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Or not. Events seem to be conspiring against Samantha, and her mother's attempts to help aren't helping. To make matters worse, the fate of her company is in the hands of her archenemy, Blake Preston, the bank manager with the football-hero good looks. It's enough to drive her to chocolate. But Blake's also enough to convince her that (believe it or not) there's something even better than chocolate.

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## **Editorial Review**

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Roberts' (The Snow Globe, 2010) sweet, romantic tale features a chocolate company facing bankruptcy after several generations of family ownership. Samantha is trying to save it, but the new bank owner, Blake, refuses to grant them any more time on their loan. She and her sisters develop a chocolate festival for the small town to provide needed tourism and revenue. The most popular event features a Mr. Dreamy contest. Samantha tries to pull off the fast-approaching festival in spite of a closed road, red tape, and harassing creditors. She also tries to deny her attraction to Blake. In an interesting and realistic story line, her mother is trying to rally after the death of her husband, who had poor business sense. This is an engrossing story with strong characters and arcs similar to Debbie Macomber's Cedar Cove titles. The light romance, delicious descriptions of chocolate, and recipes add to the flavor of Roberts' promising new series. --Amy Alessio

Review

"Within minutes of cracking open the book, my mood was lifted...The warm, glowing feeling it gave me lasted for days."

-First for Women on The Snow Globe

"Will doubtless warm more than a few hearts."

-Publishers Weekly on Angel Lane

"Most fiction lovers will enjoy this feel-good approach to today's uncertainties."

-Booklist on Small Change

"Realistic characters populate the pages of this captivating story, which is a great escape from the holiday hustle and bustle."

-RT Book Reviews on On Strike for Christmas

"An uplifting, charming, feel-good story from the author of Bikini Season (2008)."

-Booklist on Angel Lane

"Roberts's book of small-town life is as sweet as ginger cookies and as homey as raisin pie (recipes included). Readers will laugh and cry with the women lovingly portrayed in this heartwarming story that explores the joys of friendship and the power of good deeds."

-RT Book Reviews on Angel Lane

"Homing in on issues many readers can identify with, Roberts's women search for practical solutions to a common challenge with humor and froth."

-Publishers Weekly on Small Change

"A congenial cast of subsidiary characters...meet Hope at a community garden plot and share their stories there. Roberts effectively knits these troubled but kindly characters together in a story line that throws the reader a few unexpected twists."

-The Seattle Times on Love in Bloom

"Love in Bloom is a wonderful story with characters so real and defined I feel like I am personally acquainted with them...There is humor and emotion in large quantities in this fantastic book that is next to

impossible to put down. Kudos and a large bouquet of flowers to Sheila Roberts for giving us one of the best books of the year." -Fresh Fiction

#### About the Author

Sheila Roberts lives on a lake in the Pacific Northwest. Her novels have been published in several languages. Her book, *Angel Lane*, was an Amazon Top Ten Romance pick for 2009. Her holiday perennial, *On Strike for Christmas*, was made into a movie for the Lifetime Movie Network and her novel, *The Nine Lives of Christmas*, was made into a movie for Hallmark . You can visit Sheila on Twitter and Facebook or at her website (<http://www.sheilasplace.com>).

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