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Sizzle: A Novel



Synopsis

Whether it's exhilarating historical romance or spine-tingling contemporary suspense, #1 New York Times bestselling author Julie Garwood weaves magnificent stories of passion, adventure, and intrigue. Now she raises the heat and spices up the action with a sexy, smart, daring new heroine and a smoldering thriller that's classic Garwood – and pure Sizzle. Lyra Prescott, a Los Angeles film student, is closing in on graduation and facing important decisions about her future. She's already been offered a job at her hometown TV station, an opportunity that could ultimately launch her dream career as a film editor. But heading back home would also mean dealing with her overprotective brothers, social-climbing mother, and eccentric grandmother. Unsure of her future, Lyra dives into work on her final school assignment: a documentary transformed by a twist of fate into a real-life horror film. After she unwittingly captures a shocking crime on camera, a rash of mysterious, treacherous incidents convince Lyra that she's trapped in a sinister scenario headed for a violent ending. Running scared, she turns to her best friend, Sidney Buchanan, whose connections bring dauntless and devilishly handsome FBI agent Sam Kincaid into Lyra's life. As the noose of deadly intrigue tightens and the feelings between them deepen, Lyra and Sam must place their faith in each other's hands – and stand together against the malevolent forces about to break loose. No one mixes life-and-death suspense with feverish desire better than Julie Garwood. In Sizzle she burns hotter and brighter than ever, keeping the action and passion blazing till the incredible, unforgettable end. From the Hardcover edition.

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“Excellent adventure . . . [An] element of quirky humor provides a nice lift to the story and is the quintessential Garwood touch.”
•RT Book Reviews
“Sizzle most satisfying . . . If a book has Julie Garwood’s name on it, it’s guaranteed to be a meticulously written, well thought out, and thoroughly engaging story [with] captivating characters.”
•Sun Journal
From the Paperback edition.

Julie Garwood is the author of numerous New York Times bestsellers, including *Fire and Ice*, *Shadow Music*, *Shadow Dance*, *Murder List*, *Killjoy*, *Mercy*, *Heartbreaker*, *Ransom*, and *Come the Spring*. There are more than thirty-six million copies of her books in print.
From the Hardcover edition.

Good story. Garwood’s formula of crime drama and romance works well. The only lose and was the character, Milo; felt that he literally got away with murder, but other than that I enjoyed the book.

I love this series. All the books stand alone for good stories, but as a series you see reoccurring friends making repeat visits...

This is one of the better series I have read. Lots of character development, and mystery.

I have read a ton of her books and this was by far the worst one. I was amazed how it seemed to me that it was written by a elementary writer! Maybe because I just took a writing class I was more critical while reading it but then I decided no, it was definitely her worst written one. For one thing there was an overabundance of details. Ok so Lyra bought boots, did I need to know she bought brown boots with orange laces with gold eyelets that she proceeded to sit on a black rock with green moss to then lace the boots up, etc.??? (not a real example taken from book but you should get the idea) And Milo??????? A character that could have been missing from this book completely and it would have not made 1 difference to the storyline. And the speaking of storylines, the one with Lyra and Sam? Not realistic or catchy in any way shape or form. Just not a good love story. I was thinking she had her child write this book by the time I was done. VERY disappointing.

Great author writing great books. Will recommend to family and friends.

Sizzle is the eighth book in the Buchanan series, it follows Lyra and Sam. Lyra is a film student who

gets mixed up in something that she doesn't understand. When her and her roommates' apartment gets broken into, her roommate calls her brothers the Buchanan brothers. They send Sam as a bodyguard for Lyra until they can find out what is going on. People keep trying to kill Lyra and Sam keeps saving her. They are instantly attracted to each other and as time goes on they start growing attached. Lyra is a beautiful girl who is not conceited and she doesn't use her beauty to get what she wants. She is funny and has insecurities that are normal and real for any woman. Sam is a larger than life gorgeous hero, he has some emotional insecurity, yet he is aware of them. They are good together and it's not just about the physical attraction. You would feel the emotional pull that they have towards each other. The book is exciting and has a surprise at the end that I didn't think was going to happen. I really liked this book and would read it again.

Wonderful plot, interesting characters and well written. It is fun to have characters follow from book to book. Big happy family

I am a huge fan of Julie Garwood and own every single book she has ever written. She does an excellent job of creating memorable characters and dialogue that stays in your mind. Unfortunately, her last few books have alternated between excellent writing and mediocrity. *Mercy*, *Murder List*, *Fire & Ice* were beautifully written and reminiscent of the writing in her historicals. She showed us the story using action, dialogue, etc to move the plot forward. In *Shadow Dance & Sizzle*, it's like the books has been written by a completely different person. The character development and linkage with other books is flat; she tells us everything in one stretch and we don't get to experience the story developing. The only action is physical and not a device to move the plot forward. These two books didn't even "sound" like Garwood. I enjoyed the characters, but would have loved to experience their romance rather than being told about it.

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