she's interrupting his gaming night? Trevor had been having problems with his phone since it fell into a sink of water. He died it out and it works sporadically. He doesn't bother to replace it? He uses it for business too and he's in the middle of trying to negotiate a new series and he doesn't need to have a working phone? One other issue was that in the beginning of the book, Trevor says he had been sober for nearly 10 years. Later in the book, there are several times where Trevor is drinking a beer. I still liked the book and I'm glad I read it.

Kristen Proby has created a brilliant world in her Fusion series. It is about five friends who open a sexy restaurant in Portland, Oregon. Each one brings something of value to their business and I love learning about them all. Kristen Proby weaves her magic into this series by creating stand alone stories for each of the five main characters, while intricately merging the story lines throughout

the entire series. I cannot get enough of these memorable characters. Kristen has found a way to burrow them deep into my heart and not let go. In this story, you meet Riley Gibson and Trevor Cooper. Riley is the PR person for Seduction, the restaurant the girl's own. She has managed to get their restaurant featured on a food network. This will bring a lot of notoriety to their business as well as showcase what makes it so unique. What she doesn't expect is to meet and fall for the show's producer. He travels for a living and resides in Los Angeles. Riley's worst fear is that their geographical differences is a recipe for disaster. This story is filled with humor, love and combustible chemistry. I could not put this story down. I absolutely fell in love with Riley and Trevor. I can't wait to see what Kristen Proby has in store for us next. PS - The Audio version of this book only enhanced Kristen Proby's brilliance as an author. Sebastian York and Abby Craden brought the characters to life and kept me entertained completely. I would highly recommend any book read by either of these two talents.

Kristen Proby continues to knock my socks off with her characters and her stories. I already loved Riley from the previous books and was really excited to find out who her love interest was going to be. Trevor was perfect. In fact, I wish I could have a Trevor of my own. He's absolutely perfect, he's sexy, he's nerdy, he's protective of those he cares about and he's sweet as can be. I loved how he was with Riley, her nana, his sister and the rest of the Fusion gang. He fit in perfectly with them. It's hard for me to write reviews for books I absolutely love because all I want to do is gush and gush about the story, the characters and the love. While that's not necessarily a bad thing, it definitely means I end up oversharing and there's a better chance for spoilers. Just know this book was just as good as the others in the series, if not better. It can definitely stand alone, but I'm not sure why you wouldn't want to read the rest. I loved getting to see the other couples in this book. I'm so excited for Mia's book next. The bomb dropped at the end of this book has set things up quite nicely. Kristen Proby is a must-buy author for me. It doesn't matter if there is a cover or a blurb or if I know anything about what she's selling me, I'm going to buy it. Her books are exactly what I need at the end of a rough day. I can't wait to see what she does next (aside from Mia's book of course). No matter what I know I'll end up buying it.

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