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For a frazzled, single mom, summer was to be a season of fun, sun, and planning her wedding to the perfect man. Soon her world is turned upside down as uninvited guests turn her summer hideaway into a madhouse.

## **The Wedding Day Details**

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### Amanda says

I thought this book was pretty enjoyable for what it was. A light easy read which diverted my mind from having no electricity or running water for over a week following a freak October snow storm. Nothing of earth shattering literary importance just entertainment which had the added benefit keeping my interest without insulting my intelligence. It's not every author who can take pretty bad experiences and life events and make them seem somehow cozy and attractive. I'd defiantly read more from this author when I need another Brit chick lit diversion.

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### Nina Draganova says

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### Linda Reading says

A light but good holiday read. Quite predictable in places.

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### Kristy Cunningham says

After reading the reviews I thought that I would dislike Annie the main character but I don't think she did the wrong thing by David at all. I enjoyed this book was a really easy read.

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### Aashi says

The biggest turn off for me was that the book and the title of the book do not align. I always tend to find beauty of titles. I didn't find it here. The title only seemed like a name sake kind of thing.

There is a sort of satisfaction every reader seeks after reading a book, I did not find it here. It was brutally long for the plot and there was no sense of direction in the book. Until more than half the book I was just wondering where the writer was taking the plot.

I did like one specific male character though. He was probably the only character that gave shape to the story and added realism in it. He developed the character of the protagonist and I think it was be necessary.

I wouldn't say the book was trash. In fact, the writing of the writer itself is very promising. The narrative style is very good however, the story wasn't very strong and didn't have a strong sense of direction in it.

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### **Lorraine says**

This was not one of Catherine Allcott's better novels.

I struggled to keep going with it. I only found one part funny (car wash piece) and none of the characters were credible for me.

To add further insult, about 30 pages of the book were duplicated towards the end, with some potential useful information having to be guessed at. I know that this is a printer error rather than the book, but it did detract.

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### **MaryEve Iwicki says**

#### **Wonderful, funny and wise**

Seemed to take forever to get to the STORY, but I'm glad I hung in there because I really enjoyed it! Lots of good insight on men and women, marriage and who is right for who...

I do wonder about this business of a couple actually working on getting pregnant BEFORE the wedding. Is that a British thing?

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### **Saleh MoonWalker says**

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### **Barbara Elsborg says**

Second time I've read this and I liked it better the first time round I'm sure because I kept the book! It's light and frothy and not to be taken too seriously most of the time - YET there are a couple of issues in the plot that are deadly serious ones - manipulative abuse (trying not to give things away) and what David does toward the end. I thought those issues were handled really well. What I wasn't so keen on was the main character who we're shown is rather weak, she knows it, but it makes for a frustrating read.

Not sure why it had this title either. It isn't about a wedding! Not really.

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### **Margaret says**

Annie needs to get her novel completed but she has too many distractions in the house she shares with her fiance and her pre-teen daughter. When David, her fiance suggests that she use his elderly aunt's beach home for the privacy and quiet that she needs, she is sure that her book will progress past the one chapter she has

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written. With her daughter Flora, she travels to the Cornish coast and is delighted with the cottage and the glorious scenery. But that all ends when she finds out the elderly and forgetful aunt has rented the cottage to a divorced psychiatrist, Matt, who is also looking for peace and quiet to write his medical research findings. The two butt heads over ownership of the cottage but come to a civil agreement to share and to stay out of each other's way. (Like that was going to happen!) Along the way, Annie's ex-husband and his new girlfriend show up. Then comes Annie's sister and her family along with Annie's best friend and her husband. Then Matt's pre-teen son arrives for a secret visit with his father. Needless to say, any kind of serious novel writing becomes difficult.

The plot was fairly predictable and the reader pretty much knows where this story is headed, but a surprise twist keeps it interesting. Annie is a selfless character and has great wisdom and understanding for all the people she encounters even though this was supposed to be her solitary time. There are several laugh out loud scenes, particularly one involving a carwash and an antenna that kept the book light and fun. A good, light read for me.

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### **Rebecca says**

This book had like nothing to do with the title! They could have called it "Summer Holiday" and that would have made more sense. Girl goes through horrible divorce and pretty much falls in love with the first guy she meets who "saves" her after. They date and decide to get married. They plan to get married at the end of the summer, during which they spend time apart as she wants to go to the country and write and he needs to stay in the city and like be a doctor or something. The house the Girl stays at is like the Dude's aunt's house but she forgets that she rented it out to some American for the summer. Chaos ensues! It kind of made no sense as to why the Girl and the American got together as for the most part it seemed like the Girl and the Dude got along fine. But I guess, the Girl has to fall for the handsome stranger or else there would be no story. Whatever. I liked the supporting cast in this book a lot. The Girls sister and her best friend were quite funny and added some reality to the otherwise pointless and fake story.

Grade: C

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### **Liz says**

One of those books you can read without concentrating too much. I liked the story about a divorced woman with a teenage daughter who meets the man of her dreams. She is a writer and decides she needs to concentrate better to finish her first book so is offered a summer house on the English shore not knowing that the old lady who let her use the place had forgotten that she had rented it to someone else who happens to be a man, also a writer and from America, also divorced and has a teenage son. You know how it ends, its all predictable but was a fun read.

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### **Jenny L says**

Loved it. Not quite sure where the story would eventually go, but you have an inkling. Lovely, easy read, happy ending.

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## **Vicky Bell says**

Must be the first book of hers that I've read in about 10 years. Enjoyed it.

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## **Sarah says**

This book was such rubbish. The heroine was one of those "plain, unremarkable" women who oddly enough always seem to find themselves fighting off gorgeous men with sticks (in books like this anyway, please note this does not happen in the real world). She was supposed to be a writer (big stretch for the author, then) and sections of the novel she was writing were included - it was unbelievably, laughably bad, but she (AND the author) appeared to take it quite seriously. She was also quite mad, and not in an endearing "oh, that crazy scatterbrained Annie, what will she do/say next!" sort of way, it went past that to the point that I was actually left wondering whether her IQ was even in double figures. She was repeatedly described as dressing in saggy baggy comfortable old clothes and not having any fashion sense or making much of an effort with her appearance, yet neither this nor her unhinged mental state were enough to deter the obligatory sweltering hunk from his reasonless fascination with her. UGH.

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