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Seven seniors, seven problems, one senior prom.

Cora: Head of the Prom Committee (and basically every other club in school). Has been dating Perfect Boyfriend Jamie™ for approximately forever, and has NO IDEA how to break up with him....

Paisley: Sarcastic feminist who wants nothing to do with prom. Has somehow managed to nominate her anxiety-ridden best friend for prom king...

Henry: Quiet ballplayer who hates social situations. Invited to prom by the most popular girl in school. SEND HELP!

Otis: Charming, popular, and one half of one of the cutest couples in his class. Doesn't know how to tell his boyfriend that he's not quite ready for a post-prom hotel room experience...

Lizzie: A little bit shy, and a lot excited to finally get out of her comfort zone and go to prom. With a boy. Whose name she doesn't know.

Cameron: Loner with two jobs and zero friends. Is so done with high school and this whole town: the only thing he still wants to do is meet the mysterious girl who's been leaving him notes...

Jacinta: Unnamed Nerd Girl #3. Determined to become the star of her own life, starting with prom. Now if only she could find a date....

A Prom to Remember, the newest book from Sandy Hall (author of A Little Something Different) is a funny and cinematic look at the biggest dance of every high schooler's life.

A Prom to Remember Details

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Grace {Rebel Mommy Book Blog} says

I really enjoy Sandy Hall's books. They are cute, a little quirky and always quick reads for me. Plus I love a good prom book. Hall has us following the perspective of seven students leading up to prom.

I really enjoyed and related on some level to each of the seven characters we followed. I think Paisley was my favorite though. I loved her character growth throughout the whole book. Also, I loved how all the characters stories intertwined on some level and wasn't forced. There was also a good amount of diversity shown through the perspectives. It was a sweet story with happy endings for the characters that put a smile on my face.

This review was originally posted on Rebel Mommy Book Blog

Brittany says

DNF @ 122 pages.

The petty drama. Holy shit. I can't deal.

Lynda Dickson says

The story is told from the points-of-view of seven different characters who are diverse in background, physical type, and sexuality. We follow Cora, Paisley, Jacinta, Cameron, Henry, Lizzie, and Otis as they navigate the weeks before prom. They deal with the usual teenage issues such as finding a date and the perfect outfit, but they also deal with deeper issues such as sexuality, anxiety, and step-families. Initially, it's difficult to remember who's who, and it's hard to see how all the characters' stories will intersect or why some of them are even relevant. But it all comes together in the end. And at least it's told in the third person, so you can't forget whose story you're reading.

I love how Jacinta, who considers herself a bit-player in her own life, ends up bringing everyone together but also gets her own happy ending. Ironically, she also has the most mentions in the book, so I would consider her the main character. Strangely, this is the second young adult book in a row that I have read featuring platonic male-female relationships and bisexual teens (and I've only read two of the latter).

A light and fluffy feel-good read, perfect for the prom season.

Warnings: mild coarse language, underage drinking (but not drunkenness), LGBTQ themes, M/M sex talk (not explicit).

I received this book in return for an honest review.

Full blog post (27 April): <https://booksdirectonline.blogspot.co...>

Hazel (Stay Bookish) says

LIKED: Realistic teens, cute couples, fun friendships, relatable feelings.

MEH: I get that the prom is the central plot, but a lot of the scenes felt really slice-of-life instead of essential.

Tin says

Prom is something that all of us must experience in our life, it's like a party ender for high school, telling you survive and on your way to the next level of your life, College. A Prom to Remember is about seven senior high school students and one prom. 7 characters comes with seven different perspectives for their upcoming prom. All of them has their differences, their own fears and problems from keeping them to have a perfect magical prom. Having 7 characters with alternating POVs might be hard to remember them at first but you'll get used to it, each character is also connected to each other giving us the bigger picture for their prom.

Overall I enjoyed reading the book because it has a diverse and realistic characters. I love the LGBT representation because we need more of those also the portraying of the characters to discovering the tough life of young adulthood. It's a fun fluffy contemporary read that everyone would enjoy. I can't wait to read the other book from the author.

Chelsey Ellice says

I thought this book would be right up my ally but it was not for me. I found it too confusing having so many different main characters. If it only had one or two I think it would have been better

Natalia says

Surprisingly I really liked this book. When I started it I had no expectations what so ever. Because of the cheesy cover and title, I didn't expect to like it, but I really did. It was really sweet and had a great group of characters.

The story follows Cora, Paisley, Henry, Otis, Lizzie, Cameron, Jacinta and Luke. The story is told through all of their points of view. They are mostly from different friend groups. They are all seniors and the book is basically about their prom. I'm not usually a fan of prom books, because I don't really see what's the big deal, at least in my country prom is a lot more chill. But here prom wasn't overly cheesy and it gave the different prospective.

The characters were also pretty good. It's pretty surprising that in such a short book all of the characters and story lines were all really good.

Cameron and Lizzie had written to each other all years, but they don't know who the other is. Pretty cliché story line, but I loved it.

Otis and Luke! I loved them they were so cute. I really loved that there was a LGBT couple, but what I loved the most was that it wasn't written as a big deal.

I really liked Cora. She has been dating Jamie for more than 3 years, but she wants to break up with him. She has been with him for so long that she doesn't feel like she knows herself. I love seeing confident girls that don't need a boyfriend to be happy. That being said, I would love to see her with Madison, I totally ship it. Also I love that she might be bi (or at least she's questioning), it's so rare to see a bi character.

I liked Henry and Paisley, they were really good friends and I definitely liked that they were only friends. Jacinta was the only character that I didn't really like. I understand the need to be seen and remembered, but she annoyed me bit.

Overall a really cute book, definitely better than I thought, I'm glad I read it.

Lisa (Remarkablylisa) says

MY RATING: 3/5 STARS

I received an ARC from Raincoast Books in exchange for an honest review.

I simply adore Sandy Hall's covers. Her books are always gorgeous no matter what type of story she's writing or the genre. Although I have a copy of her debut novel, *A Little Something Different*, I haven't actually had the courage to pick it up. It's not intimidating by the sheer size of it because it's quite thin but I think I'm more intimidated by the development in the story and how it's written. This is my second attempt at reading a book by Sandy Hall and I've seen a trend happening. Sandy really likes writing books from multiple character point of views.

Some readers adore this method of story telling.

And some have greater difficulty at grasping the words, following the plot, and feeling all the emotions each character goes through during their journey of growth.

I am the latter.

While *A Prom to Remember* started off timidly fluffy like how all YA titles are in a way, I struggled with sticking to the plot and keeping my attention focused. This book follows 6 different characters with intertwining tales that lead to a bigger plot or goal. Prom. It's a four letter word that brings shivers throughout teenagers' bodies. The characters go through the trials and tribulations most students face. Balancing their extra-curricular activities with their school/homework and of course, their adorable crushes. Sandy Hall does a wonderful job at adding a sprinkle of diversity in the mix of hooligans. There is LGBT representation which brings a lot of readers to their knees. The characters also do a well job at giving readers a guide to navigating the tough seas of young adulthood. Too much drama may be a bad thing. Crushing on a wrong guy may lead to heartache. And sometimes you just need to take a risk.

MY RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend this novel to anyone who is open to reading a book filled with different plot points and someone who enjoys a wild ride of young adulthood.

Lisa Mandina says

This is another story that I feel is perfect for the teens of today. While this is my first book I've actually read by this author, I've had one sitting on my TBR shelf, and now I'm excited to get around to reading it. This story had such an amazing range of characters and situations. It reminded me a little of the recent movie *Blockers*. It also is a book I will recommend at the bookstore, and to my students, for anyone who enjoyed *Simon Vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*. Right off the bat, I personally connected with Jacinta. In high school, I was Unnamed Nerd Girl #3. I don't know how anyone in high school, other than the few people I hung out with remember me enough to friend me on Facebook these days. I don't feel like I got the type of end of the year/prom experience that Jacinta ends up with in the conclusion of the story. Then, there was a story that I think Paisley told, about why women are called "chicks". Now, I googled it. I don't find a story anywhere like what she told, but if it's true, I can't use that anymore. Finally, both the movie *Blockers*, and *Love, Simon* really got me started thinking about the things we don't think about with gay teens. Like for instance, the whole hotel room after prom is something I remember the drama of when I was watching shows like *Beverly Hills 90210* (the original). And how it meant sex, the first time for the girl usually. It was touched on in *Blockers* as well. But you, well, me, I guess I just didn't ever think about how the first time for sex for gay teens is going to be just as scary as it is for hetero. I'm sorry if that is wrong, but that is how my brain worked. I've now got a clue, and my mind is getting more and more open about just how things are basically the same for all teens on those types of aspects, it is just how they are treated by other people. So Otis and Luke's story really was one that I appreciated reading. And boy, I really did love Luke. I also loved Henry. It's rare I think, that we get such a story about a teen who has the social anxiety that Henry has, where to most people, they seem pretty normal. Usually when we have stories about teens like that, everyone tends to know or think that they are weird. So for Henry to be like he was, well, it was good. I loved the friendship between him and Paisley as well. I loved Paisley's prom shirt that she made when she got asked to prom.

This story just made me smile. I loved it, can't wait to order it for my school library!

Lauren says

Sandy Hall's books are like literary sweatpants to me. Safe, comfortable and relaxing, but not something I'd sport in public all the time. Fluffy books, such as Hall's, are a treat when I get bogged down by life or reading a bunch of the same genre. Thus, sweatpants.

Azbaqiyah says

The story was too damn cute! I'll really love the epilogue!

Laura says

3.5 Stars

Tuxes, dresses, and drama. OH MY!

Sandy Hall's *A Prom to Remember* is full of classic prom problems like no one to go with, doesn't want to go, can't go, and king and queen squabbles. All that more is told in the trademark Sandy Hall many-points-of-view style. We hear from 7 voices—Cora, Paisley, Henry, Cameron, Lizzie, Otis, and Jacinta. But there is also a swirl of side characters in the mix to follow—like Tag, Madison, Kelsey, Teagan, Josie, and Landon. It's a full cast! And surprisingly I kept track of almost everyone with little to no confusion—except for poor Kelsey. Sorry, girl. I just couldn't remember your role in all of this. All of these characters had one big thing in common—PROM! The one big night that attempts to bring everyone together to say goodbye to high school. But will they go? Should they go? Who will they go with? All that and more hits the pages of this book with cuteness and fun.

Now let me try to break some of the action down. *rubs hands together* Cora, head of the prom committee, wants to break up with her boyfriend of three years. Should she do it before or after the prom? She can't seem to figure out how to do it. Is there a good time to break someone's heart? *shakes head* Poor Jaime!

Paisley doesn't want to go to the prom, but may end up going to rescue Henry, her "stay out of the spotlight at all costs" BFF, who she accidentally nominated for prom king. If he wins, he will definitely be in the gossip glare and spotlight. Can she talk Henry into facing the music? They might just surprise each other and have fun in the end.

Cameron (my favorite character) spent senior year off the radar. He quit baseball and his best friend Henry because he couldn't deal with his new family situation. He couldn't figure out how to talk about it with anyone so he just avoided everyone. Except Laptop Girl! Cameron and Laptop Girl have been exchanging anonymous notes back and forth on a shared computer at school. They joked, shared, and listened to each other all year on a shared document on the laptop. Then prom hits! Will they finally meet for the first time at prom?

Otis and Luke are headed for prom history cuteness with two of the best promposals ever IMO. But then panic hits Otis! He avoids facing the after prom situation by getting into trouble and then grounded. Does this mean no prom? Can Otis find a way to the big event to make it up to Luke? More importantly, can Otis talk to Luke about why he panicked in the first place?

Phew...I think that's enough for now. Haha....I could go on & on! I should have just said this is a cute as a button book that will bring back prom night memories or make you really look forward to one. Start dress shopping now! All of the characters and plot points will make you plan, hope, laugh, and smile. I do have one exception though....

(view spoiler)

Anywho....that brutal heartbreak aside. I had fun here. It has it all! HUMOR—the sex talk between Otis and his straight friend, Tag, was hilariously awkward and sweet! HEART—Cameron and Henry's meet ups made me proud. Such boys! And ROMANCE—Mystery Boy and laptop Girl's story will make you cheer and giggle. Ms. Hall created a story full of everything the prom has to offer. The good, the bad, and the awkward are all on display here! So grab your high heels and straighten out your bow ties! Let's dance and sparkle our way to prom! It's the perfect end to your high school career. Here's hoping this gang survives the night. :D

A fun read. Pick it up from your local Library.

Sheena says

3.5 out of 5. Quick cute read.

Rendz says

Cute enough I guess. RTC.

Justin Turczak says

I enjoyed the story. It's cute, most part seems very realistic minus a few parts are to those rom com prom movies. But overall very enjoyable and could relate to every character. One story in hear I loved the most and worked out to how I wanted it to so I'm happy.
