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"Kids and cupcakes are the perfect recipe!"-Sophie and Katherine, stars of TLC's *DC Cupcakes*

Meet Jenna.

She's the cupcake club's official taste tester, but the past few weeks have not been so sweet. Her mom just got engaged to Leo-who Jenna is sure is not "The One"-and Peace, Love, and Cupcakes has to bake the wedding cake. Jenna is ready to throw in the towel, especially when she hears the wedding will be in Las Vegas on Easter weekend, one of the most important holidays for the club's business.

Can Jenna and her friends handle their busy orders-and the Elvis impersonators-or will they have a cupcake meltdown?

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Becky Keir Grace says

The 4th book in the Cupcake Club series was a fun, quick read. Great book for 8-10 year olds. In this book, the story follows around Jenna, the easy going, taste testing member of the club. Jenna's mother is getting married and wants the club to make the wedding cupcakes! Not only will the girls all be junior bridesmaids, but the wedding is in Las Vegas! Of course there are a few mishaps in the story which keeps it entertaining.

One again we read about a situation that happens in everyday life. Jenna loves her family the way it is. They may not have much money, but they have each other, and she is not ready to change her life style for Leo and his daughter. This book is a good one for blending families for Jenna's issues are very common ones. We also get a look into animal shelters and the need to find homes for stray pets.

Jackie says

PLC, otherwise known as Peace, Love & Cupcakes, has a new job...baking a cupcake tower for Jenna's mom who is getting married to Leo. Jenna is not especially fond of Leo, but her mom is smitten. She tries to put her feelings aside for her mom's sake. But, not only is the wedding in soon...it is in Las Vegas! That means the cupcakes will have to travel from the East Coast half way across the country. That is until PLC comes up with the idea to bake the cupcakes at the hotel!

With Jenna's crazy and kooky siblings, her new step-sister, and a marriage to attend...there's chaos galore, but the one person that always comes through for her is the one person she hasn't given much credit to...Leo, her new step-dad.

We Writers says

The Cupcake Club

Icing on the Cake

Can you ever imaging having to make tons of dozens of cupcakes and your mom getting married the same week? What would you do? If you want to find out what the cupcake club will do, then you have to read the book to find out! This book is a very good book with lots of strong details. This book introduces you to all the characters and the setting. I think that you would really enjoy this book, and there is a lot of other books in the series that I think you will really like!

Shambre says

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Library Maven says

As the girls of the "Peace, Love and Cupcakes Club" return for more adventures, Jenna's mother is engaged to Leo and planning a Las Vegas wedding. Jenna is not sure about this, but her mother wants the club to come to Las Vegas and create a cupcake tower for the wedding. As can be suspected, not all goes well. They help an Elvis impersonator celebrate by making a peanut butter and banana cake for the 250 people in his audience. Then, several near disasters threaten the cupcake tower. This is a series that 2nd through 4th graders will relish because the characters are endearing and the recipes for the Cupcake Club's creations are appended.

Thanks go out to Sourcebooks for the review copy!

Shazzer says

Another sweet addition to this cupcake series. "Icing on the Cake" breaks no new ground, but Jenna is a good character, and young readers will relate to her feeling of being edged out and not belonging. As much as these books are big on the wish-fulfillment (a trip to Vegas with all your friends *and* a new dog?), the characters are grounded in a world that kids can still find familiar and comforting.

Aeicha says

Y'all know that I'm a cupcake fanatic, a cupcake fangirl, a true cupcake enthusiast, so when I was asked to review a book in a series call The Cupcake Club, well, I was all over THAT! And I'm so thrilled to have discovered this yummy series. Sheryl and Carrie Berk are a mother-daughter writing duo and The Cupcake Club is their sweet creation. Each book in the series focuses on one member of The Cupcake Club, a club consisting of a group of elementary aged girls, and Icing on the Cake is Jenna's story. Jenna is the official taste tester of the club, and when her mother gets engaged to Leo, Jenna's life is anything but frosting and sprinkles. Jenna's mom asks The Cupcake Club to bake the cupcake wedding cake and even invites the club to join the family in Vegas for the wedding. It seems like EVERYONE is excited about the wedding except Jenna. Will the club be able to deal with Elvis impersonators, the melting Vegas heat, and a less than thrilled Jenna, AND bake the best cupcake cake ever?!

The Berks have certainly found the recipe for cupcakey goodness! Icing on the Cake, like the other books in the series, are the perfect length for younger middle-grade readers and contain plenty of fun, humor, and heart to charm readers of all ages. Jenna's story in Icing on the Cake is a relatable one that touches upon relevant subjects like mixed families, bullying, and responsibility, and the authors explore these things in way that is entertaining, yet completely appropriate for its intended audience. Readers will learn important life lessons and not even realize it!

Jenna's story is one that many young readers will be able to relate to and appreciate. Jenna's anger, confusion, and fear over her mother's impending marriage, and the changes it will bring their family, are deftly and sensitively explored with a lot of heart, humor, and honesty.

At the heart of this book and the series, is The Cupcake Club, and the friendship among its members. The club itself, with its kid run business, offers such an exciting premise. I love how each member plays an important role in the club and how the members actually responsibly run a money making business. The characters are wonderfully diverse, unique, and endearing. There's definitely at least one club member for every reader to connect and identify with. And the genuine love, support, and friendship among the club members is so heartwarming.

I want to point out that this isn't a series that necessarily needs to be read in order. Icing on the Cake isn't the first book in the series, but it is the first book in the series I've read and I was easily able to understand all that's going on. The authors do a great job of recapping previous books and giving readers a clear sense of the club and characters.

AND, the book includes cupcake recipes used by the club, which is just super cool!

MY FINAL THOUGHTS: Diverse, likable characters; a sweet, heart-warming story; and lots of yummy fun make Icing on the Cake a delicious read. Readers of all ages can appreciate and enjoy this book and series, but younger middle-grade readers will be especially captivated. I look forward to devouring the rest of the books in this delicious series!

Cait says

Originally posted at Escape Through the Pages with the same rating.

ICING ON THE CAKE by Sheryl & Carrie Berk is the fourth book in the wonderful middle grade series The Cupcake Club. Each book has focused on a different member of the club, and this time it's Jenna, the official taste-tester of Peace, Love and Cupcakes.

Along with the sweet recipes and hijinks that the club finds themselves in, each story deals with subjects and issues that students may find themselves facing on a daily basis. In ICING ON THE CAKE Jenna has to come to terms with her mother re-marrying. Jenna maintains her dislike of Leo and it's only through her friends, the club and the love and attention of a sweet little puppy that Jenna starts to think differently. Of course, this is in the midst of Easter – the biggest cupcake holiday for the club – making her mother's wedding cake and dealing with a last minute Elvis impersonator who has a request of Peace, Love and Cupcakes.

ICING ON THE CAKE by Sheryl & Carrie Berk is a sweet story about family, friends, changes and learning to roll with the punches. Jenna has a lot of things thrown at her in the course of only a couple months but she doesn't let them bring her down. She is, after all, an important member of Peace, Love and Cupcakes and she has her friends to keep her strong and proud.

Olivia says

This is a great book that shows that your friends are always there for you

Victoria Fontaine says

Best book in the series by FAR!

Print Teach says

This is a lovely kids story with a perfect blend of girly friendship, easy to relate to school & family problems and a happy ending. There's a touch of romance, some inspirational business strategy, and Spanish language lessons. Some of the modern cultural references feel a bit awkward (as if they've been added as an afterthought), but overall it's a really nice book. Recommended.
