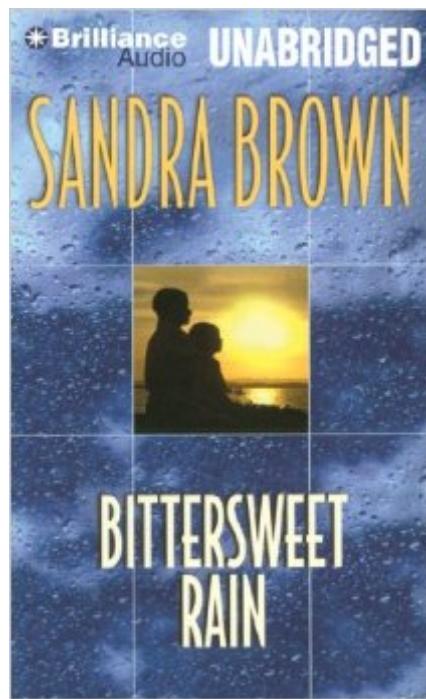


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# Bittersweet Rain



## **Synopsis**

Caroline Dawson survived the town gossips who whispered behind her back. She survived the slow death of her husband, Roscoe Lancaster, the richest man in the county and her senior by three decades. But she feared she might not survive Rink Lancaster, her husband's son. Years before she married, when she and Rink were teens, he had introduced Caroline to her first tremulous taste of love - and then broke her heart. Now Rink is back. He says he wants to settle his father's estate. But driven by a storm of emotions as undeniable as before and more dangerous than ever, what he really wants is to settle the score with Caroline.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I must admit, when I first read the back cover of "Bittersweet Rain" I was not expecting to enjoy this book too much. I just could not imagine a love story where the heroine is first married to the father of the hero. Being a Sandra Brown fan, and I buy all of Sandra Brown's releases, I went ahead and bought it. I must say I was not disappointed. The plot turned out to be very good, and kept me interested. The book was also a double treat of romance, with not only Rink and Caroline, the main couple, but with Steve and Laura Jane (Rink's sister). I fell in love with this couple just as much as Rink and Caroline! I would most definitely recommend "Bittersweet Rain". It was a quick and very sweet read!

the joy of falling in love for the first time is something you will remember for all of your life. of course the first time you feel your heart break, you'll always remember that too. this is probably the best

book ive read dealing with both of those issues. sandra brown has the ability to bring the same sort of excitement to the reader that the characters are going thru as well as the let down. in bittersweet, we have two different love stories going on. the first dating back to childhood between caroline, the daughter of the town drunk, and rink, the son of the towns most wealthy family. the second, between laura jane, rinks sister, and steve, the hired hand. sparks fly between rink and caroline, mostly because of rinks dad, carolines HUSBAND! laura jane and steve are absolutely wonderful. i didnt want this book to end. ive read reviews where people say things like "they felt like friends that i had to say goodbye to when the book was over" but until this book, ive never really understood what that was like. this one is a keeper ::smile

I've read more recent books by Sandra Brown and really liked them, so I thought I'd give this one a shot. Should have known better. First off, reading the scenes where the heroine, Caroline, is 15, made me feel like a pedophile. And we're supposed to think that some 22-year old guy who takes advantage of an obviously naive 15-year old is a good guy? Just because he oh-so-nobly decides to wait to have sex with her until he tells his dad about her, that makes it OK? Next, how can you have any sympathy or respect for a romantic heroine who flat out admits that she married a nasty, horrible man for wealth and status? She had a job, she was supporting herself fine. It's not like she was living on the streets and that was her only way out. Chalk up two in the ick factor. Finally, while it was much better handled than the rest of the story, the subplot involving a developmentally disabled girl and a much older Vietnam vet bothered me, probably because Brown was never consistent or detailed in explaining what the developmental disability was. And the descriptions of her actions were inconsistent as to her capabilities. The net result is, it feels a little creepy. And even though she does try to make it sweet, the first time the vet kisses her, he's feeling her up. Which again, makes it feel like she's taken advantage of. All in all, while I still really like Sandra Brown, I'm sticking to her books that were written in the last decade. I would also caution anyone against buying this on a Kindle, as the spelling and punctuation is awful, so that you have to go back and reread whole paragraphs just to figure out what it's supposed to say.

I've read almost all of Sandra Brown's novels, and this one didn't disappoint me at all. I absolutely loved the little bits of surprises about Roscoe, the terribly ill father, and the former relationship about Caroline and Rink. It kept me reading until I found out what kept them together, then the startling truth that kept them together.

SANDRA BROWN'S BITTERSWEET RAIN takes a more convoluted twist to the plot when the couple in the book, Caroline and Rink are wedged apart by Rink's father, Roscoe with his scathing treachery. However, readers may find it hard to digest the plot of a stepmother in unrequited love with her son. The stunning revelation of Roscoe's plan to ruin his son upon his deathbed remains a shadow over Caroline's undying love for Rink. Despite their strong attraction, Rink cannot cast off the fact that Caroline belonged to Roscoe once. Fortunately, SANDRA BROWN handles the twisted plot with unexpected maturity in her perspective. Caroline and Rink are fuelled by desires but at the same time they tried to fend off the attraction for the relationship is bound to explode in a conservative town still in awe of Roscoe. To fight off the shadow, Rink has to confront himself their bond is too strong such that Roscoe has never once taken his beloved away. Right till the last moment when Caroline fainted at award ceremony dedicated to Roscoe because of pregnancy, readers are gripped by the powerful emotions spun by Ms. Brown. It is savagely tender and their love no less bittersweet. She transforms an unconventional tale into one of simplicity and poignancy with her rousing narrative. For this, BITTERSWEET RAIN is one romance that will wring heartfelt tears for Caroline and Rink, and incessant accolades for this beautiful writer constantly producing textured materials.

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