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A TODO EL MUNDO LE ENCANTA SER DAMA DE HONOR

Excepto a Maddie, a la que siempre le están pidiendo que lo sea.

A TODO EL MUNDO LE ENCANTAN LAS BODAS

Excepto a la mejor amiga de Maddie, que se está divorciando.

A TODO EL MUNDO LE ENCANTA QUE MADDIE SEA CAPAZ DE SER FELIZ PERMANECIENDO EN UN SEGUNDO PLANO.

Excepto a la propia Maddie.

Una de las mejores amigas de Maddie está en la cuenta atrás de su boda mientras la otra se encuentra en la recta final de su matrimonio. Quiere aprovechar la mejor oportunidad que ha tenido en años de ascender en su empresa, pero tiene que lidiar también con los mensajes que recibe de una futura novia enloquecida y las sesiones de terapia nocturnas. Y, de pronto, comienza a preguntarse: ¿habrá llegado el momento de dejar de ser la dama de honor?

"Realmente divertida".

Fabulous

"Hilarante, ingeniosa, emocionante y romántica".

Closer

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María Paz Greene F says

Me aburrí PROFUNDAMENTE. Ni siquiera sé por qué llegué al final. Creo que porque lo fui leyendo en pedacitos, cada vez que había terminado con otra cosa y entonces no tenía la energía mental para empezar con algo nuevo. Fue como el cuento lateral de alguien que a una no le queda otra que escuchar porque, bueno, ya está ahí y qué más va a hacer.

O sea que no me gustó nada, jajaja. Lo encontré cliché, y aburrido, y lleno de personajes fomes. Además, todo lo que hace, a mi parecer, es seguir vergonzosamente lo que podríamos denominar la fórmula tipo del género chick lit, pero de una manera somnífera y sin gracia, lo que convierte a esta novela casi en un insulto para quienes apreciamos el género.

Las reseñas, sin embargo, son buenas, así que quizá es solo cosa mía. Y además, el libro no es entero malo. Alcancé, de hecho, a subrayar un fragmento que me hizo reír. Lo adjunto, así, como una ofrenda de amistad:

De cuando la protagonista acompaña a su amiga a comprar un vestido de novia:

"Sarah y yo nos levantamos de un salto, encantadas de poder estirarnos después de llevar casi dos horas sentadas en un sofá realmente duro. Las tiendas de novio eran lugares verdaderamente extraños. De un blanco cegador, con todo carísimo, y llenos de mujeres gritando. Me pregunté si el gobierno se habría planteado alguna vez la posibilidad de llevar a un terrorista a uno de aquellos establecimientos para interrogarle".

Linda says

Did I really just read a Lindsey Kelk novel? That can't be right...

But it is. Let me clarify something first; I really really love all of Lindsey's books. She is my favorite chicklit author. And then this book came along and I'm just really disappointed.

Spoilers ahead, obviously. And I tend to write in capslock a lot, nasty habit of mine, sorry!

The book is just a bit boring, to be honest. The plot is cliche and I know that chicklit plots usually are, but there was just something missing. Like, elements that would be hilarious, or had me on the edge of my seat while reading, or just made me FEEL something?

Maddie is naive. There is this man in her life that only wants to shag her, never takes her out on a date, doesn't want to be seen in public with her, doesn't communicate with her (because sending pictures of your genitals and sexting in general doesn't count, it just doesn't okay)... AND SHE THINKS OF HIM AS HER BOYFRIEND. Really, Maddie, is that how we define a relationship these days? Do boyfriends not talk to you, but only come around when it suits them to shag you senseless and then LEAVE? Are you really that dumb? I wanted to bang my head against the wall. Are there seriously women around who let men treat them this way but still think they have a boyfriend? Friends with benefits relationships between people are fine by

me, but there's an obvious difference between that and a real relationship.

Maddie's friends are annoying and I disliked them both. The friendships didn't feel genuine and I was rooting for Maddie dumping both of them and becoming besties with Sharoline (an underdeveloped character, sadly). I just couldn't care about what happened to them AT ALL.

And then this other guy that barely knows her declares that he loves her. SERIOUSLY? They haven't even had a first date yet. But he LOVES her. Yeah right. I know it's a book but this isn't realistic at all. In some parts Maddie seems like a really clever woman that is extremely good at what she does, but when it comes to the people around her, she's like a totally different person.

The ending is rushed and not satisfying at all. Neither is the 'villain'. I wanted to love this book, I tried to love this book, but I just did nothing for me.

This book just lacks the sparks and charm Lindsey's other books have, but I'm looking forward to 'A girl's best friend' because I can't imagine not liking a book in that series.

Now I will stop saying mean things and eat a cookie.

Nada Hosny says

When you see couples dancing together on TV, all you see are sweeping camera angles and lush dips, but when it's happening to you, it's completely different. I was painfully aware of every step, every stumble, every time I swore and then immediately apologized for swearing. Audrey Hepburn, I was not. The one thing that was just how you would imagine was when I leaned in and let myself rest against Tom's chest. I could hear his heart beating.

Reading a chick-lit can never NEVER go wrong, i mean, who doesn't want to laugh his ass off, find humour in the most shitty situation, and and fall in love? WHOOO? TELL ME WHOOO?

The Story is from Maddie's perspective, an Assistant event planner, she has two (rather a handful) bestfriends, one of them is getting married in 3 months and the other one is getting divorced in a few weeks.

FYI: She organizes all kind of events, and NOT ONLY WEDDINGS!

I rejected the call, brushed my hair out of my face and looked over at the fathers to be.

'Of course, there's always the option to hire me as a clown,' I suggested. 'That would cut back some of the budget.' Things were going better than I could have ever imagined.

Lauren the bride, sent her a little bridesmaid diary, or a notebook, or like whatever; so every chapter entry is a new page of this notebook. and it starts with these 2 lines:

Today I feel:

Today I am Thankful for:

And every damn entry is just more Hilarious than the previous one! the Whole book was pretty fucking

hilarious tbh!

Here is my Favorite <3:

Today I feel: like everything happens for a reason if that reason is that I AM CURSED

Today i am thankful for: i don't even know. kittens?

Maddie isn't your average Heroine, she's not perfect and ignorant to every one falling in love with her, she doesn't have a line of guys waiting on her.

she's US, ladies. She's as normal as heroine's could be, regardless of how unlucky she can be, LMFAO!! i liked how i could relate to her, how humble and funny she was. ALSO! she speaks sarcasm fluently.

'Oh, that is it.' She turned quickly, ducking under Tom's arm – one of the perils of being so tall: he was easy to sneak around – and lunged at me, fists flying. In all my thirty-one years, brotherly and sisterly slaps aside, I've never actually been hit. Turns out, it really, really hurts.'

Anja says

Lindsey Kelk is back. For me, at least ♥

'Always the Bridesmaid' is about Maddie, who has been single for two years. She lives in London and has two best friends, one of whom is getting married and the other one getting a divorce. So with her one best friend turning into bridezilla and the other being heartbroken and sad, and herself being the wedding planner in her free time, Maddie's life turns out to become quite turbulent. Above all, a new man comes into her life and things get even more messy..

Ooooh, I loved it. I just seemed to have forgotten how much I actually like Lindsey Kelk's writing. It's just so easy and witty and lovely! I procrastinated reading 'I heart Vegas' for a hundred years for example and I didn't think I would be reading any of her books soon, but am I glad I did! It was really wonderful. I liked Maddie, and I liked both of her best friends, I liked the one new guy and disliked the other one, just as it should be. ♥

I also like the fact, that the book isn't part of a series or something, but I might actually finally continue the 'I heart'-series. I am back in Lindsey-Kelk-mode. ♥

The ending was lovely, of course and there was also some kind of epilogue. You could read e-mails, notes and text messages between Maddie, her friends and some other people, which were a cute way of showing what the characters got up to after the finale. I loved it. ♥

I can only recommend 'Always the Bridesmaid' to anyone who likes chick-lit. ♥

Elle's Book Blog says

Release Date: April, 2016

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:: 5 Pretty Little Stars ::

This book is FABULOUS! I won this book on twitter from the author (thank you!) and hadn't had a chance to read it... Until now. AND OMG I am so glad I read this book. I am now officially hooked on all things Lindsey Kelk and I cannot WAIT to read more of her novels. This one in particular is LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY. It's also sweet, fun, charming, and totally adorable. I loved the characters, the plot, and all the shenanigans that go on throughout the novel. And while I have never been in Maddie's shoes before, I can totally relate to her character as I (like her) have a hard time saying no to people EVEN WHEN they have ridiculous expectations. Gah, I totally fell in love with this book from the minute I started reading it and I can't wait for others to read it either! This is a wonderful chick lit novel!

So this book is about Maddie and her two best friends (Sarah and Lauren). Maddie is the main character and Sarah and Lauren are mostly secondary characters but they sure add a lot to the story- without them, it wouldn't be the same! Anyway, so Maddie finds herself in a bit of a pickle (or quite a few pickles) when she becomes her friend Laurens bridesmaid. This should be amazing right? After all, it's wonderful to see your very best friend fall in love and marry the man of her dreams. But things get sticky because, while this should be a fun time in their friendship to bond, their other best friend Sarah is getting divorced... Dun dun dun... [Cue sad music]. Even more than this, poor Maddie is working for the boss from hell, she is trying to remain a constant companion for her grieving friend, helping her best friend plan her perfect wedding, going through a new relationship, AND working nonstop on other parties (she is a party planner after all). Gah... there is so much going on in Maddie's life and she has to keep up with everything. But can she do all this? Can one truly balance a hard job, demanding friendships, and a new suitor? Well she damn well tries!

Readers will laugh out loud throughout this journey as Maddie finds ways to balance all of the things that are going on in her life. After reading you may have some withdrawals (I do, wah!) and want to see more of Maddie. I am HOPING that Maddie gets more stories as I feel she deserves it! I would love to see her take on more adventures... even her own adventures of love!!! Anyways, this book is one of those books that should be on everyone's TBR (especially if you love romantic comedies and chick lit novels like I do). I highly recommend giving this one a go. Readers will be delighted with the British charm and mannerisms of the characters and have a fun time with Maddie as she navigates her hectic life. Oh yea, this is a MUST READ!!!

Book Addict Shaun says

I can't even put into words the excitement I felt when this book arrived early. Lindsey Kelk is the Queen of this genre. In fact, let's make her the Queen of everything, she is pretty amazing after all. Seriously though, I read her books and wonder just how she does it. Picking up a Lindsey Kelk novel is the ultimate pick me up, I swear even just holding one in my hands makes me feel better about myself when I'm feeling down. Always the Bridesmaid was no different, I loved every single page of it. I finished it and immediately wanted to read it again.

Our main character is Maddie and she has a real time of it throughout Always the Bridesmaid. Just how many things can go wrong for one person? Answer: a lot. Maddie is a party planner finally being given the chance to receive a long overdue promotion. Meanwhile one best friend, Lauren, has just gotten engaged and of course expects Maddie to help organise it, and to be on call 24/7, while the other, Sarah, is getting divorced. Bad time to be asked to be a bridesmaid. Maddie documents the months that follow in her bridesmaid journal, and some of the stuff in that journal left me incredibly grateful that it's something I could never be asked to do.

I remember when About a Girl was announced and it wasn't an Angela Clarke book. I was apprehensive to say the least, would it be as good? Well, we now know that it was just as good and so I wondered just how Maddie would compare with Angela and Tess. I love how Lindsey manages to make each of her main characters so different but equally lovable at the same time and with a couple of similarities. I just loved Maddie to the point where I wished she was an actual person, that I knew her in real life, that we were best friends. Yes, I found myself wanting to stalk a fictional character. Everybody just took her for granted, her family and her two best friends and I wanted to kick the lot of them because she is brilliant. In fact she reminded me of my own best friend at times. I think female readers will have no trouble relating to her and everyone will be rooting for her throughout the book as she is just such a believable character.

Lindsey always achieves the perfect balance of humour (laugh out loud, obviously) and drama and there's also some truly heartfelt scenes between certain characters in Always the Bridesmaid. The friendship between our three characters was a highlight, totally believable especially in the arguments they all have throughout. Of course, there's a love interest (or two). And as much as I wish I could talk in detail about the romance elements in Always the Bridesmaid, it really is impossible to do so without giving away spoilers apart from to say everything about it is so accurately realistic and believable that I wondered just how I failed to see some of the plot twists coming. And I love how everything came together and resulted in one of my favourite endings to one of Lindsey's books yet.

I finish a Lindsey Kelk novel and immediately get my sulk on because it's over. Luckily we don't have too long to wait for more with another release scheduled just before Christmas. I am already wishing my life away. I feel it is important to say that I am a blogger that doesn't automatically love every book from my favourite authors (see Peter James) but honestly, the day I don't enjoy a Lindsey Kelk novel is the day the world ends, and the day that I stop reading forever. So, trust me when I say that Always the Bridesmaid is one of her best yet, and you will love it. If you don't? Well then I'm sorry but we can no longer be friends.

Bookevin says

5 sparkling stars to this sparkling book.

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I guess it's nothing worth announcing at the top of my lungs with a loudspeaker that I adore Lindsey Kelk's books (as if the name of blog isn't obvious enough..), but I look forward to her books every year. Without fail. A huge fan of her I Heart.. series, her standalones are a bit of a rare treat, her last one being in 2011. So I was thrilled to be reading an entirely new story with a brand new heroine and fall in love with the book, from start to finish.

Shannon says

Eigenlijk dacht ik dat ik een eind klaar was met chicklits, alles is zo voorspelbaar. Hoewel het verloop van dit boek ook vrij voorspelbaar was, ik vond vrijwel alles klinken alsof het zomaar in je dagelijkse leven zou kunnen gebeuren. Ook al heb ik die leeftijd (31) voorlopig nog even niet bereikt, ik kan mij best voorstellen dat die problemen zich daadwerkelijk voordoen in het leven.

Ik geef dit boek vier sterren, omdat ik sommige dingen toch wel heel erg onrealistisch vond en dat vond ik jammer. Ook vond ik dat het einde misschien wel iets anders had gemogen, misschien iets meer uitgewerkt. Ik had het wel leuk gevonden om iets meer over Shona te lezen namelijk. Voor de rest echt een top boek en heb om sommige dingen echt lopen lachen.

Leah says

This book was SO good. I love Lindsey Kelk, her About A Girl series is freaking awesome (is it time for book 3 yet???) so I was dead excited for Always The Bridesmaid. It was so much fun, and I loved Maddie - and I wanted to bash her over the head a few times, when she was letting her friends walk all over her ugh. I was so ready for her to stand up and be counted, because Lauren really overstepped her mark a few times.

There were a few moments that made me shake my head in disbelief - typical Chick Lit cliches, like when Maddie is organising a baby naming party for a gay couple and ends up breaking her iPad, throwing her iPad at the customer and then throwing a cup of tea in their living room. It made me want to growl.

Apart from that I loved the book. I loved hearing about Maddie's job, as an event planner and I loved Will and Tom. I was totally team Tom, though. Yes, Will was a hunk but Tom was literally lovely and I like a lovely man. Sigh.

I'm so excited for Lindsey's next book. She's just so good. I love her books, she can do no wrong and her writing is just so good. She mentions in her acknowledgements that this was a hard book to write but her writing flows so gorgeously that it's hard to believe her books take any effort. She was born to write, and I thoroughly enjoyed Always The Bridesmaid.

Luise says

What a wonderful story.

I love it when you actually get what the description promises. It's humorous and has a really nice course of action with some great turns and outcomes.

I liked the main character, Maddie, a lot. I liked the humour, the love part and her friends. (Except for bridezilla Lauren, maybe. She was a little distressing.) But generally, I kind of liked everything.

At some point, Maddie complains about Lauren texting and calling her all night so she's permanently knackered - how about muting your stupid phone at night? Works perfectly well in my experience

Irena says

Hands down, this is the best Lindsey Kelk's standalone I have read so far (I still have to read We Were On a Break and guess what - I'm starting it tomorrow).

This book is not only fun, but is also a miracle worker - it pulled me out of the reading slump that overtook my life for the last three weeks.

How do I know I'm finally out of it?

Because I finally can't wait to read all of the books in the world, and my to-be-reviewed pile looks appealing, not intimidating.

I enjoyed reading this book. Maddie's job was also one of my favorite parts of the story. I just loved reading about everything that was going on, even the stressful stuff.

If I'm not mistaken, I think this novel is also Lindsey's favorite, or at least it means the most to her.

I will write a proper review for this novel soon.

It definitely deserves to have a full, sparkling review!

Natalie TBGWP says

Well she's back, and she's back with a BANG! (Literally too) (I don't mean Lindsey like. I don't think it would go down to well if she opened up a book with a little erotica about herself do you? Oh god, just read it and you'll get what I'm saying. I'm such a knob)

Moving on... Lindsey Kelk has outdone herself with Always the Bridesmaid. It's extra funny. It's extra sarcastic. It's extra sweary. It's extra romantic. It's extra everything.

With a plot not too heavy, but still with great twists. And a heroine as laid back and down to earth as Maddie Fraser. All them extra's up above. And, not one but two fit men results in a classic rom-com mixed with normal girls lives. And what could be better than that?

It's actually so much better reading about a heroine like Maddie isn't it? Because let's face it, we all aren't gorgeous rom-com actress's who have everything, and have everything going for us, and everyone falling at our feet. We are normal everyday girls aren't we? So Maddie Fraser and her friends lead lives just like ours. That is reading gold to us readers isn't it? It's always so much better when we can relate to the characters and take pleasure or pain in understanding certain situations that we have also been in.

It's such a great book.

Do you know what the best thing is though? It just so happens to be what Kelk does best. Honesty in real life and real situations. No bullshit just fun and feels. She truly is the queen of realism/escapism/amazingness.

Couldn't recommend a better book for you all to read this summer. It is perfect for every occasion.

Reyes says

3.5 Stars

That was a fun read! :)

The story does not really tell anything new, as usual we have:

- the cute, clueless, clumsy and super adorable protagonist
- the totally self-centred, selfish but in the end totally awesome best friends
- the horrible family that does not understand her lifestyle, but who love her very much anyway
- the awful, bitchy boss who's life mission is to make hers completely miserable
- the so hot, but oh so wrong love interest
- the not so hot, but oh so right love interest

So from this description you might think that I did not enjoy the book, but I did! Mainly because Maddie is so funny that I spent most of the book laughing out loud, and it has been a while since I read a chick-lit book capable of that. What makes this book different is that, although you have all the stereotypical characters you expect to find in this kind of book, they are well written, and you care about them, which is not something many books accomplish.

Very mild spoilers ahead! (seriously, if you have read chick-lit books before these don't count as spoilers at all)

Some of the things the baby sister and the boss say to Maddie were absolutely outrageous, but in the end Maddie stands up for herself, so it's not too bad... I wish she would have told them where to stick it right away instead of exploding at the end, but still, better than nothing.

The conflict with the two love interests was obvious to everyone except Maddie, but I liked that when she found out the truth she did not blame herself, as I've seen in a lot of books... she reaches the bottom, allows herself a week of self-pity and crying and then decides to start making things right instead of waiting for everything to be magically solved.

So that's basically it, I'd definitely recommend this book when in need of something light and fun! I'll be reading more Lindsey Kelk books in the future, that's for sure (thank you Emer!!) :)

Leah says

I'm never not in the mood for Lindsey Kelk. When I heard that she had a new book coming out I was so excited. Lindsey's books always make you feel good and I've had so many inappropriate tube-cackles thanks to this book. Always the Bridesmaid is as fabulous as the I Heart series and About a Girl. I loved it so much. It's one of those books that you could read again and again and never get bored of it.

Kelk has created such likeable and relatable characters once again. Maddie is just a normal woman and I found myself nodding along to so many of her disasters. I felt like Always the Bridesmaid was a little more slapstick than Kelk's usual work, but this didn't take away from the story. I feel like this could be an amazing Rom-Com film. It's one of those books that you can see unfolding before you as clearly as if you were watching it. I was so sucked into the lives of Maddie, Lauren and Sarah that I really didn't want to leave it.

If you love your books with plenty of feel-good vibes, a huge dose of humour with a slapstick edge, I'd definitely say pick this book up. It's guaranteed to make you laugh out loud on many occasions. Always the Bridesmaid is the perfect pick-me-up and I can't recommend it enough!

Obsidian says

I tried to get into this, but think I may need to take a romance break. This and some other books I started and didn't finish ended up irking the life out of me. There's a love triangle, or whatever you want to call it when one person is dating/sleeping with someone else, but still thinking of another person. The two best friends are not really there for the main character and I wondered at how they were supposedly all friends when it seemed that Maddie did more for them. The family was a non-entity for pretty much the whole book.

Maddie, does event planning and is finally given an opportunity to be promoted after working as an assistant to a woman who is a nightmare to work for. Maddie is forced to be a waitress at a wedding and ends up meeting two guys who we follow throughout this book. Guy number one (Will) practically held up a sign saying that he is not trustworthy. I was annoyed for how obtuse she was being through the whole book about him. Guy number two (Tom) was not a good guy due to him knowing some details that he doesn't divulge in order to be the good guy.

Maddie's two friends are going through life changing events. Lauren is engaged and Sarah is going through a divorce. I did feel sympathy for Sarah, but Lauren is a bridezilla from beginning to almost the very end of this book.

Maddie's parents are dismissive of her life and her brother and sister are pretty much jerks too.

The writing was okay, I just didn't feel myself drawn in as I usually am with romances.

The ending wrapped things up too neatly. I didn't like the guy that Maddie chose to be with since I felt no chemistry or connection between them.
