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After years of watching couples come to blows over ice sculptures, Abby wants no part of the family business. She'd rather spend weekends kicking a soccer ball or antagonizing Noah, the cute son of a famous pastry chef—not doing the Electric Slide.

Then Abby's barely legal sister, Carol, does the unthinkable—she announces she's getting married and wants Abby to be her maid of honor. Clearly, Carol has lost her mind! Will Abby soon lose hers?

So what if Carol turns into Bridezilla? So what if the dresses are hideous? So what if the invitations get messed up? So what if Noah looks extra hot with frosting in his hair? Abby can handle it. After all, it's just one day. Right?

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Samantha says

Abby's sister Carol told her she was getting married to some dude named Tucker who hasn't even met Carol's family yet. Her parents are excited though because they are in the wedding business and are ecstatic to plan their own daughter's wedding. Abby though is not excited about the wedding because she hates weddings because people always go overboard about stupid stuff and brides always become bridezillas. Will Tucker and Carol actually get married? Read this book to find out.

I loved this book it is absolutely my favorite book of all time now. It has romance, sadness, and everything in between.

I would definitely recommend this book it was fabulous but I think it is way more of a girls book.

Marj says

this book should be called Maid of Honor because Abby was not the bridesmaid. she is 16 years old so understandably she was sometimes immature, a bit selfish and naive. i was doubtful if the wedding would really push through because i thought her sister was awfully young to get married and was Abby the only sane person to think that they might be making a mistake? i would assume that any person would go ballistic if they find out their daughter/son is getting married to someone they have only met for a few months, especially when they just graduated from college so i thought abby's parents agreeing immediately to the nuptials was not logical. i liked the ending though, i thought it was a fitting resolution to the story.

i like noah but i never really understand why he liked Abby - yes they were good friends for so long but he never made any moves on her at all during the story so noah and abby suddenly getting together in the middle was a bit rushed.

i liked how the author slowly developed abby's character from being a i-hate-brides-and-weddings to liking weddings. but i just have to say - just because a bride and groom wants their wedding to be perfect does not mean they are shallow (like what abby initially thought) though i agree that bridezillas and monster mother of the bride are kinda scary.

Emily Eastman says

This book was really cute just... not realistic AT ALL!!! I mean really... I don't want to give anything away but it really was so unrealistic it was almost silly.

Alright first off in this book I find the main character Abby totally unrelatable. She seems to me ditzy. Yes it is great that she decides to really pitch in and help her sister Carol who turns out to be a complete bridezilla but everything that comes out of her mouth seems to be over the top. Like, for example, who yells at their parents to stop fighting ever... no one.

Secondly I feel like I don't really like any of the characters. Ok Carol goes from this totally sweet girl to bridezilla right but it's very unbelievable that a person who's so kind can go to the extreme highs and lows

that Carol goes to. One minute she's yellimng at Abby saying she's the worst bridesmaid ever the next she's saying she completely understands Abby's feelings. I mean what's up with that? Then Christopher is WAY over the top! Teenager do NOT end every sentence with yo. Even gangster teenagers don't do that. I mean where did that come from. Yo means hello so if you're ending every sentence in yo you're ending every sentence in hello.

I did find this book sweet with it's adorable happy ending but it still in my opinion needs some work but overall a good job!

Kami says

- I can see my sister and I promising each other we were never going to get married!! ha ha!
- Abby is pretty annoying. She is really selfish and ornery. She doesn't quite think things through.
- Seems like the time period is in the early 90s.
- Carol is super inconsiderate of Abby. I would freak out if my sister changed my computer preferences and took over my room.
- This book reminds me of how painful it is to plan a wedding. Seriously, engagements and planning a wedding sucks!! I wish I had eloped.
- I didn't like the use of the Lord's name throughout the book. It is the only swear word used, and it could have been left out.
- Abby assumes WAY too much. She needs to chill!!
- The ending is kinda sweet. Everything turns out alright, but the it sure takes a while for everyone to be happy.

Katie W says

Abby's family has always been in the wedding business and she and her older sister, Carol, hate it! They vow to never become brides. When Carol finally graduates from Harvard, Abby is so excited to have her sister back home for the summer, so it can be "us" vs. "them." But Carol has a surprise for the family--she's engaged! Such a cute, funny story about how wedding planning can turn a family inside out. Just a side note--there was swearing in it---a LOT of "goshes" and a few of the other typical ones. If half stars were available, I would have given it 2 1/2 stars, but I rounded up, swearing aside, because I really did enjoy the storyline. I guess I just expect more "standards" out of a young adult novel and swearing drives me crazy.

Rebecca says

I really enjoyed this book. Abbey had me in stiches and sometimes in tears. I totally understood Abbey's feelings of abandament by her older sister. The extra added twist to the bridesmaid story is that the parents

have their own "wedding business". They deal with brides, parents of the brides and all the craziness that goes with wedding planning. Then they have to deal with their oldest daughter getting married suddenly. The whole situation makes for a very amusing story. Add to that the fact that Abbey hates weddings yet now has to plan one, makes the book very funny. A well told story from a young ladies point of view.

Sasha says

This is a story about a girl named Abby who's parents run a catering hall that hosts weddings. She hates weddings, calling most brides "Bridezillas" and she and her sister Carol make a pact to never get married. After Carol comes home from college with a ring on her finger, things start to go a little crazy. An Italian exchange program, a (maybe) cheating groom, and a possible relationship with a life-long friend.

This book, in my opinion, was not very good. Sure, it had a few jokes, it was easy reading, and it had a light tone, which would appeal to pre-teen girls. But other than to that demographic, it is not something I would recommend. The portrayals of teenagers is all wrong, with one teen character continually saying "yo" after every sentence. No one does that. The main character is also not very likeable. She reacts strangely to everything (Starting a food fight when she's upset with her sister. What the heck?) and is extremely abrasive and untrusting and negative. The book was not interesting in itself, and by the end, I just wanted it to be over. I really just didn't like the book at all.

Laura says

What can I possibly say about this book to show everyone my complete disdain for it? Giving it even one star is being so generous to it it makes me want to just delete the whole thing from my shelves, that's how awful it is. Awful writing, awful (and selfish) characters, awful plot, awful *everything*.

Let's start with the writing. It was possibly the most bland, annoying, boring writing I've read. And I've read Twilight and Once in a Full Moon. At least those books had interesting words in them (like hate). This book was just... there was nothing good about it.

The characters were even worse, though! The main character, Abby, is one of the most selfish characters I've ever read about, and her sister is just as bad! My sister had a wedding last year, so I know how weddings are. They're stressful, time consuming, and sometimes the bride gets a little agitated and lashes out. But what was in this book was that plus dramatized by a hundred. First, Carol takes over Abby's computer. No. Way. If my sister changed all the preferences on my computer (if I had one), I would *not* accept it like the pansy Abby did. I would get her to get the frick out of my room and don't ever touch my computer again. I understand using the computer, but why on earth did she have to change all the preferences to something she *knew* Abby hated?

And her parents are complete idiots. They flip out the most over the wedding and it's not even theirs! They, too, are selfish. Too selfish to let the bride pick out her own wedding! They keep imposing their idealist wedding on her and pretty much forcing her to do what they want. It's completely out of control.

Everything in this book is unrealistic. I can't think of one thing that I liked about it. There's even a character that says "yo" after every sentence. Could you put up with that? Looking at how long it took me to read this,

I'm very surprised it only took me a month and a half. Could it really only have been that long? It felt like it was closer to three months.

I'm ashamed to finally have a book on my shelves that forces me to make a chick-lit shelf. Where else am I to put this monstrosity?

Amanda says

With all of the books I have been reading I am so happy to have read a piece of fluffy, grin ear to ear feel good book. Loved the characters. I connected to all of them. Loved it.

Beth says

Abby's parents run Dove's Roost, a wedding planning service. After seeing Bridezilla after Bridezilla, she and her older sister make a pact that they will never get married, which lasts until her sister's college graduation. Carol, a vegetarian activist Harvard grad, is smitten with a truck driving rancher from CO. Mom and Dad have viewed their careers as practice to give their daughters perfect weddings, so in spite of everyone's belief they won't be irrational as all the Dove'd Roost's clients past and present, emotions run high as the family gets caught up in planning the wedding.

Every bad wedding cliche rears its ugly head: ugly bridesmaid dresses, the strange wedding gift that no one can define, and the polar opposite desires of the 2 families involved (in this instance, played out solely by the bride's parents). Abby's crush on Noah (the son of the master baker in town who does a lot of business with Abby's family) and her preoccupation with applying to go abroad for a soccer program in Italy add even more tension to the plot, which wraps up neatly and predictably. Recommended for larger collections.

Ms. Patterson says

I read *THE BRIDESMAID* about five years ago and remembered it as a sweet romance with some funny moments. The library's copy was lost, so when I replaced it, I decided to do a reread.

Abby and her sister, Carol, promised each other as children to never get married. Falling in love was okay, but no wedding. You see, they grew up watching many a bride turn into a Bridezilla through their parents' wedding planning and reception hall business. When Carol comes home from college and announces she's engaged to get married, Abby feels betrayed and wants nothing to do with the wedding planning. Abby watches with disgust as her sister turns into one of those screaming, crazy Bridezillas and her parents argue over planning every aspect of the wedding. No one seems to understand Abby's feelings, including her two best friends and Noah, the son of the cake decorator and her crush.

THE BRIDESMAID was every bit as good as I remembered. Funny scenes give way to moments of angst as the reader gets caught up in Abby's emotions. The romance that develops between Abby and Noah is sweet and I like how they don't let their tiff blow up to a huge misunderstanding. Less drama is better. (Especially since it's not needed with all the wedding drama in the background.) The story is capped off with an expected, but still humorous, ending to the farce.

Romance fans will be delighted with THE BRIDESMAID, an entertaining romp.

Reading Vacation says

I absolutely LOVED this book! It had so many of my favorite elements – a girlie plot, fun characters, a unique situation, and some romance too. What more could a book-lover ask for?

I liked reading about the process of planning a wedding. I know that I don't want to turn into a Bridezilla when my wedding comes around. I want to keep a cool head!

Carmen says

This is a fluffy book aimed at young people in grades 7-10. It is about a girl (16 or 17) named Abby who grows up in the wedding industry – both her parents are wedding planners. As such, she and her older sister Carol (who just graduated from Harvard) make a childhood promise NEVER to get married. This summer, Carol comes home with a fiance and all hell breaks loose. Abby is a good protagonist. She is a tomboy who loves soccer and has a crush on the boy who works in the bakery. She hates weddings with a fiery passion but is a strong believer in love and commitment, holding up her happy, long-married parents as idols. Unfortunately, her parents' marriage starts to crumble rapidly under the pressure of putting together Carol's wedding. Even though a lot of things in this book were unrealistic (everything works out just great for every single character in the end), I found many crumbs of truth in Abby's pessimistic narration. For example: women swearing they will never become a 'Bridezilla' and then ending up freaking out over what color a ribbon is, feeling like love is true and marriage is fake, suddenly understanding how people could act like idiots when you find yourself acting like an idiot when you have your first boyfriend, being surprised that your best friend is marrying a man she only met two months ago, and not picking up on the fact that two of your friends are secretly crushing on each other. Abby, in the end, manages to support her sister without losing her edge (which I appreciated). Overall, this book is very fluffy and fun and predictable.

Julie Zantopoulos says

Book club book of the month down. I didn't love it. I didn't hate it. I was seriously annoyed with the MC a bunch and frustrated at the highly unbelievable plot and "twists" but you know...it's a contemporary so I have to lower my expectations.

Michelle says

Good chick lit, this time exchanging the angle of another religion for the discomfort of love triangles and soap operatic entanglements. Notice how I always call these good chick lit, not good books. The genre itself, in my mind, prevents that, because a good novel that is chick lit will have something not chick lit-y that overwhelms the female drama and sugary romances, like how in Pride and Prejudice we have brilliant characters to follow around.

Weddings! There's not much else to say about that.

Why is it that going away to college is so all-fired important that marriage has to wait? Seriously, people.

The love triangle is a love triangle. I don't care for it.

Complete, unpretentious, fluff. If that appeals to you, go for it and more power to you. I'm just glad the chick lit is gone for now.
