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A "Love Unexpected" Novel ...

Carly Wexler makes her living as an advice columnist, never realizing she needs a reality check of her own. Convinced that happiness lies along the route she's carefully mapped out for herself, she's been missing living life to its fullest. When her fiance's globe-traveling, photo-journalist brother arrives in time for the wedding, the unexpected punch of desire sends her reeling, forcing her to reevaluate her best-laid plans. Will Carly open her mind as well as her heart and accept that her unexpected love for Mike is the right choice for her after all?

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From Reader Review The Right Choice for online ebook

booknerd_dork says

I received the e-copy of the book in exchange of an honest review. This book is awesome! Really really liked it. It is very touching and both the characters Carly and Mack, overcame over their pasts and dealt with it beautifully. I really loved that about the characters. They knew their fault and conquered over them even it was hard. They did and got what they both wanted, being with each other.

The family reunion of Carly's, just love that scene and I was in tune with Carly, so perfectly that the peace she made with her family, seemed to travel through me too.

Mack!!! I love both the characters, they are strong and know what is wrong and are trying to cope with them. The growing love between them, just is so right even so many things in between.

I disliked Peter, but after the hospital incident, I don't now and for Mack too; Pete is his baby brother and he loves him, so...

The story is in two parts; first her compromise marriage, which thank goodness didn't happen. I was rooting for Carly and Mack from beginning from the moment they met. Then second part the growing feelings between Mack and Carly, but not admitting them, due to being scared by their pasts.

I liked the whole journey, an enjoyable must read!

Kizzie Brown says

The Right Choice was fun, endearing and unexpected!

From the first page of The Right Choice, Carly Philips totally draws you in to the story and you wonder how such a crazy love triangle could possibly end up with everyone being relatively unscathed. But somehow she totally pulls it off, making this book fun to read and impossible to put down.

Carly Wexler is sweet but totally misguided about love and romance and therefore totally unprepared for the effect that Mike Novack's mere presence has on her world. Mike is going through a tough time and is looking for a short reprieve, not a lasting love, and certainly not a connection with Carly. And both of them, as well as Mike's brother, Peter, who by the way is Carly's fiancé, have let their childhood hurts drive their present relationship outlooks. As you can imagine, all of that makes for a twisty, page turner that you can't put down. The Right Choice is definitely the right summer read.

Caroline F says

This was a sweetly sexy and slightly angsty romance.

"She wanted what she'd never realized she was capable of wanting. What she'd never allowed herself to desire. She wanted passion."

Carly and Peter were good friends, who got engaged. Neither are in love with the other but Carly is committed to the safe, drama-free marriage that they're going to have. She's happy in their fairly

unemotional, somewhat platonic relationship, until the arrival of Peter's older brother, Mike.

"He watched as myriad emotions shifted across her face. At that moment, he understood that he would never get enough of her, not ever."

Mike is a footloose and fancy-free photographer who travels to dangerous hot spots all over the world. He's not keen on commitment or the prospect of being tied down.

"This man reached inside her. He understood her without the need for words. He was her other half. And he would leave her soon."

Both Carly and Mike are running away from something, but when they meet, they find something in each other that is both alluring and scary.

This was a really enjoyable romance, with some great chemistry between the characters. I loved Mike's character – how he pushed Carly to look at herself properly. I enjoyed how genuine and honest Mike and Carly were – there was no messing around with each other's feelings. Their fear held them back but they were true to themselves and each other.

Jaymy M. says

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There are people who write books and then there are writers, true wordsmiths, storytellers. Carly Phillips, aka Karen Drogin, is a storyteller -- her readers taste, smell and feel everything the characters do.

This is why I have been a Carly Phillips fan for decades.

Mrs. Perkins says

Boring & Not Engaging

Just kind of blah. Never really felt like you got the whole picture about the main characters' back stories. Then, with all the issues between them, never really understood how everything got resolved so quickly. Boring read. Definitely not her best work.

Eileen says

The Right Choice by Carly Phillips is Book 1 in her Unexpected Love series and an updated version of one of her earliest books. In this story we meet Carly Wexler, advice columnist, high school counselor, and engaged to Peter Novak, her best friend and a lawyer in her father's law firm. The fact that they have no sexual attraction is the reason Carly believes this marriage will work out. Well, at least until she meets Mike Novak, a photojournalist and Peter's brother, who has arrived for the wedding. Will the sparks Carly feel for Mike alter her beliefs and change her outlook on love? Is it better to be safe or to follow your heart?

This was a sweet, fun and entertaining story with very likeable and authentic characters that you want to cheer on, hoping for that happy ending. The characters were well written with complex characteristics. The story line was riveting and kept my attention to the very end. I really loved reading this book and had trouble putting this book down despite having read it when it many years ago, before being updated. I highly recommend this book to other readers.

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

J K says

Carly has her life planned out. She is trying to plan her wedding to Peter even though she isn't in love him. Due to her father cheating on her mother when she was younger she feels she doesn't need to love her

husband. She thinks this will make her happy. Peter is also not in love with Carly but thinks this is wedding is a good thing for both of them. He is too busy (or uninterested) in the details and sends his brother Mike to help her and BAM instant attraction. Mike knows there is no passion between Peter and Carly and that she shouldn't marry his brother. He tries to get her to open her eyes to this and show her how to have fun, express her wants and have passion for life. I love how Carly Phillips is able to have Carly and Mike work through unresolved problems and come out stronger in the end. I love who they become when they are together. I truly enjoyed the happy ending. I am a huge Carly Phillips fan!!!!

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://longandshortreviews.blogspot.c...>

What if the predetermined Right Choice isn't the right choice at all?

Hooray for individuality and realizing one's true desires. I know when I grab any one of Carly Phillips' books, I am in for a treat. The Right Choice is more than a treat. The writing flows well and drew me in right away. One sitting. I literally started at page one and didn't get up until the end. Why? I had to know what would happen. There are so many plot twists that are not at all what I expected that once I thought I knew what would happen--the story zagged. And it all worked so well.

Carly knows exactly what she wants in life. Or so she thinks. She's easy for lots of us to relate to. We think we know what we want and then when presented with it, we realize it might not be what we thought. Sure, there are times when she comes across rather fretful and almost weepy. Come on. We've all been there. Confusion, desire, and one darned hot guy to stir the pot.

Then there's Mike. The man is headstrong. Like Carly, he knows what he wants and takes it. Sometimes he comes across as a steamroller, just doing what he wanted without thought to her. But being all male and very alpha. I didn't agree with some of the things he did, but I could forgive it because his heart is in the right place. Oh, and when he and Carly mix it up? The emotion, though not blatantly obvious is palpable. You feel it.

If you want a book that shows the true strength of the human psyche, then you need to read The Right Choice. 4.5 books, definitely.

Katrina says

This is a cute story of two people who should not fall In love with each other who do anyway, despite their best efforts.

Carly is determined to have the perfect marriage, which in her mind means avoiding love and ensuring her parents marriage is not repeated in hers. What she doesn't realize is she is on a path for that to happen.

Mike believes he is not meant for permanence or long-term commitment. His work as a photojournalist in war-torn countries is just one reason why. He also happens to be the brother of Carly's fiancé.

From the moment they meet sparks fly. The book is an interesting journey of unwillingness to acknowledge their feelings and determination to follow the "plan", even when all signs are saying 'stop'! I enjoyed their conversations and getting to know each other, and I was definitely interested in how they were going to work things out! A good read, as always from Carly Phillips!

MsChris1161 says

Very enjoyable story about Carly, a woman who has set out to protect herself from the pain that can come from loving and trusting someone by choosing a "safe" guy to marry. She chooses her friend Peter, an ambitious and single-minded attorney who works hard to make partner in her father's law firm. Neither feels passion for the other but both believe they will get something they want from marriage with a partner who understands their needs and isn't expecting great love in return. Their marriage plans all seem to be going well until just weeks before the wedding Peter's brother Mike comes to town and he and Carly are drawn to each other with chemistry that is practically combustible. Carly is attracted to Mike which beyond terrifies her so she tries to fight her feelings. Mike feels that same intense attraction but doesn't want to betray his brother and only living relative. He is also a world traveling photojournalist with serious commitment fears. Yet Peter, who is oblivious to what's going on with anyone but himself, keeps pushing them together for wedding things so he can carry on uninterrupted. Eventually things come to a head. Everyone not only has to face what's really going on, but the root of their issues. Of course, in her usual wonderful way, Ms. Phillips wraps it all up neatly and manages to not only leave all the characters friends with most of their personal fears resolved, but we romantics get our HEA. What more can you ask?

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Heather says

While this is one of Carly Phillips older titles, written under the name Karen Drogin, it makes it no less amazing than her current offerings.

Carly Wexler is engaged to Peter, but it really is going to be a marriage of convenience more than anything. She's always played it safe and this marriage will fall right into that category as well. When Peter's brother, Mike, is introduced to her, she feels things that she knows she shouldn't since he will be her brother in law. She does her best to push all of those romantic feelings to the side, even though the sparks are flying, and comes to the conclusion that going through with her wedding to Peter is the right decision.

While Carly tries to go through with the wedding to Peter, she finally hits a point where she and Mike can't deny what is happening between them. It is sweet, they connect and the love they share is undeniable.

This is a feel good romance that will warm you from the inside and make you smile. It's definitely one to pick up!

Rhonda says

I wasn't impressed with this book. The protagonist is about to enter a loveless marriage with friend because she is terrified of her spouse cheating on her because her father did when she was growing up.

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"The Right Choice" has recently been released in ebook format. Get a copy now for a couple of hours of

enjoyable reading.

Angela says

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19 January 2015: \$0.00 FREE on Kindle

Heather / Obsessed With Myself says

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

For More - Check out my blog at: www.obsessedwithmyshelf.com

I generally hate books that involve love triangles. I suppose my poor heart just can't take it and I generally avoid these stories like the plague. However, this story may have changed my tune...this book is one of Carly's older stories that has recently been released as an ebook and it tells a tale of Carly's journey from what she thinks she needs to love that she'll allow herself to accept.

Carly is engaged to Peter, a lawyer who is on the partnership track at her father's firm. The proposed marriage is one of convenience for both of them more than anything else. But when Carly meets Mike, Peter's brother, she's assaulted with feelings. She forces herself to ignore the sparks, insulates herself from the growing desire, and convinces herself that marrying Peter is the right choice. Mike is in town to help with the party planning, and is also using this time to escape and run from his own demons. When the two come together the chemistry is practically unavoidable and the growing need for each other causes them to grow closer to one another until they shut down and do what they do best: run.

You too will get over the whole love-triangle-thing when it resolves itself to your satisfaction. Promise. And you'll cheer when Carly begins to actually stand up for herself and her needs in her life and finally accepts the love she so desperately thinks she doesn't deserve. The love story between Carly and Mike hit a warm nerve that made my heart happy. There's so much sweetness, consideration and love running between these two that it's no surprise when they can no longer run from each other. This is the kind of book you save to re-read on a cold, wet day where you need to be warmed from the inside out.

We all know I love a good smutty novel - and this isn't it - but it's a sweet romance that leaves you hugging yourself with a smile on your face. readreadread!
