

Synopsis

Just when things seem to have quieted down at The Sweet Pea B & B, Samantha Sweet finds herself caught up in another mystery. It's October now, and that means it's time for the 33rd Annual Pea Soup Cook-Off, the most anticipated event of the year in Peabody as locals and visitors alike vie for the coveted Golden Ladle Award. And this year promises to be the most exciting to date with celebrity chef Gavin Gillis sitting on the esteemed panel of judges, along with Samantha and several other Very Important People. It's a Pea-tacular affair at first but things start to go wrong when the five judges appear to be marked for death. After Samantha narrowly survives an attempt on her life, she starts poking her nose into the business at hand: finding the person determined to leave a trail of death in Peabody. Despite being warned off by the police, Sam and her friends continue to investigate and somehow stumble on to the truth. With only God to call on in a desperate moment, Sam faces almost certain death and discovers an unexpected twist that would shock even Mother and the ladies of The Hot Curler - if she lives to tell them about it.

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Customer Reviews

You know when you come to a book series you really like and you want to put off reading the last one because you know you will have to say good-bye to all the characters? That is how I feel about these books! I love this series! From the day I opened book one "Home Sweet Home" I fell in love with Samantha and her crazy, dysfunctional parents and sisters, her neighbors, friends, Tater Tot, her kids and of course Seth and Ryan! I loved the first book and couldn't wait to hear more about each of them in the second. I was not disappointed in any way. Samantha is a woman who is trying to make ends meet after her husband dies in the first book. She opens the Sweet Pea Bed and Breakfast with the help of handy man Seth and life takes off. This second book ties in nicely with the first and I would recommend reading the first one before going on to the second. You will be introduced to the characters in the book and have a better understanding of the relationships formed in the first book. You will find characters you love and characters you love to hate. Samantha is a christian woman but is not perfect and is quick to point out her flaws, she does however hold herself to a certain standard in regards to her relationship with both Seth and Ryan. There is no sex and only occasional bad language but no moments when you find yourself turning page after page to get out of a section you are not comfortable reading. I don't want to spoil any of the story so I will not go in to detail about the book. Read the first one and order this one at the same time because you will not want to wait to start the next book once you finish the first. But at the end of this book you will like me be waiting for the author to finish the next one so you can catch up on your new friends lives! PS...I like Ryan but my vote is for Seth!

I absolutely love Kristin's books! Her stories are interesting, intriguing, have interesting plots, and twists and turns, and in the middle of all of it she gently, but sincerely interjects her Christian beliefs, and actually uses situations many would want to just get out of to share the Gospel with her characters and readers, which is a refreshing change from most of the books that are written today that may be good stories, but don't leave you feeling better about yourself or the world you live in. Thank you Kristen Brown for being bold enough to share the Gospel and bright enough to write stories that keep you on the edge of your seat. Write more, please!

This lagged a little. Took me awhile to finish but I loved the honesty of Sam. She wasn't perfect, she

was afraid to witness to Seth....her reactions were honest she had self esteem issues...I could relate to her character well. Good reminder that God controls our lives and has our best interest first.. trusting Him is the only way to live.

Usually I don't care for books written in the first person, but the author makes it very readable and fast paced. Usually I can figure the 'culprit' early but only guessed about 3/4 through and had not a clue why. However I am a 'proofreader' by heart and was a little disappointed that more care has not been used to make sure there were no errors. But most of all the Christian theme rings wonderfully true!

This book was even better than Kristen Brown's first book. I thought the first book started slowly, even though the character background was necessary. The second book gets right into the plot. The characters are delightful, and even though the problems reach an almost comical point, it is somehow credible. Reading it is a light and enjoyable way to spend an afternoon. One reviewer of Ms. Brown's first book questions its Christian label. I don't agree with that reviewer, but I would add that the second book presents a stronger Christian message without being unrealistic.

OK, it's better edited than the first book in the series, which made it easier to read for me. This book had me craving pea soup on a hot Fourth of July weekend. The characters are fun, there's mystery, and a little romance thrown in. Very enjoyable. Samantha and her sisters are really a handful and then you add in the guests to her B & B and the world is turned upside down. I thought I had it figured out and of course, I didn't. Another good read from an up and coming New York Times bestseller.

Once again, Kristen Brown has captured my complete attention reading one of her books. I loved this story, "Sweetly Broken" (sequel to her first book, "Home Sweet Home") very, very much. I can't wait for the next one in the series and I am rooting for the Seth Cooper character in the story. Love Kristen's easy-reading style of writing. I feel like I am right there with the characters in the book. Keep up the good work, Mrs. Brown. I will keep buying!

I have now read books one and two in the Samantha Sweet series, and they are absolutely wonderful. I love the small town feel and the quirky small town characters. Truly a wonderful read.

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