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Take one aspiring cook, one judge, and a spoonful of romance...

When Zoe Harper wins a coveted place in a televised cookery competition she's thrilled. It's a chance to cook her way to fame and fortune and the little delicatessen she's set her heart on.

The first task has hardly begun when she finds herself with rather too much on her plate. Not only has she got to contend with the fiercely competitive and downright devious Cher, but she's fast developing an inconvenient crush on one of the judges - the truly delicious Gideon Irving.

All too soon there's more than canap?s, cupcakes and cordon bleu at stake. Will Zoe win the competition or is Gideon one temptation too far? And is Zoe really prepared to risk it all for love?

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Annika Lee says

Such a disappointment that it was not as good as i thought it would be. The cover certainly looks more interesting than the story itself. Too many unrelated stories. The romance was just ok, not enough for someone who really love romance novel like me. It's not addictive which is the reason why it took me so long to finish the book. I practically forced myself to read it to the end.

Sonia Cristina says

Esta é a minha segunda experiência com Katie Fforde e, à semelhança da primeira, foi bastante positiva. "Receita Para o Amor" é um livrinho delicioso, ou não falasse tanto de comida (LOL), com um romance fofo; no geral é um livro muito simples, sem grandes pretensões, cuja leitura proporcionou umas boas horas.

Gostei de ler sobre o desenrolar do concurso, as tarefas que tinham de cumprir; a Cher meteu-me uns nervos, que criatura mais odiosa; gostei muito da forma como Zoe e Gideon se conheceram e como se começaram a relacionar. (view spoiler)

Achei o final tão lindo, tão querido, com (view spoiler)

Lie says

Leuk tussendoortje, verstand op nul en genieten!

Bookread2day says

It always amazes me how an author can adapt something that they have seen on television in to a brilliant novel. [Wish I could do that too]

The story opens up with cookery judge Gideon Irving gets stuck in his car in the mud, help is on hand cleaver Zoe Harper helps Gideon get his car out of being stuck in the mud. Zoe had no idea that he was a judge on the cooking competition television show .

I loved the opening of this novel I found it such an unusual scene where the two of the main characters meet. All the characters are so well crafted, you feel a connection with them all. The romance in this novel is so sweetly engaging it just draws you in.

Katie is such a jolly skilful writer and makes you turn pages after pages. This genuinely is a must buy novel.

Thyago | MrsMargotBlog says

<http://mrs-margot.blogspot.pt/>

"Recipe for Love" is a very colorful, lightweight novel that we read very fast, we find ourselves on a TV show to the genre of Masterchef and witnessed the forbidden romance of a contestant by the jury.

Although I find the character Zoe a bit annoying for being too good, I think she has the heart in the right place and Gideon meets all expectations for a good male protagonist, charismatic, with an accurate humor, irresistible and passionate.

A good novel for all those who like the chick-lit genre, pink novels for pretty gray days. And although I don't find it a masterpiece, I don't think it's a story that disappoints, it's very competent.

Xana says

A classificação justa seria 2,5*, mas como não dá e não me custou em momento nenhum ler recaiu para as 3. Um livro levezinho, com "cheirinho" a verão.

A história em si é simples, mais um romance que começamos com a noção que vai terminar bem.

Zoe says

All my reviews can be found on my blog at www.whatsbetterthanbooks.com

Sweet, warm and enchanting!

This is an uplifting story with lots of delicious food, familial dynamics, friendship, competitive rivalry, and love.

The writing is graceful and smooth. The characters are quirky, kind, and loveable. And the plot is interesting and engaging with a good dish of lighthearted drama, engaging wit, and lots of heart.

Overall, this is a lovely story that will have you daydreaming of the english countryside and a nice hot cuppa in no time.

Thank you to NetGalley, especially Bookouture, for providing me with a copy of this story in exchange for an honest review.

Kristin Davison says

3.5 stars

Really enjoyable, well-written story, but the ending was a let down.

Dale Harcombe says

After my last read I needed something light and entertaining. I can usually depend on Katie Fforde to provide

that. This time the story concerns Zoe Harper who wins a place in a cooking competition. Now I am not one who ever watches any cooking shows but still it sounded a fun read. Zoe's first encounter is with a handsome stranger and a car in a lane. Gideon ends up being one of the judges, and things develop in a way they shouldn't between a contestant and a judge. However, you need to leave that aside and don't think overly about that aspect because it ends up being necessary to the plot.

Among the other contestants is one who, given his temper and language, I was pleased to see thrown out of the competition early. There is another who tries to sabotage every else, especially Zoe, her roommate. Cher is one of those characters that you will instantly dislike and the more you get to know her the more you will dislike her. She is out to win no matter what. I couldn't believe how often Zoe got sucked in by her antics. Zoe is a person who is always out to help others and that included the pregnant Fenella and Rupert who are owners of the bed and breakfast where the competition is being held and where some contestants are staying. Zoe also gets heavily involved with a wedding that looks set for disaster. Zoe is likeable but one of those that people too often take advantage of.

Some of the banter and situations are amusing. I never warmed to Gideon, the love interest. And it never made me want to get involved in cooking and fiddling with food to such an extent but it was fine to read about. All in all it was a fun bit of chick lit, as long as you didn't think about it over much. Just the sort of read that you need sometimes to escape into.

MB (What she read) says

Thoughts while reading: I am having a real problem with the fact that both of the main characters are essentially cheaters. Totally strips away the romance for me when I can't respect the characters. Basically she would have failed the marshmallow test as a 5-year-old (no impulse control) and he seems to have no personal integrity (or impulse control).

Not liking this one much.

Finished it: Still feel that way. I enjoyed the cooking contest but the romance was unromantic for me.

If you want more like this try Mary Kay Andrews' Deep Dish

Titinha Scaeiro says

Lamento mas não merece mais... História sem sal, casal sem sal, protagonista sem sal até o final foi sem sal... Pelo menos o livro não me fez mal ao colesterol!!! Pois foi literalmente sem sal! lol

DeB MaRtEnS says

Ok. Here's the thing. I was sulking because NetGalley publishers weren't approving my requests. I had read about all of the READ NOW books that I could bear, but I had nothing active on my shelf. So I threw caution to the winds and requested a few "I'm not sure..." just to satiate my current NetGalley addiction. Gosh, it's like lottery tickets!

So... This is not the right cover nor publisher or date. I can't add another edition. So be it. This one is an Ebook reissue, by Bookture, Sept. 14.

And I actually read and reviewed the silly little thing!

....I'm rather fond of Chick Lit but somehow have missed connecting with Katie Fford's books until reading Recipe for Love. The author's spin is unique to the genre and I found this novel to have British charm and innocent romanticism.

Nervous but hopeful, Zoe enters a reality TV cooking competition where she is soon being sabotaged by her roommate, the vain and vile Cher. Cher doesn't like cooking but expects to become a television star by winning; Zoe, meanwhile, cooks her heart out and loses it to one of the judges, handsome food critic Gideon. Shenanigans of all sorts ensue, complications endlessly occur and the contestants cook.

More than Zoe and Gideon's romance, I was delighted with the food, the very English "flavour" (sorry, pun intended!) of the menus and ingredients and the trends which are very different to those of North America's. I couldn't wait to find out what delicacy or favourite item would be featured next.

At times, Zoe was irritatingly passive and naive. Her character could have been fleshed out more to give her more spunk and create some of the sassy humour that generally elevates the genre of Chick Lit. I appreciated some of the supporting characters, particularly Lord and Lady Gainsborough with their posh snobbishness and absurd rules; they added a great comic note.

But, in the end, hands off to Katie Fforde, because she expertly managed to twist and turn the conclusion of Recipe for Love, and it had me guessing. I wasn't expecting that!

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Eva • All Books Considered says

Review originally posted at **All Books Considered: 3 STARS**

Although this was my least favorite of the three re-released books for kindle by Katie Fforde this summer, I still enjoyed this one. This book is essentially a romance taking place between a contestant and a judge on a cooking reality show: think Top Chef meets The Great British Bake Off. It was fun with the reality show stress, the cooking, the setting (the English countryside) and the characters. The romance did seem a bit rushed and on warp speed. Also, there were a few sub-plots that I thought were not necessary and were SO over the top but this was a fun and mindless sort of read for when you're in the mood for such a thing (I am sometimes)!

You can read my reviews of the other re-released Katie Fforde's [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). I definitely recommend this author for fans of British contemporary women's literature/romance. If you're looking for other romance behind the scenes of a reality show, I loved Welcome to Paradise by Rosalind James. For more British cooking romance, The Undomestic Goddess by Sophie Kinsella is fun! *Recipe for Love* comes out later this week on September 13, 2016, and you can purchase [HERE](#).

Zoe worked out that she'd have to make at least a hundred choux buns and after discussion with Fenella decided to fill them with flavored cream and stick them together with caramel. She'd find some pink flowers or rose petals to finish the decoration. That sort of dramatic pudding might be just what she'd needed for the final challenge.

Kee says

Am very surprised at all the raving reviews on this book. I found the characters really boring - Zoe was a complete pushover. I can respect generosity and helpful natures, but bending over backwards to do so many tasks for people who give you nothing in return was just infuriating to read. There was no real depth into Gideon's character, and so the romance was a bit blah and didn't entice or excite - wasn't very believable to read that they had fallen madly in love when there wasn't much couple action apart from Zoe's constant fears at being not good enough, or the plentiful rambles on how their affair was scandalous and threatened her chances at winning. Cher's character was also unbelievable - the shallow, bitchy stigma was overdone to the point where it felt her superficial tendency was forced to portray her as being the ultimate bitch. And in the beginning, there was too much flitting between bitchy and weirdly nice Cher, and Zoe kept falling for it... A very frustrating read - due to the repetitive rambles and frustrating characters - that dragged on a bit too long. The only enjoyable part was the cooking competition element, as the romance was just not romantic at all.

Sorry for the negative review.

Elphaba J says

Opinião completa em: <http://historiasdeelphaba.blogspot.pt...>

A ficção romântica de entretenimento é, e espero que assim seja infinitamente, um dos meus refúgios para além do saber, um prazer sem compromisso necessário para o meu bem-estar e uma opção obrigatória, descomplicada, para associar a palavra leitura à felicidade. Digo-o sem preconceitos, apesar da minha formação académica, digo-o com a cumplicidade de uma apaixonada por histórias.

Com a apresentação do que procuro e encontro neste género literário, Receita Para o Amor é o que está exposto na sua sinopse e pouco mais, o mais vai depender do olhar de cada leitor. Receita Para o Amor é uma narrativa que mostra paixão, sabores e amizade através das suas personagens, caricaturas de emoções, e um enredo que aborda questões curiosas e sempre actuais.

Com um discurso fluido e descrições cuidadas que dão a ver inúmeros pormenores, cativando assim o palato e transmitindo sensações, Katie Fforde criou uma história bela, terna, que acentua laços e procura a empatia de quem lê, tendo sempre presente o seu foco central, os desígnios do amor.
