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The Sassy Belles are back

and this time, wedding bells are ringing!

Seven months pregnant and head over heels in love, Vivi Ann McFadden is busy pulling together the final details for her wedding to Lewis Heart, famous play-by-play announcer for the Crimson Tide. But with two wedding-planners-gone-wild, a psychic giving her advice, and the ceremony happening on the same day as the wildly popular Crimson Tide kickoff game, chaos reigns supreme. Luckily, maid of honor Blake O'Hara Heart is on the job. She'll tackle this wedding if it's the last thing she does!

But not everyone is cheering for the happy couple. News of the upcoming nuptials has brought Lewis's old flame back to Tuscaloosa and she's got a secret that could mean the end of Lewis's marriage before it even begins.

Sexy Southern funwith a hint of magnolia!

## **Wedding Belles Details**

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## From Reader Review Wedding Belles for online ebook

### Chelsey Wolford says

Vivi and Blake are at it again! This is the second book in what I believe is called The Sassy Belles series. Vivi is seven months pregnant and trying her best to plan her wedding to Lewis Heart, the famous announcer for the Crimson Tide. Vivi has her best friend and maid of honor Blake O'Hara Heart to help though, and the two of them are sure to get into some trouble along the way. However, these two Southern belles have no idea what kind of trouble is headed their way. Lewis's old lover is back in town and she is carrying a secret that could end the wedding before it even has a chance to start!

I am all about Southern charm and grace! I'm a Southern belle myself, you know. Vivi and Blake have me on my wit's end at times because of the messes they get themselves into, but they sure do have the charm that comes along with any refined Southern woman. Beth Albright, the author, really sells the relationship between Vivi and Blake. They are two very realistic characters who have landed in a bit of a mess. The situations are sometimes crazy and the dialogue is always humorous!

Anything with a wedding and a cast of lunatic characters and you can count me in! Not to mention Albright does a wonderful job of setting up a sizzling, hot Southern setting. Alabama is not a place that I read about often in books, and having the groom-to-be be affiliated with the Crimson Tide only spiced things up more, especially when his ex-lover comes to town. I laughed out loud at times, and thought that Vivi and Blake would be great stars in a new comedy film!

\*\*\*A copy of this book was provided to me by the publishers at Harlequin Mira in exchange for my honest review\*\*\*

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### Helen Barlow says

Originally published on my blog My Novel Opinion

I received an electronic copy of this book free of charge from Netgalley in exchange for my honest opinion.

WEDDING BELLES is the second in a series focused on the life and friends of Blake O'Hara Heart.

WEDDING BELLES picks up a couple of months after THE SASSY BELLES. Vivi is 5 months pregnant and in the midst of planning her upcoming wedding to the Crimson Tides play by play announcer and new owner of the WCTR radio station, Lewis Heart.

While helping to plan Vivi's dream wedding, Blake is trying to hide the fact that her marriage has fallen apart, by playing the perfect wife to Harry as he runs for Senator. Blake is trying her best to hide the blossoming romance with Sonny to protect Harry from any bad tabloids, but Harry isn't holding up his end of the bargain and soon gets caught in a compromising position!

The fun really starts when Vivi and Lewis head over to the courthouse to finalize their wedding licence. Here they find out that Lewis's "fake" marriage back in college, may not be as fake as he and his "wife" thought.

And when Blake discovers a connection with a murder case she is working on, Vivi and Lewis are put in danger.

The escapades of Lewis, Blake and Vivi are a riot! The wedding planners hired by Blake are hilarious and have some of the craziest ideas I've ever heard of!

While reading WEDDING BELLES, I laughed and teared up all within a few pages. I loved every moment, and didn't want it to end. I'm so glad that the Sassy Belles story continues with another installment.

And my favorite part of the whole book? The recipes included at the end. I'm yet to try them out but they sound delicious!

When I read THE SASSY BELLES a couple of months ago, I loved everything about it and couldn't wait to dig further into the lives of Blake and Vivi!

WEDDING BELLES lived up to my expectations and now I look forward to the third installment coming in September SLEIGH BELLES.

I would highly recommend WEDDING BELLES if you are looking for a light, fun read with a hint of southern charm. Blake and Vivi's characters are bubbly and adorable and there wasn't anything in this book not to love!

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### **Paula Phillips says**

The Sassy Belles are back and yes, readers I have found myself once again reading this series out of order by going Books #1 , 3 and then #2. In Wedding Belles , we see it time for the tying the knot of Vivi and Lewis Heart - lovers for the past 13 years , these two have had a hold on each other and now with Vivi pregnant with Baby Heart -it's finally time to settle down and do things properly. Things are going to plan until Vivi makes a trip to the local psychic who tells her that she has to be wary of another woman who has her man's heart. Normally, you can just shrug off what psychics say - but this town's psychic seems to be always pretty bang on and as it turns out thirteen years ago at a frat party - at what seemed like a prank at the time happens to be real and Lewis married a girl. To make matters worse, it seems the woman in question is back in town and she doesn't seem to give up what should as she quotes "be rightfully hers". Can Vivi keep a hold of her husband to be or will she have to play second fiddle to his "wife" ? Harry and Blake Heart are still for Harry's sake playing the happily married and supportive couple , though they have separated and Blake is seeing her high school sweetheart Sonny. How long can Harry and Blake keep up appearances especially with news reporter and Blake's arch-nemesis Dallas hanging around for a scoop ?

Like the first and last book, Wedding Belles is the perfect read for those who loved the TV Show Hart of Dixie with Zoe Hart and Lemon Breeland.

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### **Ashley Drumm says**

What a cute book. Had me giggling from beginning to end. All about love, friendships, and family with a lil drama but having fun too.. I definitely recommend this book

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### **Ann says**

What a great reunion with Vivi and Lewis. Their wedding is the talk of the town and everyone is giving an idea and an opinion on how everything should go. Of course the baby being due right after the wedding complicates matters just a tad. Looks like we will return for number 3 with Blake and Sonny's story.

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### **Harlequin Books says**

"TOP PICK! The Sassy Belles are back and sassier than ever! These steel magnolias show us just what it's really like living as a Southern belle in a cradle-to-grave football town. With clever dialogue and richly drawn characters, Albright shows once again she's a natural-born storyteller, who knows how to pen a charming tale. Regardless of game-day colors worn, this sexy and fun Southern series will have readers coming back for more!" RT Book Reviews, rated 4 1/2 stars

Sassy Belles, book 2

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### **Samantha March says**

I received a copy of Wedding Belles by Beth Albright in exchange for an honest review.

Even though I knew this would be the first book I was reading in the series, I still couldn't pass it up. I mean a book about a wedding – definitely right up my alley! I also seem to be obsessed with the South lately, so I knew reading about the Southern Belles would put me in a good mood. I could tell I was missing puzzle pieces along the way, but Albright did a good job of glossing over need-to-know tidbits so I wasn't totally in the dark about the characters and their situations. I loved all the wedding planning details and the Crimson Tide wedding that was pulled off (seriously so fun to read about all the tradition!) and I enjoyed the cliffhanger that we get when it came to Blake and her unique husband/boyfriend situation. I really hope I can snag the next book because I will want to see how her story continues!

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### **Sharon Redfern says**

They're baaaccckk-the wacky duo from "Sassy Belles" Blake O'Hara Heart and Vivi Ann Macfadden, return in another book about life in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Being a New England girl, I love reading books about life in the South. Blake and Vivi have found love in their lives and Vivi is getting ready to marry her man, Lewis, when they discover he has been legally married to a stripper he pretends married in college. Vivi is pregnant so a delay in the nuptials is not an option and Blake, along with her lover Sonny, end up as part of an investigation into the background of Lewis's long forgotten "wife". Sonny is the head of the local law enforcement and he and Blake reconnected in the previous book. Blake is technically still married to local politician Harry Heart but only until the election is over as their marriage is dead in the water.

I really enjoyed the machinations that Blake and Vivi went through to get Vivi and Lewis to the altar. The wedding planning with the Fru Fru boys was hysterical and the villainess Dallas Dubois also makes a return appearance. Blake and Sonny are a great couple with a lot of heat between them. Vivi and Lewis are just too cute together and the events leading up to the wedding give a perfect look at what their lives will be like together.

This is a really good summer read. I would recommend reading Sassy Belles first if possible because it fills in a lot of the history between all of the players. The third book in the series "Sleigh Belles" is due in September. If it is anything like the first two books it should be a fun book to read

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### **Susan says**

Taken from my blog, Alabama Letters:

I really love it when an author manages to write a sequel that is even better than the first novel in the series, and that is exactly what Beth Albright has done with Wedding Belles, the second book in the Sassy Belle's trilogy (to read the review of The Sassy Belles click [HERE](#)). I intended to write this post a couple of weeks ago. I met up with Beth Albright at the Romance Writers of America national conference in Atlanta in mid-July, and I was so excited to receive a copy of Wedding Belles! I wanted to get a review out in time for the release, but life got in the way! I finally had a chance to read it this weekend, and I really enjoyed it.

In Wedding Belles, we meet up with the same great characters from The Sassy Belles. In that book, Blake and husband Harry split up (well, for all intents and purposes!), Blake rekindled an old romance with town cop Sonny, Vivi found out lover Lewis wasn't dead, and much Dreamland BBQ sauce was shared by all involved. In this book, Albright picks up where she left off. Blake is tentatively dipping her feet into a relationship with Sonny--but will it work out? Vivi, five months pregnant with Lewis's child, is planning her wedding--but will a psychic's message about another woman in the picture prove true? And Dallas...well, Dallas is up to her usual shenanigans! (And, PS, I really want to see more of her in book 3!)

The book is just a lot of fun! We still get to experience the setting of Tuscaloosa, but I liked it much better in this book. The fever of the fall football season really comes through towards the end of the book, which is something I loved reading about! Also, I thought that the writing in this book was notably tighter than in the first novel. I really saw this come to pass in Blake's development as a character. I liked her in the first book, but I also like to see her struggle a little bit with her feelings. Overall, this book was a perfect sequel to The Sassy Belles!

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### **Sharon Chance says**

Beth Albright once again brings the sass and the class Southern style in this charming, fast-paced story which is the sequel to her debut novel, THE SASSY BELLES.

Albright populates her story with a cast of quirky and personable characters that anyone would want to friends with. I really enjoyed the close friendship of Blake O'Hara Heart and her BBF Vivi McFadden - they are the kind of gals who stick together through thick and thin, and get into the most incredible situation - kind of reminds me of a certain wacky red-head and her side-kick buddy!

And I loved that "Wedding Belles" is set in Albright's hometown of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She captures the essence of the town and it's down- home, college town atmosphere perfectly and since we were just there a few weeks ago on vacation it was fun picking out the local landmarks and settings that she uses!

If you enjoy Southern fiction with a generous dose of humor and high spirits, then WEDDING BELLES will be a genuine delight.

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### **Gwen Bentley says**

I had not read anything by this author before, but she came highly recommended by a friend who knows my reading tastes well. The story is a fast-paced, fun read. I actually listened to the audio book through audible.com. I felt the narrator did a great job capturing the warmth of the southern drawl, without overdoing it. I am from Alabama and lived in Tuscaloosa, AL--the book's main setting--for many years. So often authors make southern folks sound like there are no schools south of the Mason Dixon Line! I appreciate the humor of the book. I loved the references to big hair & aqua net hairspray, Alabama Football, Coach Bear Bryant, southern BBQ and orange pineapple ice cream! I also appreciate the author's portrayal of intelligent, funny, classy southern women! I am looking forward to seeing the author's other books on audible.com...soon, I hope! Well done and ROLL TIDE, Ms. Albright!

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### **karmaforlifechick says**

I loved this book! This is the second book in the Belles series... Vivi is finally getting married to her prince charming Lewis Heart and she and her best friend Blake O'Hara are fixin' for the wedding of the century! They've got amazing event planners to work with and family and friends helping them. All the characters were a hoot, even Dallas who could be annoying to some. There was so much support and family and in spite of everything going on, my heart was filled with joy and excitement. I was rooting for Vivi and Lewis from the get go... It was filled with Southern charm and love. I can't wait to start reading Sleigh Belles...

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### **Ian says**

Seven months pregnant, Vivi Ann is determined to be married before the baby arrives. But when a psychic announces there is another woman things go a little haywire. A black widow, insane wedding planners, a soon to be ex-husband who has moved on and a nosy reporter who is determined to uncover the story. *Wedding Belles* takes us back to Alabama and the sassy belles who manage to get themselves into trouble but somehow always land on their feet.

Nothing new. Nothing original. To be honest the story has a narrative on the level of your computer's screen saver, but I don't care. It's great fun.

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## **Paula Ratcliffe says**

Vivi McFadden is getting ready to get married and have her first baby with her fiance Lewis Heart, but what she doesn't know is that he's already married. Part of some hazing in college he got roped into a "fake wedding" but what he doesn't realize is how real it was.

Also Blake O'Hara who's all but divorced her no good jerk husband except he's running for office and now she has to play the happy wife who isn't stepping out on her no good jerk of a husband with Sonny a chief homicide detective. A man she loved since she was a young belle.

Also while all this is going on Blake is also working on a murder case of her client's family of Walter Aaron's who are fighting with insurance company to get his death benefits. Which opens all sorts of issues as to who would want to kill him? Or why he got a secret marriage all of the sudden and then died. And who is the mysterious bride Mrs. Tamlyn H. Hartman Aaron?

This book was so much fun I felt like I was reading similar books I've read by Sherryl Woods her magnolia series, I would definitely put this book in with those. I love southern women stories, they have such character, dedication and lots of love to share! Definitely my new go to author for southern books and fun characters! Can't wait to see what happens next!

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## **Susan says**

### **Wedding Belles**

Oh how I loved this book! WEDDING BELLES by Beth Albright was like revisiting old friends. I love Vivi and Blake and all the trouble they seem to find. Sonny is absolutely perfect and Harry is the same jerk as he was in The sassy Belles, the first book in this series. I was immediately caught up in all of Blake and Vivi's antics and troubles. Vivi is seven months pregnant and determined to marry Lewis before she gives birth to their daughter. As you are reading this book you keep thinking there is no way that is going to happen short of a miracle.

I really enjoyed revisiting the crazy characters from Tuscaloosa. I can't wait for the next book. This is a very light read that will have you laughing out loud and you quickly turn the pages to see what happens to Vivi and Blake next. Five stars all the way for me!

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