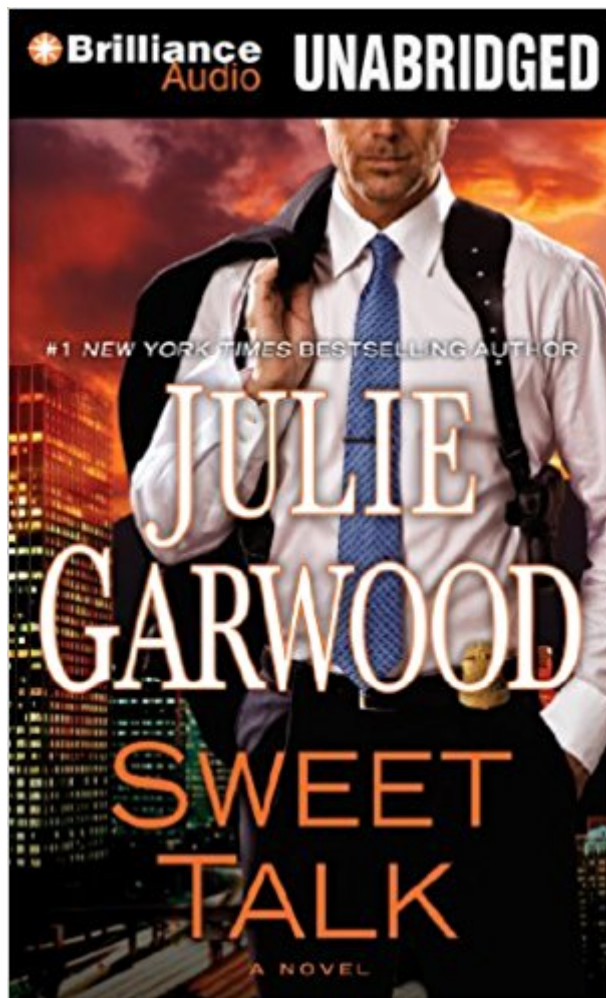




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# Sweet Talk



## Synopsis

When FBI agent Grayson Kincaid first encounters Olivia MacKenzie, she makes quite an impression. The beautiful, tough young attorney has stumbled into the middle of an FBI sting operation and reduced it to chaos. Months of surveillance and careful planning down the drain, Kincaid's partner is furious and lets Olivia know that she's ticked off the wrong guy. After all, he's FBI. But Olivia isn't intimidated by his partner's bullying because she's something even scarier—she's IRS. And working for the IRS is no picnic. She's on the trail of an elaborate Ponzi scheme, one that threatens to ruin the lives of naive and unsuspecting victims, and one she has personal reasons to be angry about. But after she asks the wrong people questions, her life is suddenly endangered. She's accustomed to looking out for others who are weak, but being vulnerable herself makes her realize she needs help. In desperation, she calls Grayson Kincaid. Together they join forces to fight corruption, but Olivia is also fighting the immediate and intense attraction she feels for Agent Kincaid, and that may be a battle she is bound to lose.

As always, Ms. Garwood creates engaging characters who come alive page after page. The banter and interaction between Ellie and Max is beyond charming. Ellie is a spirited and strong heroine, and Max is charming in a stoic, gruff sort of way.

• "New York Journal of Books on The Ideal Man

• Julie Garwood creates masterpieces every time she writes a book. Indeed, she is the Rembrandt of romance novels.

• "The Kansas City Star

• Julie Garwood has become a trusted brand name in romantic fiction.

• "People's [Garwood's] timely subjects set against a timeless background that attract so many modern readers.

• "USA Today

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Julie Garwood is among the most critically acclaimed and popular romance authors around, with thirty-six million copies of her books in print. She is the author of numerous New York Times bestsellers, including *The Ideal Man*, *Sizzle*, *Fire and Ice*, *Shadow Music*, *Shadow Dance*, and *Slow Burn*. She lives near Kansas City.

First, the positive: The heroine and her friends are cancer survivors; not your usual "female needs rescuing" women either. These women are strong, successful, and can stand on their own, thank you very much! Second: While the developing romance is fun; there is a lot more going on, and it's a little different too. It's not every daughter who is determined to see her father sent to prison, but that is exactly what Olivia plans to do. Third: Olivia works for the IRS. That makes her a real threat to some extremely ruthless people; including her own father and some of her other relatives. Negatives: Like many of Ms. Garwood's heroines, Olivia seems a little too perfect. I can get past that when I really like the character anyway, and I do. Two: I would have liked the pips to play a bigger part in the story, but that isn't really a negative; just a personal desire for more interaction between them as grown ups. Three: I would have enjoyed Collins and Samantha being more fleshed out, as adults. They were two dimensional; Collins; wanting to join the FBI, and Samantha wanting to be/then being a pilot. Except for Olivia being too perfect, my negatives are pretty much picking nits. I enjoyed the story from start to finish. As a matter of fact, this is the third, or maybe the fourth time I've read it. It probably won't be the last. It's not her best book; but it's a keeper!

I've read a couple of old Julie Garwood historical romances before and while I don't remember too much about them, my impression was that they were decent. Not so for this contemporary novel. I read the sample and thought the premise was interesting. Boy was I wrong. The plot started well enough with the heroine trying to find evidence that one of her relatives is running a massive Ponzi scheme while serving as a lawyer with the IRS. She had an accidental

run-in with the FBI and met the hero. The plot more or less stalled from that point on. The writing is stilted and pedantic and degenerated after the mid-point to just plain silliness. The author spends an enormous amount of time detailing furnishings of different places and the clothing worn by the various characters. Much of the time, these long-winded descriptions don't seem relevant other than as filler material. The romance between the MCs progresses in fits and stops and there never seems to be much beyond sex. The unraveling of the mystery part of the plot is very slow and I couldn't wait to get to the finish line. The subplot with the hero's nephew seems unnecessary and adds irrelevant drama. Also, Princeton University Law School, which the hero supposedly went to, does not exist.

\*Bestselling author Julie Garwood outdid herself with this outstanding series in book 10 of the Buchanan thrillers..Although this is book 10 out of a 12 series each and every one of them are must reads!.....Unaware of being observed by the FBI, Attorney Olivia MacKenzie is trying to interview a crooked CEO in hopes of bringing him down for her own personal reasons but when he suddenly attacks her in the restaurant, she finds herself surrounded by the FBI. What just happened and why? As he watched from a nearby table, special agent Grayson Kincaid was not only impressed by the sexy young beauty but he found himself instantly attracted to her only agitating more when this woman landed right in the middle of his sting operation. When he saw her get manhandled right in front of his eyes, he also felt a deep need of protectiveness for her when all he wanted to do in that very moment was strangle the guy but after having this suspect under surveillance for so long that idea was out of the question. Instead, he found himself asking Olivia MacKenzie out for lunch, to learn everything about her but when he mentioned goals, she not only was evasive but nervous as hell. Why? After sharing a passionate kiss at her door only promising to call her, Olivia found herself livid that he hadn't bothered or even heard from him in two months time, but as much as she tried to forget that damn kiss, she also knew that she had bigger fish to fry. Working for the IRS and being an attorney, she vowed to take her father down for scamming a lot of innocent people robbing their life savings but one promise she made and her one true goal, a goal she could see her father put in prison if it was the last thing she ever did. There hasn't been a day that Grayson ever forgot about Olivia or that molting kiss they shared but ever since his nephew moved in with him two months earlier, he was finding it harder to pick up the phone to call her but all that was about to change when a certain news bulletin appeared on the television narrating the shooting of one Olivia MacKenzie. Like a flash, he was at her bedside at the hospital refusing to leave her, and vowing to find out who the perpetrator was. Was it her father? His

suspect? Did she have enemies? Relieved to see him but annoyed at the same time, Olivia knew without a doubt that she had fallen in love but believing he didn't feel the same way about her, making it even more easier when they both agreed to keep their distance, focus on the problem at hand, and solve the case but as good as their intentions were, the sizzle and passion broke free causing them both to entwine in having a passionate love affair. As more attempts are made on Olivia's life with all kinds of enemies in their midst, Grayson finally knew what he wanted and with who and this time with all of the sweet talk said and done if he doesn't protect her with his life, he may never get chance to tell her how he truly feels while a twisted killer intends on making Olivia his next target before the night is over!.....great thriller....I loved it!.....thank you.....

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