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Someday I want to live in a place where I never hear “You’re Dusty’s sister?” ever again.

Life is real enough for Dylan—especially as the ordinary younger sister of Dusty, former Miss Mississippi and the most perfect, popular girl in Tupelo. But when Dusty wins the hand of the handsome Scottish laird-to-be Ronan on the TRC television network’s crown jewel, *Prince in Disguise*, Dylan has to face a different kind of reality: reality TV.

As the camera crew whisks them off to Scotland to film the lead-up to the wedding, camera-shy Dylan is front and center as Dusty’s maid of honor. The producers are full of surprises—including old family secrets, long-lost relatives, and a hostile future mother-in-law who thinks Dusty and Dylan’s family isn’t good enough for her only son. At least there’s Jamie, an adorably bookish groomsman who might just be the perfect antidote to all Dylan’s stress . . . if she just can keep TRC from turning *her* into the next reality show sensation.

Prince in Disguise Details

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Jaime Arkin says

I loved every single thing about this book- I almost died of the cute banter and swoony moments. I ship Dylan & Jamie so much it's ridiculous, and I wouldn't say no to something set in their future because I never want this story to end!!

Full review to come

I love this book so, so much and it might just be my new favorite thing ever.

It has witty banter.

It has relatable and funny characters.

It has reality T.V. craziness.

It has a prince in disguise.

It has all the swoons.

I don't know why it wasn't on my radar, but once I read the summary, I immediately bought it and when it arrived, I immediately started reading it.

You're not going to find any crazy twists and turns in this one, it's incredibly predictable, but you won't even care! What you will find is one of the sweetest YA romances around. It is so smartly written, with so many fun pop culture and classic literature references, and if you're like me, you'll find yourself laughing every few pages!

From the very beginning, the chemistry between Dylan and Jamie just pulled me in. They just connected on this super nerdy level that I appreciated immensely. Dylan is stuck in what might be considered her personal hell... her sister's reality T.V. wedding and with cameras everywhere she just knows all the awkward moments of her life are going to be magnified. She doesn't expect to find a kindred soul in Jamie... the guy who rescued her from freezing to death at the train station.

The secondary characters were so fun too – Ronan, Dusty, Kit, & Heaven... I couldn't get enough of them!

If you're a fan of light-hearted, swoon filled contemporary... this is the book for you. It's got a permanent place on my favorites shelf and I definitely plan to do an annual reread!

mith says

{you can read my review here as well}

If you're into season reads and want something super cute and fluffy for winter time, Prince in Disguise is definitely a good choice. It takes place in the weeks counting down to Christmas and there are a lot of

shenanigans to behold in a cold castle in Scotland.

The cute factor here is definitely at a high. Jamie, the love interest, is an absolute dork and I adored him and all his quirky traits. He randomly refers to ancient poetry and literature in whatever conversations he's a part of, countless #JustEnglishThings that I, nor the main character, Dylan, understand at first. It's really endearing. He's also really endearing and really cute, and really tall because that's actually something that is important lol.

What I did not like, however, was the main character, Dylan!! She was relatable, but man, she was horrible at times, especially to her sister. She said the worst things to Dusty, and it's just... Dylan constantly complains about the cameras that trail her family and her around because of the reality show Dusty and her soon-to-be-husband are a part of. She hates being filmed all the time and she calls Dusty fake, everything fake. I found it ridiculous that she's so affected by the crew that she doesn't even begin to consider how it must be for the actual star of the show. I found her selfish and rude and it was really hard to like her.

I don't really want to say too much about the romance, but I did like it. It happens pretty soon, not even 100 pages into the book, which I was actually sort of happy about. No angst! No will-the-won't-they! Jamie and Dylan had nice chemistry and it was nice seeing what adventures the two of them got into.

I was hoping for more of a relationship between Dylan and... basically everyone. The person we see her the most is with Jamie. And that's cool, whatever, but I wanted more Dust & Dylan, more of their mother, more of her best friend. There are few scenes with them, not nearly enough to satisfy, though. This is also why I didn't buy how Dusty and Dylan were at the end--it just didn't feel like they'd actually patched something in their relationship.

Overall, if you're willing to overlook my objections to this book, I think you'll like it. It's light and fluffy and has a lot of kisses, if you're into that kind of thing. Also a lot of weird English/Scottish foods that I have no knowledge of and never really want to try. 3 stars!

Sophie says

That was proper cute. Review to come.

Sherwood Smith says

I already know of two high-school aged relatives I am giving this book to for Christmas, and I hope I can see them read it.

This is an utterly charming wish-fulfillment romance, featuring Dylan, eye-rolling younger sister of gorgeous, perfect Dusty, beauty-pageant-winner from Tupelo. Dusty was chosen for a reality show, at which she met Scottish laird Ronan, and fell in love. Now Dylan, to her total disgust, is being whisked off to Scotland for the second series as Dusty and Ronan marry at his vast estate.

Dylan is no Cinderella, in that she is anti-romance. She's no-nonsense, a long distance sprinter, and is totally not ready for a super cold stint in an ancient castle . . . until she meets Jamie, there as a groomsman for Ronan, and he leads her to a secret trapdoor tunnel.

The fun is on as Jamie and Dylan make friends, try to evade the ever-present TV cameras, and surprises occur as they lurch toward the wedding day. Dylan's wise-acre best friend shows up, making the story even more of a crackup.

I loved the evolution of the sisters' relationships, and how Dylan handled the surprises, both those provided by the TV people for maximum drama, and the ones that just happened because life is like that. A couple of twists an older reader can see coming a mile away, but that is perfectly fine as the fun is really in seeing how Strohm would handle them.

A delightful read from first page to last, putting Strohm on my "watch this author" list.

And like I said, three copies already sold. (One of those is MINE.)

Copy provided by NetGalley

Gillian Berry says

That was just delightful. Super cute, and super perfect to read during Christmastime (and during a season of high royal romance to boot!). This was really funny, witty, banterful, and just plain adorable. Jamie is my dream boy. The twist is absolutely predictable, but in a really charming way. Like, OF COURSE that's what happens, but it's also so what you WANT to happen. What a delicious slice of escapism this is while not feeling even a little bit trashy. It's just a plain old wonderful time. This is like a really, REALLY good Holiday Hallmark or Lifetime movie (PLEASE FILM THIS, I WOULD WATCH THE CRAP OUT OF THIS), but again--a smart one with the most amazing banter ever, referencing pop culture and classic literature as easy as breathing. I was giggling the whole time. Highly recommend if this kind of book is your cup of tea!

Dahlia says

This book is the cutest freaking thing in the universe. The rommiest and commiest of the rom-coms. I am officially obsessed with Stephanie Kate Strohm.

Thamy says

A great rom-com about reality shows and finding one's prince.

3.5.

Dylan's perfect older sister was part of a successful reality show where she unknowingly fell in love with a lord from Scotland. Now she's about to get married, the family needs to spend a too long a time in his estate back in Scotland, being filmed for a special follow-up. And the big house comes with all the clichés, secret passageways, mean mother-in-law, and cute boy with a British accent. Maybe it's not going to be so bad for Dylan having to live with cameramen following her all around after all.

I was so happy to be able to read another work by Strohm so soon! Her quirky style had left me wanting

more after finishing *The Date to Save*. Perhaps, my higher expectations this time made feel *Prince in Disguise* wasn't as entertaining, but I'll still say this: it's a great book. Back to Strohm's style, I appreciate how she doesn't go for a surprise with her plot but with the focus she'll give in the story.

So, what I really liked in this one book was, first, the characters. Most of them were very well constructed. Some did seem to act a bit with a clear purpose, like Dylan's mother and Jamie's mother, for them I didn't see enough depth. I should also add her best friend Heaven, she was funny but again because the writer wrote her in to be funny. But those with actual depth were really lovely. Even Ronan, Dylan's soon-to-be brother-in-law, who didn't do much during the book, showed to have an interesting personality. Dylan's sister Dusty spent most of the book just being a nasty but perfect older sister, but got me in the later half, she was great! I almost wish we had a prequel to see her falling in love with Ronan. Their backstory was so subtly entwined with this one I would believe if anyone told me *Prince in Disguise* is actually the sequel, it's like all that had really happened.

Now onto the main characters, Dylan and Jamie were the romance that I thought had failed in *The Date to Save*. They were just so cute together Dylan and I both thought it was too good to be true. But was it? That's the main question in the book for me.

Which brings me to my real issue with the book, we had such a nice mystery to solve but not enough thrill surrounding it. As a result this great story lost rhythm after the first half and dragged a lot. If Strohm wasn't so good at presenting different aspects of a situation, especially in this case with the schemes from the reality show production trying to control Dylan's impulsiveness, I'm not sure this would have earned as many stars from me.

Talking about the reality show, bonus points for being able to shine a new light on what could have been the dullest cliché. To be honest, I was ready to be bored by it and instead this plot saved the second half, in my opinion.

It seems when I want a funny contemporary YA, Strohm is turning out to be a go-to author.

Honest review based on an ARC provided by Netgalley. Many thanks to the publisher for this opportunity.

cloudyskye says

Right, it's official: No more Young Adult books for me. I'm just so boooooored!

All I wanted was something amusing and undemanding and escapist. Undemanding it certainly is.

The boy is lovely, the two stars are for him. I don't understand why he hasn't been snapped up ages ago. The girl is STUPID. Whatever does he see in her?

I neither know nor care.

(It probably doesn't help that my parallel read is *Angels in the Sky*. Not romantic, but wow.)

Erin Sky says

An Adorable Holiday Slump-buster!

I was SO excited to be approved for this Disney-Hyperion title on Net Galley, and it did not disappoint!

If you're in the mood for a fast, slump-buster read—whether to get you back into reading or to kick-start you into the holiday spirit—this is it! I loved Dylan immediately. She's the awkward, self-conscious, shy younger sister of a beauty-pageant winner, dragged into a high-profile world she never wanted to be part of. When she ends up meeting a boy she might actually LIKE (for the first time, like, EVER), she's forced to go through the roller coaster of first love on reality television. UGH, right???

I'll admit I struggled a bit between four and five stars—I FLEW through the book, but it doesn't have a ton of dramatic tension. There's nothing in the world quite like that teen anguish of is-he-going-to-like-me? mixed with the rush of omg-he-might-really-like-me! and I didn't always feel that here. It was more of an ADORABLE read than a dramatic one—the surprises weren't terribly surprising, and the complications weren't terribly complicated—but sometimes that's exactly what I'm in the mood for.

Bottom line? After starting and putting down several other books that just didn't hold my interest, this one stuck with me. I'm giving it 4.5 stars and rounding up, for that “stickiness” factor. It held my attention from the first page to the last, and I genuinely enjoyed the read. I cared about the characters (Dylan's romantic interest is equal parts nerdy and sweet—I LOVED him), the pacing was excellent, and the overall story was a fulfilling ride, with a lot of smiles along the way. I highly recommend both the book and the author, and I will be following Stephanie Kate Strohm for sure!

Sahitya says

I won't deny that this book was entertaining and fluffy but it was also a little too much. Too much drama, too much reality TV, everything felt too exaggerated and unrealistic... but I guess that's the point.

I liked the romance of Dylan and Jaime. They were very sweet together and were the realistic of the bunch, not pretentious or fake. And I do love a boy who likes fictional friends more than actual ones and can bring Bronte into a conversation, but when he starts quoting Dylan Thomas, EE Cummings and Yeats, it just went too much over my head.

It's still a cute love story that you can enjoy on a rainy day with a cup of hot chocolate.

Navessa says

This. Was just. The CUTEST.

Our town got pummeled by a winter storm overnight, and so I spent today snowed inside, huddled beneath a pile of blankets.

Sure, I could have gotten up. And done things. Like laundry. But I also had a cat or two on my lap, so obvi I was stuck until they decided to move their divine furriness away from me.

Which they did. Sometime around noon.

And yet I stayed hunkered down in my chair, binge-reading this book in one sitting, with what I can only imagine was the *goofiest* grin on my face.

Here's the thing, before picking this up, I was legit beginning to fear that I had turned into an actual adult. One who had so lost sight of her formative teenage reading years that she could no longer enjoy the fluffy, happy, squeaky-clean YA romance novels that she used to live on.

This book set me straight. It was the perfect little dose of escapism that I needed to cleanse my palette in between some of the heavier books that I've been reading the past few weeks.

The rom-com levels are off the charts, the male lead is super (believably) quirky, the female lead reads like a real (and yet not annoying) teenage girl just trying to figure life out, and the Scottish highland setting, complete with contrived reality-TV fairy tale wedding added just the right amount of drama.

I cannot recommend this highly enough for anyone who just needs something to read for sheer fun.

This review can also be found on [The Alliterates](#).

Kat says

Full Review: Thank you so much to NetGalley and Disney-Hyperion for giving me the chance to read and review this super cute novel by Stephanie Kate Strohm! What an adorable book about a younger sister dragged along to Scotland for her sister's wedding to a Scottish lord, which, to her dismay, is being filmed for a reality TV series "Prince in Disguise."

Gosh, I just loved the chemistry between Dylan and Jamie. From the first moment they meet, they have this really natural, cute, nerdy vibe that works so well. You feel like you're spying on two regular teens falling in love. Sometimes in books, this feels rushed. But I loved the way that while on this little Scottish get-away, their interactions, whether hiding from the cameras or going on real dates felt genuine and full of the sort of bloopers you can expect in real life. Jamie was sweet and just the sort of hero you would want to fall in love with, and I like that Strohm made him loveable but not so over the top that he seemed like he wasn't real. Just perfect.

And I especially loved the relationships within Dylan's family that we got to look at. Before I forget, it was really nice to see Strohm write a really tall girl! It seems like I've read a lot of very petite heroines lately, and it's lovely when we see heroines that come in all different shapes, sizes, ethnicities, sexual orientations, etc. So having Dylan be six feet tall and on eye level with her guy was a brave and lovely choice! I liked the exploration of all the relationships Dylan had with members of her family (won't say too much since I don't want to give away spoilers, but I thought that was well worked out and brought story arcs to a nice conclusion.)

This was a super cute read that's perfect for cuddling up and enjoying on a cold rainy day, or listening to (that's what I did) when you're not feeling well. It's light-hearted and full of funny reality-TV moments that if you've ever watched "The Bachelor" will make you roll your eyes. 4/5 stars.

Please excuse typos. Entered on screen reader.

Mandy says

Thanks so much to the publisher for sending me an e-ARC via Netgalley!!

Okay, this book was adorable and fun AND HAD THE BEST DISNEY REFERENCES. I was dying with each witty Disney reference/comment that was made, and Strohm definitely has confirmed that she is a master of adorable, cheesy goodness - my favorite contemporary kind of novel. This story did drag in a few parts, and I started to get really bored - however it was cute for the most part.

The best part of this story was the comedy and wit. I read Strohm's previous novel, *It's Not Me, It's You*, and I actually laughed out loud quite a bit in this one - it was the same case for this one. She just has a wit to her that seems so effortless and not forced. I screengrabbed so many lines because I just had to remember them to laugh at in the future. There were a lot of comic moments, too, and I love a book that can just launch out in a comedic moment without any effort.

I also really enjoyed the characters. Dylan was fantastic, and I can so relate to her being thrown into this situation. She was funny, she was so easy to root for, and she was just a fun character. Jamie was cool, as well. He made a few too many references that went right over my head, and but I mean, you got to love a man that will start singing, "Do You Wanna Build a Snowman" to woo a girl out of her room at night and then names expeditions like *The Premeditated Trapdoor* excursion. Literally, I feel like he is me as a love interest in a story. XD Both of them were fun, and I loved them together.

The plot was engaging as well. I loved the idea of a Bachelor- type show with a magical prince in disguise and then the accompanying reality show following them. There was some kind of mystery involved, and all the antics that followed in Scotland was great. It was truly a lot of fun.

However, some things felt like it just was repeating over and over. Like, it didn't feel like the plot was moving and we were focused a bit too much on the comedy. At that point, it just felt kind of boring. I got disengaged with the story at some points, but it still was enjoyable overall.

This was a fun, enjoyable read, but it did dwindle in parts. I really enjoyed the characters and the comedy, and the ship was super cute. There were a few references that I did miss, but they were overall enjoyable. Three crowns and a Belle rating - which if I remember correctly did have a reference in here, too!

Favorite Quotes:

On what was supposed to be the last day of filming *Prince in Disguise*, when I thought we were done with the Reality Channel forever, Ronan revealed he was secretly a lord, and then he dropped to one knee and proposed to my sister. See? Ronan seemed nice, but he was probably insane. You don't marry someone you just met. Did they not have *Frozen* in Scotland?

"Little Match Girl? Because you were frozen? The Hans Christian Anderson story?"

"Yeah, I got the reference." I returned to poking the puck. It was proving to be distressingly resistant to my attempts to pierce it. Like an actual hockey puck would be. "Not really my favorite story. Kind of a downer."

"Unlike that heartwarming, not-at-all-depressing Hans Christian Anderson classic, *The Little Mermaid*."

"It's heartwarming when it involves singing crabs. Say what you will about Walt Disney, that man knew how to jazz up a real bumner of a story."

"Did you stash that flashlight down here?"

"*The Premeditated Torch* is, naturally, the follow-up to the smash best seller *The Premeditated Trapdoor*."

"That is seriously the worst idea for a book series I've ever heard."

"Balderdash. Dashing British hero and his plucky American lady sidekick explore uncharted territory? It's brilliant."

"Plucky?" Eh, I'd been called worse. "And this territory has already been charted. By you."

"But it's uncharted for you, my plucky American lady sidekick." I turned to see him grinning at my side. "You can hold the torch, if you'd like."

Olivia (The Candid Cover) says

4.5 Stars

I am always a sucker for books about royalty, so I knew I would love Prince in Disguise the moment I saw it. This story is all about a reality TV show set in Scotland and contains a likeable main character. This book makes you feel warm and fuzzy inside, making it perfect for the winter.

This book has such an original concept! The main character's sister is getting married to a (barely) prince, and the wedding and the planning are all being aired on a reality TV show. Dylan wants nothing to do with the cameras and the fake reactions, but she has to deal with them as her sister's maid of honour. The plot thickens as the production crew uncovers some of her secrets and turns her life into the subplot of the show. I enjoyed how the book portrayed life as a reality TV star and shows how hard it is to have everything about you shown on screen. I really sympathized with Dylan and her strict contract.

Since Dylan's sister marries Scottish royalty, the wedding is set in Scotland. I haven't read too many books set there, but I would definitely love to see more. I adored the descriptions of the castle and its secret passageways and the frequent use of Scottish slang. There is also some traditional Scottish dancing and food, which was so interesting to read about. After reading this book, I would definitely like to go visit Scotland.

I enjoyed Dylan's character in Prince in Disguise. She has a sense of humour and is pretty sarcastic. She also has a strong relationship with her sister, and they stick up for one another. I loved how Dylan wants to make her sister happy on her special day and is supportive of her decisions, even if they aren't what she would have done. Dylan is just such a relatable character, and reading about her misadventures is so entertaining.

Prince in Disguise is a witty and adorable story set in picturesque Scotland. I loved the main character and the bond between sisters. If you enjoyed books like The Selection, you will love this one!

***Rachelle* says**

3.5 stars

This was so adorable. I read most of it by the pool one afternoon (which was odd seeing as this was set in Scotland at Christmas...so definitely not your typical summer-y read), and had such a great time with the characters! I am really intrigued by royalty and the royal wedding and so I went on a binge of everything royal I could get my plain American commoner hands on.

Jamie was easily the best part of this book. I loved his character and his quiriness. He was so weird, but it just made him even more adorable and intriguing. Dylan, our MC, was such a fun character as well. I really enjoyed being in her head and seeing things through her eyes.

If you are looking for a cute beachy or pool-side read, this is a great choice! Just be prepared for a lot of fluff and adorable geekiness =)
