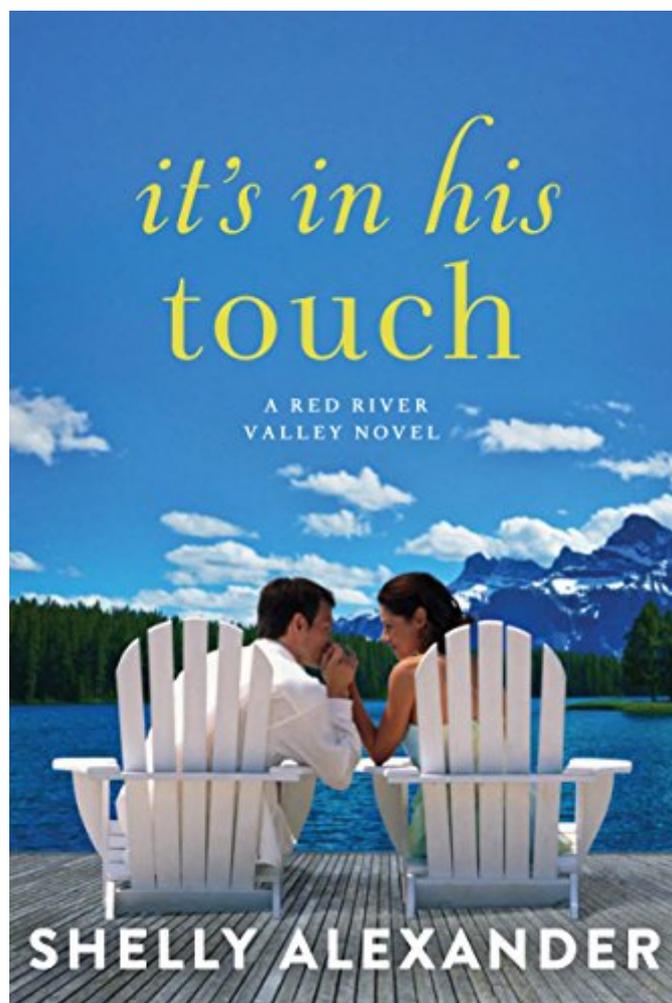


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Synopsis

There's nothing that Angelique Barbetta can't handle, no illness she can't recover from, not one item on her outrageous bucket list that she can't conquer—not even alligator wrestling! But after discovering her fiancé in a less-than-professional position with their perky assistant, even tough-as-nails Angelique needs a break. Her law firm sends her to Red River to work on a case that should be a piece of cake. Until she meets her sexy neighbor Blake Holloway—one of the proprietors who will lose everything if Angelique wins. On opposite sides of a hostile legal battle—with a pair of Angelique's silk undies ending up in Blake's hands—undeniable chemistry swirls between them. As Blake shows Angelique just what Red River has to offer, her heart begins to melt for the people whose businesses make up the soul of the town. Can she put aside her feelings to win the case? Or will he convince her there's much more at stake than winning—like love?

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Customer Reviews

Shelly Alexander writes another great read with a strong female character. With her second installment of her Red River Valley Novel series, Shelly shows again her ability to create characters

that we wish we knew personally. It's in *His Touch* focuses on the brilliant Angelique Barbetta, who is not only a successful lawyer, but a breast cancer survivor. Shelly writes an intriguing love story that is complicated by Angelique's great ambition to be a fierce lawyer who holds the town's future in her very capable and successful hands. Plus Angelique believes she has a lot to prove to herself and her firm after taking leave to be treated for breast cancer. More than anything, Angelique wants complete control of her life and her body. Her strong facade, though, quickly dissipates under the equally capable hands of the gorgeous local doctor, Blake, who has a genuine affinity for this little town. This strong and caring doctor will do everything in his power to keep it, and its townspeople, safe from Angelique's client. But the chemistry between Angelique and Blake is too hot to ignore and leads to romantic scenes that are not only steamy and sexy, but sensitive and loving as Angelique is learning to love her body again. With every touch, Blake's character will make any woman swoon and want to find a lover as sensual and kind as he is. As an added bonus, Shelly keeps characters from her first novel, *It's in His Heart*, woven into this storyline. It was like seeing old friends again and catching up on their lives. Shelly's third book cannot come soon enough! I want to find out what is happening in *Red River* and to the characters that make this town sizzle.

This is an honest review in exchange for an ARC received. I had an extraordinary ride through this real life, heart touching masterful tale from Shelly Alexander. The main characters and their struggles are so real it's frighteningly so engrossing that I cried and laughed at will throughout. Angelique is tough and well Blake is just hotter than all hell as he loves a woman through HELL. The character development is amazing and the insidious capture of the reader is what's so compelling. The conflict is there for all to embrace. This is a book that will either strike a chord in you as a human to feel pain yet will keep you in pleasure with its hot and sexy interludes. I would say that for a contemporary romance this starts to really push the dimensions of women's true to life struggles. A definite mix of woman's fiction drawn in here. If I had to give a downside it would be to keep up with Ms. Alexander's characters but they are so quirky and funny that the whole experience for me was a fun book to start off the holiday reading binge!!!! Light and breezy, hot and definitely sexy as Blake is a man who loves his woman. Deep and just the right kind of emotion to get your adrenaline up and down and all over again in a frenzy. Ms. Alexander needs to get the next one out because we will be begging for it. Worth the ARC read. Ladies, this one is for REAL!

Angelique Barbetta is a pit bull of an attorney and a recent breast cancer survivor (who also survived her ex cheating on her while she was recovering), who is visiting the beautiful resort town

of Red River just long enough to win an open-and-shut case that will put her on the partnership track in her law firm. Unfortunately, that case will lead to a developer sacking the present town in favor of an ultramodern development and putting most of its business owners out on the curb. Thanks to her panty-pilfering dog, she meets Blake Holloway, the town doc with a heart of gold. Angelique, while tough on the outside, is more scarred mentally than physically from her cancer experience. She feels unlovable and feels she will never get to experience the joy of motherhood due to the risk of passing on her genes to her children. Blake Holloway gets her like no other. He is a true-blue hottie hero who shows her love, respect, and tenderness. Blake cuts through her surface toughness and allows Angelique to let down her guard for the first time. She not only falls in love with him but with the town and its residents as well. Alexander has done a terrific job giving us a tough-as-nails heroine with an inner vulnerability and strength, and a fantastic hero you will adore from page one. The humor is really fun, too. I laughed and cried during this emotional, heartwarming, and sexy story. Can't wait for the next Red River Valley book!

Angelique is returning to work after beating breast cancer. While she was battling the disease, she catches her fiancé and co-worker having sex with her secretary in her office. Her law firm gives her a case that should be an easy win for her to get her back to work and get her out of the office. They send her to Red River and if she wins the case, she could be destroying the whole town. Blake is Red River's town doctor. He's hired a lawyer to go up against Angelique to save his town. The more time Angelique spends in Red River, the more she gets to know the people and she has to really decide if she should take a chance and go with her heart, or should she put her career first. I'm going to start with my small complaints about this book first - it was a little slow at times and Angelique did drive me a bit crazy with her focus on her career. Other than those two small complaints, this book was really good. Angelique is such a strong woman - to overcome cancer, her fiancé cheating on her, and her recovery. She struggled with her body image after having lost so much and having a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. Even though the subject matter was a little depressing, this author did a really great job of incorporating humor into this story. The panty-stealing dog was hilarious. Also, this book had some really hot sexy scenes. I loved Blake - he was such a great hero. This was a really good story and I look forward to reading more in this series and more by this author!

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