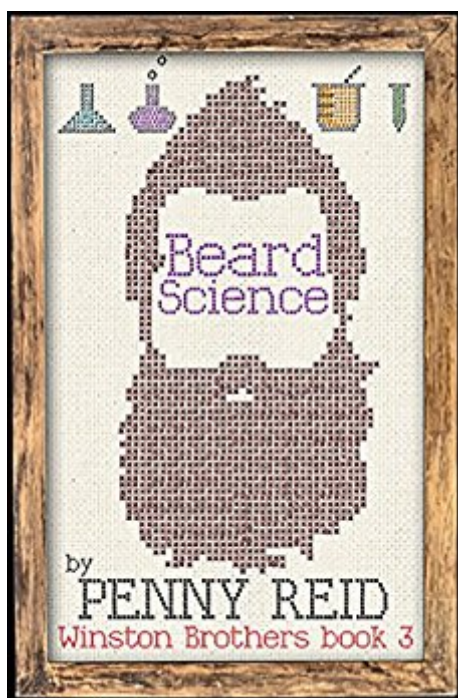


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Beard Science (Winston Brothers Book 3)



Synopsis

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Make a deal with the devil and you might get what you want, but will it be what you need? Jennifer Sylvester wants one thing, and that one thing is NOT to be Tennessee's reigning Banana Cake Queen. Ever the perpetual good girl and obedient daughter, Jennifer is buckling under the weight of her social media celebrity, her mother's ambitions, and her father's puritanical mandates. Jennifer is officially desperate. And desperate times call for Cletus Winston. Cletus Winston is a puzzle wrapped in a mystery covered in conundrum sauce, and now he's in a pickle. Despite being convinced of his own omniscience, extortion by the exalted Banana Cake Queen of Green Valley has taken him completely by surprise. So... what's a maniacal mastermind to do? Likely, the last thing you expect. Beard Science is the third book in the Winston Brothers series, is a full-length novel, and can be read as a standalone.

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Customer Reviews

There are a few things you should know about Cletus Winston. 1. Cletus isn't what he appears to

be.2. Cletus has a severe dislike of bullies.3. Cletus likes to tinker--with cars and with people.4. Cletus is the second most dangerous man in Green Valley.If you thought Cletus Winston was sweet, stupid and benign, then congratulations, you bought into what he was trying to sell you.But Jennifer Sylvester knows the truth. She knows Cletus for the judgmental, vindictive and clever devil he is. He's the only man that can help her.Cletus has things to do. He's got wild boar hunting and sausage making to be seeing to. He's got an important talent show in Nashville and he's got a motorcycle gang to destroy. He doesn't have time to indulge the Banana Cake Queen in her blackmail schemes. But her need and his ingrained compulsion to right wrongs causes him to agree to help her. He's just going to give her the help she really needs and not the help she thinks she needs.I love me some Winston men. *Cue sigh*I love the Winstons and Cletus is currently sitting at my #1. My love for Billy is still strong--and good news for all of you Billy-Lovers, Billy's featured heavily in this book and he's fantastic.Not only do we get a perfect love story for Cletus, we get hints about Beau's upcoming story, a few tantalizing glimpses into the Billy/Claire saga and we get to catch up with Jess and Duane, Drew and Ashley and Jethro and Sienna. There's a lot happening in Cletus' life and it's a joy to watch.There was only one thing I was worried about going in to Beard Science: limp heroine. Cletus is a notorious scene stealer. Cletus could have a series strictly dedicated to his own thoughts and antics and I would be satisfied. I was sure that I would be disinterested in what ever was going on with his heroine, be annoyed that the whole book wasn't from his POV alone and completely unconvinced that he had a worthy woman. But guess what... my worries were totally unnecessary. JENNIFER IS AMAZING.If you thought Jennifer Sylvester was pathetic and insipid, then you were wrong. Heck, Cletus was wrong and Cletus is never wrong. Her aspirations might not be to become a Nobel Prize winning astrophysicist or to take The Food Network by storm, but she's smart, observant and has a sweetness and charity about her that you wouldn't expect given her situation.No one really sees Jennifer. No one really knows Jennifer.Cletus shows people only what he wants them to see.But when they are together, they see into each others hearts and find beauty and love that everyone else overlooks and dismisses.*Excuse me while I cry*

Now, I've liked or really liked both the predecessors but I thought this one was deeper somehow. Maybe it was the reality of Cletus' childhood. Maybe it was the flashbacks of his momma and grandmother. Maybe it was how much he loves his family or how much they love each other. Maybe it was the fact that he'll do anything in his power to protect his loved ones. Maybe it was Jenn turning slights into compliments, especially when those slights came from her own kin. Maybe it was

how they brought out the best in each other. Maybe it was the decision to not give up on some people even if they are wrong and the decision to distance oneself from people who are truly evil and wisdom to know the difference. I don't know. What I do know is they are well suited, perfectly suited even and that made me want to savor their story. So often I will latch onto one character and then find myself disappointed by their book, because I don't like the way they are portrayed or I don't like their intended or I'm generally unimpressed by their story. Not so with Beard Science. Cletus was everything I imagined and more. He's wicked smart; one of those people that's at least 4 or 5 moves ahead of everyone else. Some may even call him diabolical. Potato, potato. He's certainly not to be trifled with and that's precisely how I had envisioned him in my head. Being inside his head was just plain fun, but what I love most about him is how he talks. He's a bit of a Neanderthal but such a proper Southern gentleman about it that it's difficult to hold it against him. He's also exceedingly funny which I loved and was surprised by. Maybe he's a bit supercilious and he's certainly never wrong except that one time he fell in love with the Banana Cake Queen and that time he didn't listen to her. #truthingJenn a.k.a the Banana Cake Queen is just as well crafted and so likable. Sure, I wanted to hug her when people dismiss her as a simpleton and on more than one occasion I wanted to choke out her parents, but what I really loved about her was how strong she is. She has simple goals for her life but that does not make her a simpleton and I really loved that Reid made that distinction. She truly comes into her own with a nudge from Cletus and transforms herself from a wallflower into a steel magnolia over the course of this story. So, as I said they are perfectly suited. They stir each other up, surprise each other, make each other laugh and are the other's forever person. They're crazy about each other and their love and desire for each other was almost a visceral experience. This is a mega slow burn, because virgin. Which normally isn't my gig but I found myself not wanting it any other way. It's right for them and their sexy times are very sexy because of it. But my favoritest part was the presents. And the texting. And... GAH! All of it. As far as this series goes, it's quickly become one of my favorites. It's not lost on me that Reid has expertly constructed each one of these lovable, lumbersexual Winston brothers. She's given them and their paramours their own distinct voices as well as their own unique roads to finding their forever person. I find that to be a rarity particularly in a series. All too often it seems a trope is basically regurgitated with the names changed and well, boring. So I sputter out on the series and that is not the case thus far with this one. As a side note, Billy's book had better be epic. Really f***ing epic. Because all the things that happened in this one that involved he and Claire damn near had my face springing a leak! All this teasing and crumb dropping and making me wait til October 2018! WHY THE GOD DAMN HELL ARE THEY NOT TOGETHER?!?!?!? Stupid, stubborn asses. Anywho, epic book was

epic and all 2 of you who haven't read it yet should.

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