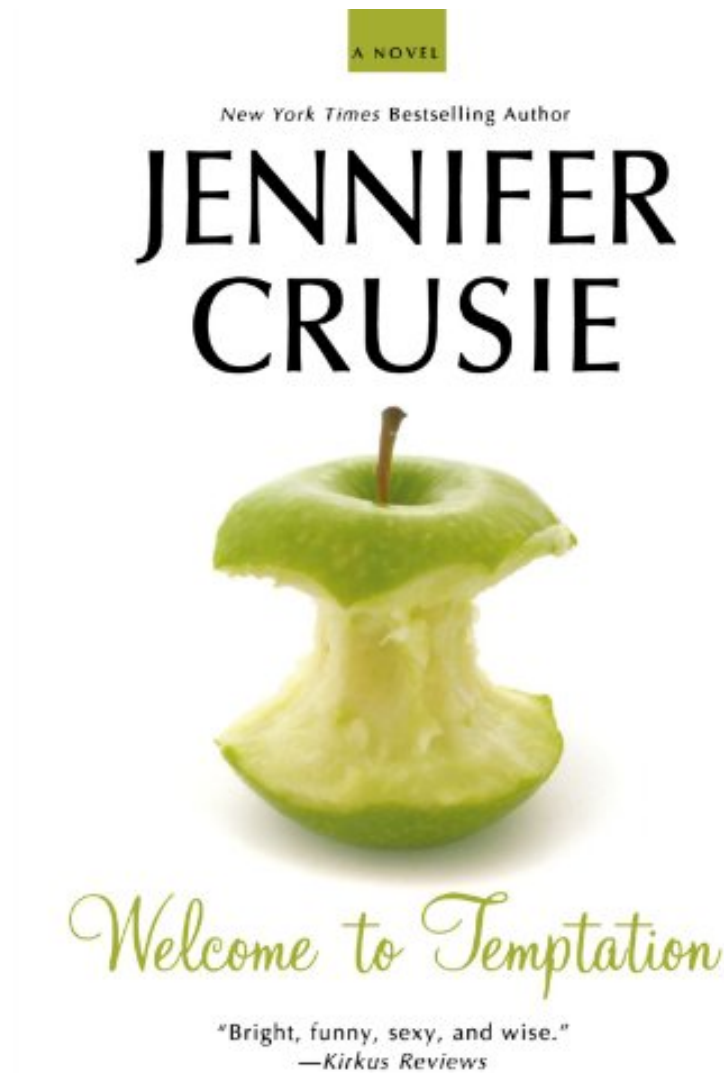


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Jennifer Crusie packs it all into its 341 pages. Not only is this a sharp looking book, it lives up to its appearance. Once I started this book, I couldn't put it down. This is a delightful romp that captivates you from beginning until the end. If you're looking for pure entertainment--read this book. One word of caution for those who want a rating system on books, it's steamy not only for the sex but the language. Frankly, Temptation wouldn't have been Temptation without both. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Love me some Crusie! By MiaOMG. I discovered Jennifer Crusie years ago and decided to listen to this audiobook, which I've had forever. I remembered vague plot points, but quickly became engrossed and obsessed with finding out the story all over again. I actually bought the Kindle version! Agh! Crusie has a way of describing the ludicrous and sometimes monotonous into something fascinating. I love the way she does her sex scenes. They're super realistic and raw. I didn't know what to think of Phin in the beginning. He kind of came off as a pushover and I was thrown off because I didn't remember that he had a kid. I mean, who would want a guy who doesn't get emotional over anything?? But, of course, Phin ends up drool worthy and I laughed myself silly when she hustled him at pool. Very much looking forward to delving into her work again! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Abandoned By Audrey Anderson I did not get far into this book. I didn't like any of the characters - not the sisters or the townsfolk - none of them. I listened to the CD - maybe it was the reader, but I don't think so. Maybe one or more of them became worth the air they were breathing as it went along, but I don't have patience to continue with a book where the characters are less than inspiring of any emotion except disdain. Usually like her books.

Sophie Dempsey wants to help her sister film a video and then get out of Temptation, Ohio. Mayor Phin Tucker wants to play pool with the police chief and keep things peaceful. But when Sophie and Phin meet, they both get more than they want. Gossip, blackmail, adultery, murder, vehicular abuse of a corpse, and slightly perverse but excellent sex: all hell breaks loose in Temptation as Sophie and Phin fall deeper and deeper in trouble... and in love.

.com Prepare to be absolutely charmed by Jennifer Crusie's riotous tale of two slightly twisted sisters and a town chock full of hunks, coots, and petty politics in Welcome to Temptation. Sophie and Amy Dempsey are just two wedding filmmakers trying to hop to the next level of their careers when they agree to produce a documentary of aging film star Clea Whipple's return to her hometown of Temptation, Ohio. And when the local mayor, Phin Tucker, and the police chief, Wes Mazur, proffer themselves as willing subjects for quick flings, Sophie and Amy aren't the type to object. But things are never easy in rural Ohio, and what starts off as an esoteric art film project soon evolves into potential porn--and that's just the relationships, let alone the documentary. Clea's husband Zane turns belly-up, the race for mayor turns dirty, and Sophie and Phin turn on the heat full steam. With hot sex, clever characters, and Crusie's trademark wit, Welcome to Temptation will keep your eyes glued to the page and your stomach aching with laughter. --Nancy R.E. O'Brien From Publishers Weekly Crusie's saucy feminist romp stars a heroine who captures her man's heart, and then goes after his job, meanwhile enjoying "headbanging sex," filming soft porn and acquiring both a house and a dog named Lassie. A car crash welcomes Sophia Dempsey to Temptation, Ohio, as she arrives from Cincinnati to help her hot-tempered, smart-mouthed sister, Amy, film a video with a washed-up local actress. Sophie's misgivings about small-town Temptation increase when she sees the town's rusted welcome sign: "We Believe in Family Values." Yet unconventional Sophie soon ditches her boyfriend (who is also her ex-therapist) and falls for Phineas Tucker, Temptation's macho mayor, scion of the town's premier political family and single father. News of the Dempsey sisters' film prompts the prudish town council to institute an antiporn ordinance, which Phin is obligated to uphold while he inspires Sophie's experiments with sexy camerawork. Crusie adroitly mixes the outrageous and the practical, modern feminism and old-fashioned romance, and adds a liberal dose of razor-sharp humor. Sophie's effort to enact the mayor's favorite sexual fantasy is thwarted by interruptions by various townspeople confessing to murder, while, in one hilarious highlight, Sophie's costume for the evening falls victim to the laws of gravity. Minor characters offer more humor and romance: the police chief and the ex-juvenile delinquent, Sophie's scheming brother and his ex-wife, the porn king and the town debutante, Phin's daughter and his mother. Like a stand-up comic, Crusie (Crazy for You) charms with her brisk, edgy style, and the repartee between Sophie and Phin keeps energy and sexual tension high. A romantic comedy that adds luster to the genre, this effervescent tale will please readers who can relate to Sophie's undaunted exploration of all her desires. Agent, Meg Ruley. Author tour. (Mar.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Crusie blends a combination of likable characters, gossipy small-town life, and a convoluted plot spiced with some steamy sexual situations into a highly entertaining read. Sisters Amy and Sophie, along with ex-sister-in-law Clea, have come back to Clea's hometown of Temptation, OH, to make a video, hoping to jump-start Clea's flagging acting career. The town council erroneously assumes the three women are making a pornographic film. Mayor Phin Tucker has the politically touchy job of protecting the town's morals and family values stance. Along with his police chief and best friend Wes, the mayor is supposed to investigate and keep the town council informed. Add to this premise a shaky mayoral reelection campaign, a charming 11-year-old, and an unexpected dead body found on a dock. Crusie's previous novels (Crazy for You, Tell Me Lies) are notable for merging a seemingly endless supply of secondary characters with outlandish situations and very funny dialog. This

offering is no exception. Readers who enjoy novels by Susan Elizabeth Phillips or Susan Andersen will love Crusie. A smart buy for any public library with contemporary romance readers.---Margaret Ann Hanes, Sterling Heights P.L., MI Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.