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In this diverting contemporary romance from Mallery (*Someone Like You*), wedding cake designer Gracie Landon was shipped off at age 14 to live with relatives when her obsessive crush on 18-year-old Riley Whitefield became a local media item and an embarrassment to her family. Now, 14 years later, she's back in Los Lobos, Calif., to create a cake for her younger sister's wedding while aching to be part of the family that turned her out. Her mother is as unloving and judgmental as ever, and both her sisters are self-absorbed drama queens. Despite her family's selfish demands, Gracie, with all her eagerness to please, bends over backwards to accommodate their requests; sister Vivian demands a fabulous wedding cake that will take weeks of preparation, while sister Alexis insists that Gracie trail her husband, Zeke, whom she believes is having an affair. Since Zeke is Riley's campaign manager in his race for mayor of Los Lobos, prowling around Riley's house seems the right place for Gracie to start, but her snooping only puts her and Riley on the front page of the local press. While dirty politics, a vengeful ex-wife and a lot of backstory drama plump up the story line, some readers may find themselves wishing for a heroine who's less of a doormat.

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Gracie Landon became a legend at age 14 when her longing for 18-year-old Riley Whitefield turned her into a stalker. Everyone in Los Lobos remembers the tales of Gracie's exploits, including the time she nailed Riley's girlfriend's door shut so she couldn't go out with him. The newspaper even carried "The Gracie Chronicles." Now Gracie is a celebrity wedding cake designer. Her sister is getting married, and Gracie is back in town for the first time since her youthful indiscretions. Riley just so happens to be running for mayor, and Gracie's brother-in-law, Zeke, is his campaign manager. When Gracie's sister suspects that Zeke is having an affair, Gracie tries to trail him. Unfortunately, Riley catches Gracie sleuthing, and since he, too, has a vested interest in Zeke's reputation, he joins her. More than a romance, Mallery has crafted a fine tale of small-town life, family relationships, and forgiveness. At times funny, at times bittersweet, this story will appeal to a broad spectrum of readers. *Shelley Mosley*

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Review

"Mallery's wit and wisdom is pitch-perfect as usual." -RT Book Reviews on Falling for Gracie (Top Pick! 4 1/2 stars)

"Susan Mallery never disappoints, and with *Daughters of the Bride* she is at her storytelling best." -Debbie Macomber, #1 New York Times bestselling author

"Heartfelt, funny, and utterly charming all the way through!" -Susan Elizabeth Phillips, New York Times bestselling author, on Daughters of the Bride

"Mallery spins such an appealing town in Fool's Gold that readers will want to move in, or at least return for many visits.... This expertly characterized tale has heart and soul." -Publishers Weekly on Best of My Love

"This insightful, laughter-laced story fairly crackles with sexual tension and has a lot to say about friendship, love, and relationships. Heartwarming and memorable." -Library Journal on Best of My Love

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