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At twenty-six, Seattle-based chef Kate Linden still has the urge to dye her hair blue and learn to play electric bass. But when she's abruptly fired from the city's hottest restaurant, and her ex-boyfriend, Gaston, announces he's getting married to a woman he's only recently met, Kate feels life's opportunities slipping away. Suddenly she's convinced that Gaston may be her last chance at a happy walk down the aisle. So she cooks up a scheme so grand her ex will be eating out of her hands in no time...

It's the perfect recipe for happiness. Until some unexpected ingredients fall into the pot-including a man she'd rather be cooking for.

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Phee Sunantarod says

Pretty good!! Better than I have expected. Well, I bought it like 75% off so, I haven't think much while read it. Even though, i found, it's no climax but, Surprisingly, it's enjoyable the whole book.

Neelz says

Chef Kate schemes to win back the boyfriend she dumped when she learns he's marrying someone else. A fun read, very French Kiss-esque.

Eli says

It took a few chapters for me to actually get into the book, but I did end up liking it.

Kathryn says

I devoured this book. Much like the movie "My best friends wedding" and pretty predictable. Still I loved it and didn't want to put it down. Fun, Fast read.

Christine says

Better than I expected. I thought based on the begining that it would be very typical and predicable but I was pleasantly surprised.

Alex says

Everyone knows my love for seattle and cooking, so I read this during that phase. Added bonus is there are recipes at the end of the book!

Karen says

I admit that I first got this book it fit the "V" for the Alphabet Soup challenge. The reviews were hit-or-miss on it but that didn't much matter to me because people like different things and I loved this! A couple of chapters in I couldn't help but think what a perfect Hallmark Channel movie this would make. You know, the feel-good with humor and romance where everything is so flipping obvious from the get-go but you still

have to watch it just to see how it all plays out? Yep someone from Hallmark needs to contact Susan Volland and offer to buy the books. I've even started to cast it in my head (of course, with other Hallmark movie staples since they seem to use much of the same cast over and over). I keep trying to think if there was anything that I didn't like about this and honestly can't come up with a single thing. Yes, it was obvious how things were going to turn out to some degree but that doesn't bother me. I spend practically every weekend devouring Hallmark Channel flicks, after all. What DOES bother me is that Susan only seems to have written two novels before returning to her own cooking focus. (The woman is an absolute genius when it comes to sauces!)

J.H. Moncrieff says

Really enjoyable tale about a young female chef trying to figure out her path in life, both relationship and career wise. In spite of the title, it wasn't solely about trying to find/hold on to a man, which was a nice change.

It swipes quite a bit of the plot from the movie "My Best Friend's Wedding" and the love match is predictable as hell, even a bit nauseating at times, but if not for that, I would have given it five stars. It's relatable and fun and well written, one of the few books I've read in the last year that I'll be keeping.

I'll be checking out the author's other books.

Abby says

This book ah a toatally silly plot. A chef finds out her ex boyfriend is getting married and is determined to win him back ignoring the wonderful man right in front of her. WAY more vapid than the chick lit I usually read.

BUT the author is a trained chef and her descriptions of the food and cooking, and the bunch of recipes in the back of the book made it much more enjoyable than I expected.

Melissa says

Seattle sous-chef Kate Linden is shocked to hear that her longtime (now ex) boyfriend, Gaston, is engaged to another woman. He spent many years trying to get Kate to marry him, but she just didn't feel he was the right man for her. Plus, Kate is practically married to her job, and she's good at it. Yet Gaston's announcement hits her hard, and she can't seem to get past the regrets. Kate wonders if he just might be the right one for her after all. This realization starts Kate on a quest to win Gaston back.

Just as her re-invention plan begins to take shape, Kate loses her job. Reeling from this huge hole in her identity, she takes it as a sign that maybe she needs a "normal" career, one that will leave her time to pursue relationships, good grooming, and sleep. Through a twist of fate, Gaston gets her a job with his company, and it looks like things are falling into place so Kate will have the man of her dreams again. Or is he truly

what she wants?

Cooking for Mr. Right has all of the elements for an ideal book for foodie chick-lit lovers. Kate is wishy-washy with her love life. She doesn't want Gaston when she has him, but when he gets engaged to someone else, suddenly she wants him again. At twenty-six, she's understandably going through some questioning of the choices she has made and is making. Is she in the right career? What if Gaston was her only chance at true love? Kate's realistic move to maturity is both refreshing and inspiring.

The food references are mouth-wateringly described, and fortunately, the author provides recipes in the back of the book. Some of the recipes are ones I never would have tried had they not been delectably included in the plot of Cooking for Mr. Right. Couple the romance with food, add a sprinkle of humor and a dash of originality, and you have a combination that will leave you feeling satisfied.

Susan Gillespie says

Again typical girl trying to find the perfect guy/life/job blah blah blah.

I did like it because on her way to finding all of that she finds herself. The main character is a cook and the book gives a few recipes in the back I'd be willing to try. It was a cute book, a little on the predictable side but it does throw you for a couple little loops.

I read some other reviews about how the main character was shallow but I personally found her like any other 26 year old. Being 25 myself I can see that yeah she is shallow but it's something I probably would do myself without noticing it. So that made it real to me.

Kristal says

Kate Linden loves to cook. And she is the sous-chef at a up & coming restaurant, Sound Bistro. But when tempers flare between her & the head chef, Kate finds herself out of a job. And just when she has taken on the role of trying to win back her old boyfriend and making him see that he should marry her and not the elementary school teacher who can only cook tuna casserole!

This is a fun story filled with lots of laughs and even more wonderful foods. If you love to cook & love a good ending, you'll eat this book up!

Arline says

Light fun reading.

Jessica Haider says

First off, a little background info...thanks to GoodReads and my obsessive-compulsive need to rate every book I've read and list every book that I own but have not read yet, I realized I had 125+ books that I need to read. Such a chore, right?

Well, I set a goal for myself at the beginning of the summer that I would try to make a good dent in that number by reading all the chick-lit and/or trashy/puff/brain-candy books that I had sitting on my to-read shelf.

It was all fun and quick reading, until about 2 weeks ago, my brain rotted from ingesting all that brain candy. I started to yearn for more literary reads...but I HAD to keep marching towards my goal.

"Cooking for Mr. Right" by Susan Volland had the honor of being the final book on my shelf that I needed to read to reach the goal. It was a pretty quick read and I read it in about 2 days. "Cooking for Mr. Right" is a chick lit novel whose main character is Kate, a 20-something chef living in Seattle. She's recently broken up with her boyfriend Gaston and is not happy with her job at a local restaurant.

I give it about 3.75 out of 5 stars. It was a fun summer read and I enjoyed that it was also about food & cooking. I subtracted a quarter point because I just felt the storyline was a bit too much of a chick lit cliche: girl is convinced Guy 1 is the man for her, she meets guy 2 who she thinks is sub par... as time goes on she thinks maybe she is going after the wrong guy...etc.etc... The last 10 or so pages of the book contain recipes that the main character cooked in the story. I may try a few of them out soon.

Shana says

Isn't this what we'd all want? Kate leaves her hire powered job, resolves to trap the guy she's rejected twice, but now is her "perfect" man, ends up not with him, but with a much better candidate, plus finds her true calling in life, which actually makes more money! Kate is a chef, so it's an enjoyable romp with food.

While predictable, it was a nice read. I enjoyed the character development and watching Kate finally get where we knew she'd end up all along....
