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SHORT STORY - digital exclusive: if you love Lindsey Kelk and the I Heart books, you'll love this fun short story about Jenny.

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From Reader Review Jenny Lopez Has a Bad Week for online ebook

Michelle Chichester says

Because when you are doing a chronological re-reading of the I Heart books, you "need" the novellas in between, right?

Leah says

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Jenny Lopez Has A Bad Week is an exclusive short story from Lindsey Kelk, the author of the I Heart novels, and gives Angela's best friend Jenny a voice. It's a mere 82 pages long and it took me about 40 minutes or so to complete it. I must admit, I'm not a fan of the I Heart novel – Angela is one of the softest most annoying heroines ever (she's like a diluted Becky Bloomwood and I love Becky). However, when I was reading the I Heart novels, I did love Jenny. She was spunky and she was, frankly, everything Angela was not. She had life, she had verve, she was funny. So I was thrilled when I heard about the short story focusing completely on her.

I thoroughly enjoyed Jenny Lopez Has A Bad Week, Jenny is a total star, and carries the book beautifully, and I must admit, I was sad the novel was only 82 pages long because I would have quite happily continued reading. Jenny could easily carry off a full-length novel, and if Lindsey ever felt like writing it, I'd certainly pick it up. There's definitely a story there somewhere, and the 82 pages just whizzed by. Sure it was a teensy bit predictable, but to be honest it was easy to brush that aside, it 82 pages so it needed to have some predictability to it or else it would never have gotten finished.

My only teensy tiny complaint is more of a personal one. In the I Heart novels Angela continually refers to men as boys. It drove me nuts then and it drove me nuts now whilst reading Jenny Lopez, because they still have that affliction. It drives me loopy, but again I think it's more a personal thing, and probably many people won't have a problem with it. It just seems patronising and childish particularly since they're meant to be grown women. Even if you're not a fan of the I Heart books you can still pick this up. It's short and sweet (and free for a limited time) and it's an easy way to pass an hour or so. I sincerely hope Kelk decides to expand and give Jenny her own full length novel. She deserves it.

Hope says

this is really a cute novella, i didn't read any of the I heart series- even though i have them downloaded and on the go - but i like the author and her writing since "The Single Girl's To-Do List" her writing is very funny and smooth.

me back, cry myself blind or kill them both. Now begging hadn't worked in the past, and while I could totally beat that man-stealer down, killing her might be a little far-fetched. Besides, there was a teensy chance that Jeff would hold it against me instead of being won over by the romance of the whole murder thing. Which left crying myself blind. Hmm.

- Jenny

If this was my karmic gift for getting my shit together after Angie's big Jeff announcement, I was fine with it.

- Jenny

It was time to take destiny into my own hands.

- Jenny

I didn't believe in wasting liquor. Ever.

- Jenny

No guy who can make you feel this way, behave this way, is worth getting this upset over.

- Jenny

There are these amazing inventions called phones. This sounds like phone news. Why don't you go home and give me a call and leave my answering service a real nice message?

- Jenny

Ronke says

Over the last year or so Lindsey Kelk has found her way into my heart and become one of my favorite authors. Her fantastic I Heart series has really caught the imagination of Chick Lit lovers all round the world with her protagonist, Angela Clark who moves to New York to start a brand new life. Oh how we have lived vicariously through her life as she lands a plum job on a magazine, nabs a herself a cute hipster boyfriend and travels to exciting cities such as LA and Paris to cover stories. Lindsey has been a very busy lady not only is she working on a new I Heart book she has also written a stand alone title called The Single Girls To-Do List which is released in June and she has also found time to write a spin off of the I Heart series. Jenny Lopez Has a Bad Week is a short digital download which follows Angela's best friend as she struggles to restart her life after moving back to NYC from LA. A native New Yorker, Jenny's dream came true when she landed a cool gig as a stylist in La La Land and where she rubs shoulders with starlets. Also she had Angela for company so the two would explore LA night life and get into all sorts of mischief. However Jenny's luck ran out when she found out that her flat mate was a high class hooker and it was time to head back east.

So she is back in the Big Apple but at her lowest ebb with no job, flat mate or boyfriend so she sets out to rectify this and fast. Pretty soon she has sorted out a viewing with a potential flat mate and has booked two dates with exciting prospects. It looks like the job situation has been sorted when her mate Erin hooks her up with a job to babysit a supermodel. Piece of cake she thinks after all one thing she is good at is dealing with people, except she finds out that the supermodel is a real handful. It looks like Jenny is going to have a really bad week. We always take the lead protagonist in a book to our hearts but it is often the supporting characters that often steal the show and with the I Heart series, Jenny Lopez with her sassy wit stole the show. After all it was she who got Angela back on her feet when she first landed in NYC and looking fabulous in her designer and vintage outfits. So it is only right that Jenny should get her own spin off book where we get to know the little minx much better. It has been a while since I last read an I Heart title so it was really great to catch up with Jenny and Angela, after all they do lead the most fabulous lives. In a nutshell Jenny Has a Bad Week was short but very very sweet.

Valerie says

Leuk om een keer vanuit Jennys opzicht te lezen. Het mag dan wel weinig pagina's hebben, het verhaal deed zich niet gehaast aan. De inhoud om de persoonlijkheid van Jenny wat meer te leren kennen is wat matig. Ik heb niks nieuws geleerd over haar.

Wel ben ik benieuwd of, wat er in het einde verteld wordt, verder wordt besproken/geschreven in de verdere delen van deze serie.

Sophie Narey (Bookreview-aholic) says

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I love all of the books by Lindsey Kelk so when I saw this short novella for free I just knew that I had to get it.

It is a really good quick read book by the talented Lindsey Kelk! Everything you could expect from a 'chick lit' book and more! Jenny Lopez is one of my favourite characters from the 'I Heart' Series, in this book we get more of a taste of this character, it is a fun book to read while waiting for the next book to come out.

Eva says

didn't realize it was just a novella. it was all right i guess. i would have preferred a full length book.

Emer says

Shhhhhh.....

Can you hear that???

That my dear goodreading friends is the sound of my summer-long book slump being kicked into touch!!!!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAYYYYYYYYYY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lindsey Kelk you are my knight in shining armour. I absolutely 100% love love LOVE you!!!

You are so witty and funny and just super awesome. Please be my bestie????

puppy dog eyes

Yeah that's just plain weird, I'm sorry.....

"I dropped the phone back in my bag just as we pulled up outside my apartment. Just two minutes and seven flights of stairs until I was snout deep in a tub of Chunky Monkey. Live the dream, Jenny Lopez, live the dream. Yeah, it had been a pretty bad week."

This e-short is a companion novella to my fav series of books, the *I Heart* series. It's a story that upgrades the status of the character Jenny from supporting to leading role. It would normally be a relatively quick read for most readers yet it took me daaaaaays to get through because of my incredibly irritating reading slump!!

However, somewhere about half way through something wonderful and magical happened....

I SUDDENLY FOUND MYSELF NOT GETTING DISTRACTED OR ANYTHING LIKE I HAVE BEEN ALL SUMMER!!!!

cue much whooping and hollering

It was just a whole lot of girlish silliness and banter. Pretty much exactly the kind of easy read that works for when you're suffering from a book slump. And just like that I found myself gazing at my bookcase with love and adoration again, and getting incredibly excited over the prospect of reading my current library loans.

(God only knows how many poor books I have borrowed and returned to my library these past three months in the hopes of ditching the slump!!!).

Anyway to those of you that have been following the *I Heart* series this novella is number 3.5 in the series. The complete series order for anyone who is interested is as follows.

1. *I Heart New York*
2. *I Heart Hollywood*
3. *I Heart Paris*
- 3.5. *Jenny Lopez Has a Bad Week*
4. *I Heart Vegas*
5. *I Heart London*
6. *I Heart Christmas*
- 6.5. *Jenny Lopez Saves Christmas*

I'm a big fan of the series and have read all the main novels so am only just now getting to go back and read the e-shorts because I treated myself to a very lovely tablet earlier this year!

So, as I was saying earlier, this book focuses on Jenny who is normally in the supporting role to Angela. I have never found her to be the most likeable of characters (she's quite demanding in many respects and at times, dare I say, a little shallow) but she definitely is interesting. Therefore, I was very pleased to see her character blossom into someone with a little more depth. I do think that in the later books she truly comes into her own so perhaps this novella is where the seeds were sown for creating the added layers to her character that we get to see in books 5 and 6.

This is a very short story so really the less I say about it the better. No spoilers here!! It's a whole lot of fun and easy to read, it's very flirty and there are plenty of giggles to be had. Ms Kelk has a talent for writing characters that really do feel like you could be best friends with. At times they are ridiculous (aren't we all!?!)) but at other times, they are very stripped back and true. If you like this series, and have been following the trials and tribulations of Angela and company, then you'll definitely enjoy this book. It's as simple as that. It is not really a true standalone and is best read in the order I gave above.

three and a half to four stars

Although it probably deserves at least four for helping me rediscover my joy for reading.

Bye bye book slump, hello books!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oh how I have missed you!!

happy squealing

Emma North says

A little spin off from the I Heart series. The story focuses on Jenny, learning about Jenny's life since arriving back from LA. It was nice to learn about the real Jenny.

Looking forward to another instalment and spin off of the I Heart Series.

Rosie says

I know it's a short story but I can't believe I finished it in under an hour! I just didn't want to put it down! I love Jenny in the I Heart series (although there are times when I can barely tolerate her) so was pleased to see how her life is getting on, and unfortunately it's not going too well.

I loved the recurring characters from the I Heart series which make an appearance and get mentioned (even though I was quite surprised by one of them) - it's nice to see how everything carries on after the I Heart books have ended (and now I'm currently, eagerly, awaiting for the next installment)! There was humour in the book which is always good, despite Jenny having a bad week. The only problem I had with her is that she's too proud and even though she had a way out of one of her problems she wouldn't take it. I did feel bad for her with Jeff's news, I would like it in the new I Heart book for her to get with him however it ended in a way where it seems doubtful, however it was a good ending! Although it was far too sudden for my liking. Personally I'd love more of these kind of books to be published to see how she gets on.

Being only a short book I don't know what else I can say about it, the plot was great (even if she did seem whiny at times); there was a great ending as most of the loose ends were nicely tied; it was nice for it to still have the feel of the I Heart books with things that are familiar to the reader and there were a couple of new and interesting characters to add to the mix which may return in the main series, which would be interesting to see.

All in all, it was a great book and I'm pleased I had found out about it. This has been a great filler for the wait of the new I Heart book and for Lindsey's latest novel of The Single Girls To Do List.
