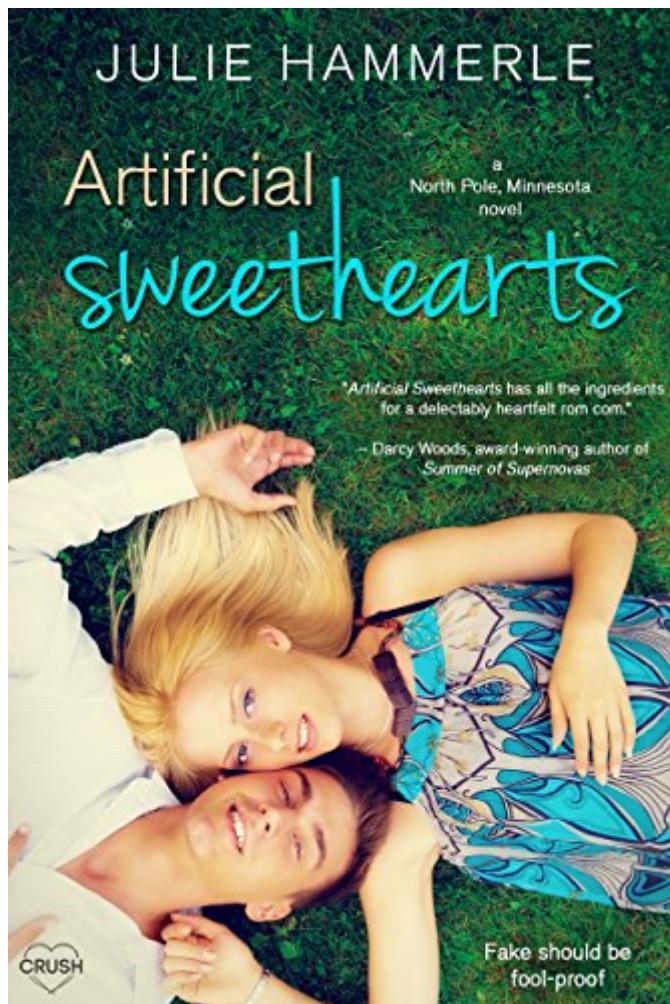


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# Artificial Sweethearts (North Pole, Minnesota)



## Synopsis

It's not chemistry between Tinka Foster and Sam Anderson that made them agree to fake date. With her parents trying to set her up with an annoying pro-track golf student, and intentionally single Sam's family pressuring him to bring a date to his brother's wedding, they could both use a drama-free summer. So it's not his muscular arms and quick wit that makes Tinka suggest they tell everyone they're both taken. Definitely not. And it's not butterflies that makes a kiss for appearances during the lake party go on way too long—so long that Sam wishes it were real. But Tinka keeps people at arm's length—she's always been second best, even to her parents. And her relationship-for-show could crush everything when she realizes she's done with fake, pretend, and second-best. Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book contains bikinis at the lake, a lot of making out in dark theaters, and a meet-cute you'll read twice.

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## Customer Reviews

Sam is getting ready to go to college and his family put him to take care of the preparations for his

brother's wedding. Sam is a gentle, educated, extremely responsible young man who has low self-esteem, a true prince who does not realize his value. Because he does not think he's cute and thinks he's too nerd about his passion for movies, he has a hard time getting close to the girls. Extremely romantic does not want to succumb to the pressure of the family to get a girl to go with him to the wedding, but he sees no way out. Tinka, after a situation of the past, assumes the responsibility of always making the parents happy following the rules and tastes imposed by them. She has a big surprise to see her parents on her summer vacation and is not understanding what happened to them. She returns to a house that he does not recognize, with roommate Jane who has a very different image of the friend in school, because when going to boarding school, Tinka decides to rebel a little and do things that always prohibited to do. Which ends up generating unexpected consequences for her. With an addictive script, the writer arrested me with a well-constructed plot showing how important the dialogue is and not trying to please everyone besides using an improbable romance between a beautiful and strong girl and a dreamy and passionate boy. I loved the young characters and Sam's family too much, but I got so angry with Tinka's family that it was selfish and ended up isolating the girl from the decisions of the family and the care and responsibilities of father and mother. I loved Sam and his passion for movies. I loved Tinka and her passion for cooking. I loved the fake romance and the way the couple slowly get to know each other and open up with each other. I loved the point of conflict and the villains and almost villains of the book. I loved the cover and the title. I loved the outcome very much and how everything was resolved in the best way possible. I did not know this writer and I became a fan of her, I already want all her books. 6/5 stars. Kisses, Myl

Artificial Sweethearts is the second book set in the town of North Pole, MN. This story was just as good as the first, maybe even better. Tinka, short for Christina, and Sam fake a relationship to escape family pressure to date people they aren't interested in. Sam is the big, happy, goofball, film geek. Tinka is the reformed bad friend trying to be less selfish. Though their relationship starts out fake, they both develop real feeling but neither is willing to admit it out of fear. This is a pretty common premise but the details of this story set it apart from every other "fake-relationship-turns-real" story. The details that Julie Hammerle put into her characters that made them a little extra round, relatable, and funny also made them easier to love and care about. The details she put into the setting activated the imagination and made it all more fun to visualize. And the details she put into the story made it hard to put down despite being super tired and the clock showing an embarrassingly late(or rather early) time. My only unfulfilled wish was to be able to

read the part when Tinka discovered what was so special about Sam calling her Diane Court to his Lloyd Dobler. However, the reference alone was enough to make me happy. I loved this book and totally recommend it.

I adore Julie Hammerle's sense of humor. All three of her books have been funny and heartfelt and genuine. Fantastic fake relationship story of a girl who's new in town and struggling with female friendships and a guy who is beloved around town for always being happy (and who's somehow gotten stuck with a million tasks related to his brother's upcoming wedding). This book is perfect for anyone looking for a smile related to movies, golf, Christmas in July, or small/quirky towns.

I'm becoming Julie Hammerle's biggest fan! I love this follow up to Any Boy But You. I love that I already feel like I know my way around North Pole, MN and it's a treat to see characters show up incidentally when I know their whole backstory. The pop culture references are current and fun. It's an easy and fun read.

Quick, cute and easy. Just what I needed after planning my own wedding. The writer did a good job at building up the tension and the building a believable relationship between the main characters.

Artificial Sweethearts is a charming return to North Pole, Minnesota, and a worthy follow-up to Any Boy But You. I appreciated that Hammerle used a similar (and amusing) setting, but focused largely on different characters than Any Boy But You. I found it light, witty, and imminent readable. It had enough twists and turns to keep the action moving and the pages turning. I'm already looking forward to the third installment in the series.

This fun and sweet story about accidental sweethearts appealed to my inner teenager. The characters are well-developed, some with tragic back stories, and the plot is interesting and moves quickly. Sam and Tinka are charming, and have enough quirks to be believable characters. There is a positive message about following your dreams and being true to yourself. It's an enjoyable and charming read.

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