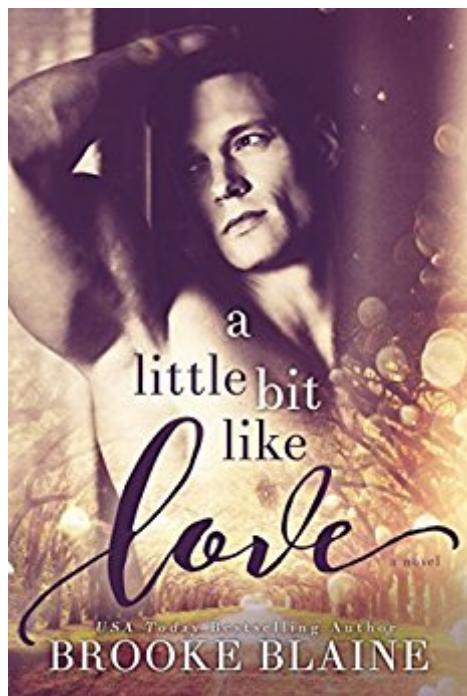


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A Little Bit Like Love (South Haven Book 1)



Synopsis

What if you had everything in the world you wantedâ except the man youâ ™d left behind? Jackson Davenport, the charismatic, strait-laced heir to the Davenport fortune, has a secret. One heâ ™s been hiding since he graduated from South Haven all-boys academyâ "and that secretâ ™s name is Lucas. When a work trip takes Jackson back to his old stomping grounds, memories of the year he shared with Lucas come crashing to the surface. With growing pressure from his father to settle down and take over the family business, Jackson knows heâ ™s on borrowed time, and sets out to find the free-spirited daredevil he once knew. But Lucas isnâ ™t the same man he was eight years ago. One night. A shattered heart. And an endless parade of nameless faces. Lucas Sullivan is South Havenâ ™s ultimate playboy, a reputation heâ ™s honed since the only boy he ever loved left without a trace. To the world, heâ ™s brash and confident, an in-demand artist who spends his days designing one-of-a-kind pieces and his nights as king of the downtown scene. Many have tried and failed to get past the barrier heâ ™s carefully constructed, but itâ ™s the shy, studious boy he once coaxed out of his shell who still haunts him. Maybe it was a mistake. Maybe it was lust. Or maybeâ it was a little bit like love. *****A LITTLE BIT LIKE LOVE is a brand new standalone MM romance in USA Today Bestselling Author Brooke Blaine's South Haven series. Each book in the series will feature a different couple and can be read out of order.

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Customer Reviews

A very good book that made my day. I loved the characters, the slow build up and the flashbacks to the past. The end was a bit rushed, particularly the end scene, giving us no glimpse as to who the second book is about. Can't wait for the next!

Absolutely loved Lucas and Jackson! Glad they found their way back to each other! Can't wait for Shaw and Bash's stories!

Swoon!!

On a business trip for his dad's company he overhears a conversation in a diner between two men that has Jackson's heart in his throat. Lucas Sullivan, the one that got away, can be found at a night club, that evening. As a combination of terror and hope fills him he contemplates seeing the love he left behind again. For eight years he has been squashing his lingering feelings him. Right there, in this diner in a place so close to where he last saw Lucas, they all come rushing back to the surface. Argos is Lucas' hunting ground. He is on the prowl to get a faceless body underneath him. It's a temporary fix for the emptiness, the deep seated loneliness that has taken root in his heart and mind. Every time a different body. No repeats. No exceptions. When he catches a glimpse of a familiar face, a face he hasn't seen in a long time yet is still etched vividly in his mind, he needs to know if it's really Jackson. The man who broke his heart so thoroughly. Jackson wants nothing more than apologize for the way he left him all those years ago but Lucas doesn't give him the time of day until a tropical storm forces them together for a night. Lucas isn't just holding a grudge, around the wall built around his heart there is also a barbed wire fence and he lashes out at Jackson. Things come to light, however, things that will change everything they thought happened eight years ago when Jackson left school just before graduation. Jackson is everybody's darling. He is friendly, kind and sweet, comes from old money and has stunning good looks and boyish charm. Lucas' character is the polar opposite, except in the looks department. He is the local sex god and man-ho and he makes good use of his reputation. Guys flock him and he can choose from an array of tourists that

visit South Haven. Having Jackson back in his life means having to face and work through the past and that's not what he wants. Lucas fights Jackson with tooth and nails and settles firmly in jerk territory. He doesn't realize that he hurts himself the most when he lashes out at Jackson. He only knows that he can't get hurt again like he did eight years ago. Him being a jerk towards Jackson doesn't make him sound very likable but despite it all I still did. Lucas' loneliness and hurt is coming off the pages so vividly that you just can't help and feel for him. And when he starts to open up you see the sweet, funny, mischievous guy from Jackson's memory coming back. If Jackson was anything less but as patient and understanding as he was, Lucas' train wreck of a life would end like that - lonely and bitter. Jackson is a good man, the better man really, and the way Lucas treated him sometimes would have chased every other guy away but he can see right through Lucas' facade. It couldn't have been anyone else saving this abrasive, acrimonious man. Jackson was incredibly lovable and endearing and everything Lucas needed to let go of his fear. This story had everything that ticks my boxes, angst, lighthearted humor, a gripping plot and fascinating characters. Anxiety tightened my chest not just once and when Lucas fired off his barbs my eyes stung with tears a couple times. He could be such a jerk.. The set of secondary characters is amazing and while I'm looking forward to both Shaw's and Bash's stories, the scales tipped slightly in Bash's favor towards the end. He is such a scintillating, colorful character! Having said that though, I LOVED Shaw. This is the first MM romance Brooke Blaine wrote alone and didn't co-author. I am tremendously impressed how riveting, hot and intense this story was. Ms. Blaine wanted to give her readers her very best and let me tell you, it is one of the best MM books I've read this year. Whenever I wasn't studying my eyes were glued to my Kindle. If you read MM do yourself a favor and pick this up. Now the waiting for Shaw's story begins. A Little Bit Like Love is the first installment of the South Haven series.

Eight years ago Jackson and Lucas were each other's ... everything. For a short eight months, they were best friends, and so much more. But then Jackson's father dragged him out of the Georgia all boy's academy two weeks before graduation - to 'get ready for Yale' back home in Connecticut. But we all know that he must've found out about the queer boy corrupting his son. They haven't seen each other in eight years. But now Jackson has business down in South Haven. And Lucas is a famous artist in town. Who is a tiny little bit mad at Jackson for how things ended back then. Can this finally be the second chance for Jackson and Lucas? Or have all those secrets, lies, omissions, misunderstandings and whatnots destroyed everything? And will Jackson be able to finally stand up to his father? Fight for what he really wants? WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH JACKSON & LUCAS?

WILL THERE FINALLY BE A HAPPILY EVER AFTER???READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT! ☺☺

LOOOVED IT!! Such an adorable second-chance love

story! You immediately love both Jackson and Lucas. They're both so very different but at the same time, they're just the same. Both pretty much all alone in the world. They should've been together all these years, but now they finally get that second chance. Let's just hope they fight hard enough for it! We want that Happily Ever After!!!! This was such an erotic and adorable and moving and frustrating and beautiful romance! I loved every second of it! Can't wait to see what Shaw will have to tell us in the 2nd book: A little bit like desire - coming this fall!!!! ☺☺☺☺ A LITTLE BIT LIKE LOVE was such an adorable & sexy & moving second chance love story! Hurry to your nearest for your own Lucson/Jackas!!! These two are MINE! ☺☺

'It was stupid and made me foolish to let myself get carried away yet again, but with every minute I spent with him, I craved more. Just another minute, another touch, another kiss, building up to the inevitable.' I didn't love *A Little Bit Like Love* just a little. No, I loved it a whole lot. From the stunning cover to the last word, this book wowed and wooed me. You guys. I don't even know where to begin. I adore Brooke Blaine and, based on her previous books, it's safe to say I had some pretty high expectations going into this one. Expectations met. And surpassed. Easily. I was absolutely charmed by this story. I love, love, LOVE second chance romance, and *A Little Bit Like Love* was moving, heartbreakingly hopeful which just so happen to be the exact reasons I love this trope so. And oh, my heart. As Lucas and Jackson pieced themselves, their hearts and each other back together, I held my breath and just | relished it. I relished the way fate intervened. The moments of memory. The friends' Bash and Shaw who I need to know more about. The lip-bitingly sexiness. The gentle way this book was paced. And how, even at its angriest, this book was one that made me happy. Everything about Lucas and Jackson their love, their pain, their banter worked for me. From the way they clashed and raged to the way they fought and loved and opened up, and all that was in-between, *A Little Bit Like Love* was a lot like perfect. And I am perfectly happy to say this is a MUST READ.' There were a million questions I wanted to ask him, a million sorrys I wanted to say, but now that he was standing there in front of me, I couldn't seem to utter a thing.' ~ FIVE STARS ~

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