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She doesn't know how to get Daisy to sleep.
She doesn't own a rolling pin.
And then there's Daisy's sh*tbag of a father ...

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Skaist? says

Smagi knyga. Retai kada juokiuosi skaitydama knyg?, ta?iau ši sugeb?jo tai padaryti. Viena vertus, tai lengvas k?rinys su nusp?jamais ?vykiais. Kita vertus, tikrai daug prajuokino (net skai?iau kelias vietas vyru garsiai, kad pasijuokt? kartu), nor?jos i?skaiti dar ir dar. Žodžiu, man buvo geras pasirinkimas, kai norisi per daug negalvoti, o tiesiog versti puslap? po puslapio, atpalaiduoti ir pasim?gauti.

Becky says

Funny

This an amazing light read. It puts a humorous aspect on parenting. This is filled with romance. Couldn't put it down. I'm so glad it all worked out for Jules in the end and I look forward to reading the next book

Nora|KnyguDama says

Vaiku?i? aš neturiu, j? reikaliuk?, nemigo nakt?, tyreli? ar sauskeln? ekspert? tikrai nesu. Tad kod?l mane sudomino ši knyga? Nes pavadinime buvo žodis dienoraštis, o virš jo puikavosi galyb? knyg? liaupsinan?i? skaitytoj? ?vertinim??. Nors jais tik?ti galima ne visada ta?iau žodžiu dienoraštis, kuomet jis pranašauja linksmus dalykus, dažniausiai tikiu. Jis man žada trumpus tekstukus apie visiškai kasdieninius dalykus, kartais net pompastiškai juokingus, kas vasar? man "susivalgo" kaip desertas. "Blogos mamos dienoraštis" iš pirmo žvilgsnio man pasirod? kaip tobulas skaitinys saul?tai vasaros dienai. Valioo! Mano žvilgsnis man?s neapgavo - su knyga praleidau beprotiškai smag? laik?!

Džuljeta - k? tik iškepta mamyt?, kuri apie mamyst? nežino nieko. Ji pervaigusi, neišsimiegojusi, nuolat pergyvena d?l priaugto svorio ir dar šokin?ja aplink savo sužad?tin? Nik? kaip aplink dar vien? k?dik?. Nikas - save vadina aktoriumi, per dienas t?no namuose, maukia viena alus butel? po kito ir net nesivargina apsimesti atsakingu t?vu. Mažoji Deiz? irgi ne iš rami?j? k?dik?li?. J? užmigdyti tolygu laim?ti kar?, o išlaikyti švari? ir saus? praktiškai ne?manoma. Prie visko dar prisideda ir Niko mama Helena - turtting?j? sluoksnio atstov? ne itin m?gstanti Džuljet? ir pasipuošusi pla?iausia šypsena vis kandžiai jai tai primena. Vyšnait? ant torto - jaunoji šeima gyvena Helenos bute, o Helena lankosi kasdien ir ?vedin?ja savo tvark?. Tikriausiai net sakyti nereikia kaip visa tai iš proto ved? Džuljet?...Ji pati kilusi iš paprastos šeimos, t?vai turi alin? ir tuo ver?iasi. Jos mama rengiasi tik ryškiais ir itin aptemptais drabužiais nepaisant didžiulio antsvorio, o t?tis vis vien ? j? ži?ri kaip ? saldainiuk?. Džuljeta turi dvi seseris - protinguol? Lor? ir Brend?, kuri vos šešiolikos pasigimd? s?nel?. Visa tai Helenos akyse ir yra didžiausias mar?ios minusas, kur? ji ken?ia sukandusi dantis. Ta?iau Džuljetos kantryb? taip pat ne auksin?...

Juokiaus, tikriausiai, kiekviename puslapyje. Visos Džuljetos dienos aprašytos taip komiškai, taip tikroviškai ir taip smagiai, jog neatostogaudama jau?iausi kaip atostogose. Man labai patiko Džuljetos personažas - neperspaustas (kas dažniausiai sugadina komiškas veik?jas), nebijantis aštri? žodži? ar net keiksm??. Didžiulis pliusas ir tai, jog nei viename puslapyje ji nevaidino ir net nesisteng? pasirodyti kaip "supermamyt?". ?ia komiškai aprašyta tikroji mamyst?. Žinoma, knygoje yra ir romantin? linija, meil?s

dalyk?, bet jie ? pasakojim? ?sipina labai subtiliai ir nieko negadina. O jau Džuljetos šeimos nuotykiai... Mirk iš juoko! "Blogos mamos dienoraštis" - geros nuotaikos ir humoro bomba visiems norintiems kažko lengvo ir smagaus. Vien ko vertas pasakojimas, kuomet Helenos prašmatnaus vakar?lio metu du šunys po visus namus ištašk? Deiz?s prikrautas sauskelnes! Idealus pasirinkimas atostogoms! O ties kas juok?si iš vis? Bridžitos Džouns fiasko kvatosis ir iš Džuljetos kasdienyb?s.

Bea Hale says

I didn't mean to read it so quickly....

When I started this book it was simply as a filler book to tide me other until a book in a series I'm addicted to was released. The plan was to read 20 pages a night, that would get me through....I think I !managed 20 pages the first night and on the second night I couldn't put it down. My kindle died in the middle of reading and I realised it was almost 5am. Oops.

Entering the third day I'd given up my plan and allowed myself to fall into the book.

The characters are brilliant, I scowled at the wedding (even though I'd already figured what happen), I may have been muttering that Helen needed to pick her tits up and jog the F on with her interfering. Stuck snotfaced Doylum what she is. Honestly the time I realised the book was over I was hoping Nick would have so many STDs that his dick would fall off.

Definitely a read I recommend.

Round of applause for the author, I'm off to read the next one.....I'm not even going to try to take it slowly, gimme gimme gimme.

Cynthia Lanovaz says

I just finished reading "Bad Mother's Diary." I haven't felt all that well lately, so I thought I would read and try and not do anything. At first it was hard for me to get into, but once I got to the quarter mark I didn't want to put it down. I was pissed at Alex for not trying harder to get Juliette to forget Nick, but I understood where he was coming from. I thought that Nick was up yo something when he wouldn't be home until late. On her wedding day of all days to find out that her best friend was pregnant with Nick's baby. I wanted to tear Nick and Sadie's hearts out. What a friend she was. I was happy that Alex gave up his car to be with Jules at the auction and basically told Nick to suck it and left with Alex after Alex kissed her under the mistletoe. Thank you Suzy for allowing me to read your book.

Enya-Marie says

A light-hearted read with a few funny moments and an uplifting feel-good factor.

Pros:

- It's a fun enough book that's well-suited to when you need a light read to perk you up

- The Duffy family are pretty great albeit swamped with clichés e.g. irresponsible young mother 'who's just a baby herself', studious older sister who's a bit boring but knows exactly what to do in each situation
- The main character felt believable and utterly relatable

Cons:

- There are no surprises in this book whatsoever, it's entirely predictable but in a cutesy romance, that's not necessarily an awful thing.
- The ending is far too rushed and that lets the book down, the book continually references fairytale tropes and happily-ever-afters so you kind of expect this from the very off but the conclusion just wasn't enough.
- All the male characters in the book are very simply written and are two-dimensional. Their motives are always obvious and their back stories aren't detailed or particularly interesting.

Extra note: I don't know how I feel about this as I'm torn between finding it sweet and finding it a bit cringey but in the middle of the book, the author 'interrupts' and congratulates you 'lovely ladies' on getting that far. At the very end of the book as well, there's a truck-load of self-promotion promising competition giveaways, an exclusive prequel and, what in my view amounts to emotional blackmail though it did give me a giggle, a note from the author saying, 'I read ALL my Amazon and Goodreads reviews (and yes, the bad ones do make me cry) and pay special attention to my favourite reviews and sometimes send special gifts as a thank you.'

The last part however, just didn't sit well with me at all, if an author wants genuine feedback from readers then saying that mean reviews make them cry and that they'll send gifts to 'favourite' reviews just sounds like they're clutching at straws to make sure they get good publicity and favourable mentions. Okay, so maybe the less cynical person could argue that Quinn is just trying to bond with her readers or something but for me, this just feels unethical and a bit desperate.

Anyway, onto the review.

I picked up this book because it was free on the new Amazon Prime readers programme for Kindle and because I was having a coffee after a stressful presentation and I wanted an easy read to relax with (the last two books I read were super heavy in the religious/murdering/widowhood grief/devil worship department).

As I said above, *The Bad Mother's Diary* is an easy read with its predictability, diary format, and humour making it simple to understand - it doesn't ask the reader to do any hard work whatsoever. This can be a good thing, in my situation it was and I imagine to many readers - particularly those who are busy mums looking for a book to dip in and out of while they're exhausted and waiting for their child to settle down - it's part of the book's main appeal far from it being a drawback.

The plot is cheesy in its obviousness but again, this doesn't really detract from the book as you keep plodding along with it to see exactly how Jules gets from A to B and the funny struggles she encounters in the meantime. And the struggles are funny - from the perspective of someone who doesn't have a child, it's refreshing to see a more realistic view of motherhood away from the Instagram world of avocado smoothie drinkers who jog 5 miles before 6am and have their children enrolled in prep school from the moment they're born. I'd much rather hear about shitty nappy disasters and a mum's struggle to do parenting her own way rather than the ways of the people around her. That being said, considering the title - this book doesn't seem to be centred on motherhood. I'd say the plot was more centred around how a woman copes with hitting rock bottom and then pushing herself to achieve and to find happiness in her life in spite of the critics around her. In that sense, it's quite an uplifting story, I just wish the focus had been more on that and a bit more attention had been paid to some of the more significant challenges Jules faced - we find out way more about her

struggle than we do about her struggles with completing her goals.

The male characters pretty much suck but this is compensated for with how great the female characters are. They're wholly relatable and though this means they rely on clichés a lot of the time, I guarantee most readers can think of someone in their lives that's similar to members of the Duffy family, Althea, Clarisse or Helen.

All in all, I probably won't read this again but if I knew someone who was in a bit of a funk, I'd recommend they pick the book up. Its easiness to read and the diary format meaning you can dip in and out of it without having to pick up lost threads means it'd be a solidly uplifting read for someone having a rough time of things or having problems with concentration.

I plan to keep the sequel in mind for when I next could do with a bit of encouragement and a light-hearted read with a feel-good factor and hope the embarrassing anecdotes of Jules' struggles with motherhood, weight, and relationships only get funnier.

[SPOILER]

My biggest criticism of the book, though this is a personal one, I'd have much preferred it if it ended with Jules feeling good about herself for one of her biggest achievements rather than it ending really abruptly on a romance story. For me, her overcoming her own personal obstacles was way more interesting and empowering than some guy deciding he does, after all, fancy her. Big whoop - she was awesome all along anyway.

[SPOILER]

Rachelle Reads says

Brilliant!!!

Juliette's diary of motherhood, baby daddy fiancé, family and friendships is so spot on it could be told by any of us.

I loved everything about this book. It made me laugh a whole bunch, smile, and even cry a little. You can totally relate to Juliette and what's she's going through. She's such a realistic character. I adore her. I could be her when I was a mom for the first time.

I absolutely love her friends and her family they are so supportive and loving and they all have their own funny opinions on on Jules life.

Her family is so very crazy in the very best possible way.

If your looking for a sweet hilarious read with realistic characters don't miss out on this book it's bloody fantastic!!!!

I did not want this story to end and I hope to we get a lot more books surrounding this awesome family!

Well done Suzy K Quinn love your books lovely

Lindsey DeVoil says

Light-hearted, easy read, with a good mix of humour in with the sadness and betrayals.

Tracy Cockburn says

Great read

Really good easy read. Will be starting the next one straight away as I'm dying to know what's going to happen

Kat says

Loved it. I'm hoping for a sequel? :)

Aanandita Maitra says

The much discussed topic of motherhood presented in a charming and humorous platter!

Witty & humorous, with a dash of romance added to the mix. A heartwarming but realistic romantic comedy which peels the layers of perfect motherhood and gives a peek into the daily life of a middle class mother, where sometimes money is short and trying to balance motherhood while aiming to get back the perfect body seem to collide at every turn. It's also a story about understanding relationships and maturing from heartbreaks to realize one's self worth. And, lastly the beautiful but not so perfect bond between a mother and her baby.

Also the diary style of narration is catchy uplifts the content of the story from many of its predecessors.

Loved it. Would definitely recommend this author.

Book provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Heather Hanly says

I have just this minute finished this book and had to leave a 5 star review as I enjoyed it so much. Extremely witty, this diary of motherhood made me laugh out loud and was a fun, feel-good read.

As a mother to a one year old, I could relate to all the baby mishaps which conjured up my own fun memories with my daughter. I look forward to any future books and have to agree, a happy baby is most certainly a sparkly baby!

Hayley says

Totally predictable. Read outside in the sunshine, characters slightly OTT for me and the end was a bit

rushed. A fun, quick read that made me smile

Anne Mackle says

Juliette is a typical new mum, not sure if she's doing things right. She can't get her baby Daisy to sleep no matter who's advice she follows so she is physically and mentally exhausted. Nick, her partner is not helping matters, in fact he is like an overgrown schoolboy. They live in an apartment owned by Nick's mum Helen who is always popping in while being no help at all while making it clear that she doesn't think Juliette is good enough for her darling son.

Juliette would like to be the perfect mum, have a perfect Ikea home and only cook organic food but at the moment it's hard enough getting out of the apartment without her clothes being covered in baby stains. I've been having problems getting in to some books recently and when this came in the post for review I started reading it and I couldn't stop. It is really funny and if you've had a baby you will relate to most of Juliette's problems. New mums will realise that everyone goes through the same trials as Juliette and maybe won't feel so alone.

Hopefully you won't have a partner like Nick. Oh how I would love to give him a good slap.

Juliette's parents run and live in a pub. Her mum doesn't believe in dressing appropriately for her age and size and this gives us some of the funniest moments in the book. Juliette's mum is also warm and kind and great with her granddaughter unlike the horrible Helen.

Alex is a knight in shining armour who has worshipped Juliette from afar for years and...he's rich.

Juliette will take some convincing as she doesn't want to be the one to break up her baby daughter's family as she thinks a father like Nick is better than no father at all.

Juliette is a lovely character and you just want everything to go right for her. I wanted to give her a hug and tell her it does get better. I loved her determination with her running even although she hated it.

I also loved the supporting cast of Juliette's sisters Laura and Brandi and her friend Althea and her wayward son who are hysterical.

This book is ideal if you need a good laugh and don't we all need that from time to time. As it says in the title it is written in diary form but it flows so well that I almost forgot it was.

The paragraph from the author at the beginning and end of the book is a lovely touch.

Maranda says

This review is from: Baby, Me, OMG: Motherhood fiction (Surprise Baby Romance) (Kindle Edition) Will start by saying I love this writer and have read many of her previous works. This book is in a date order like you would write in a diary. That was a bit hard for me to stay on the story line. Kind of choppy this way. But the story and main character Juliette were quite true to life for I would say many women. Struggles of keeping a family together when only one is trying. Fighting against depression and weight gain while trying to be a good mom is very relative. Guide at the introduction to the book gives the reader a list of British terms not common in the United States. Having read them up front made the prose more understandable. And for all of us who dream of our White Knight you will not be disappointed in this story.

