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BarbaraW says

Ok so it's chick lit but well done: funny, silly, serious but it all works. Nice light read.

Devon says

I got this book as a freebie in a goodie bag and although I'd never really had any interest in reading it, I figured no book is better than a free book (I have since re-thought this philosophy). So I decided to give it a whirl and plucked it out of my "to read" pile and boy am I glad that I did! The writing team of Lynn Schnurnberger and Janice Kaplan have delighted us with a uproarious novel about the difference between growing older and getting better as two friends struggle to keep up while holding on to what they treasure most, their family and their friendship.

`THE BOTOX DIARIES' was funnier than I imagined and kept me reading into the wee hours of the morning trying not to laugh so hard that I would wake my husband! I now see why this was last summers "it" book and can't wait to read `MINE ARE SPECTACULAR' by this amazing writing team!

Tessavalletta says

A book that makes me believe that book reviews, found on the back of books, are written by either suck ups or hostages wanting to be on the authors good side.

I read this on a transatlantic flight and it made the flight feel longer.

Heather says

This book is a fun light book, a perfect beach read. Jessica is single mother over 40 who just wants to be happy... And finding love would be a real added bonus.

She gets caught in the middle when her best friend, Lucy, starts having an affair. Lucy & her husband seem like the perfect couple with amazing kids until Lucy goes through a bit of a midlife crisis. While trying to knock some sense into her best friend, get her love life going, and working on a benefit show for a children's charity Jess's life is pretty hectic. Thank goodness she has a wonderful daughter who not only brings her happiness but brought her a gay best friend, Boulder.

In a world full of designer & plastic everything Jess has found her way without designer clothes & plastic surgery.

Stephy says

This was funny but kind of left something out...Just seemed like the book needed more.

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Lois Duncan says

This book is a romp -- relaxing and fun to read. But you won't find it interesting unless you are over 35.

Rita Soto says

3.5

Brooke Lindsay says

Fun, light read. It took me a chapter or two to get into it but then I didn't want it to end.

Julie says

This book took me a long time to get into. I started it before Christmas and just finished in early February. I'm typically a slow reader, but that is extreme even for me. This was another one of my Goodwill finds and

while it was cute, I didn't have to read it in all my spare time. I read it when I felt like it, which sometimes was never. I did start to get into it around chapter 16...and there are 19. There wasn't anything distinctly bad about it, but there wasn't anything distinctly great about it either. One of my motivations to finish it was the fact that I recently purchased the Divergent series and I am itching to read the third one and reread the second before the movie comes out. I didn't want to do that until I finished this book, otherwise it probably would have sat on my nightstand for another two months.

Nascha says

I enjoyed this book. It was a quick summer read, very funny and the characters were charming and endearing. It gave an equal taste of living in the suburbs just outside of NYC and dipped into the NYC lifestyle of the rich and elite.

I also liked that the women in the book were mothers with careers and that they were in their 40s, a different age group than myself. While they whined about getting older, it was very minimal and I liked that the authors had women who were living and loving after 40, proving that life wasn't over.

I did want more from the ending and I hope that there might be a sequel.

I thought however that the book should have included viewpoints from both characters and not just one. It would have been more intriguing had they written it that way. Still, it was a good read and I'd recommend it for those who like chick-lit.

I give it 3.5 stars.

Stacey says

My library tends to specialize in political books and lesser-known chick lit selections. This is one of the latter. It was advertised as something akin to Sex and the City, so I was all up for it (as my library co-op has never carried the original SATC book). So, what do we have? Two New Jersey women, one married and spectacularly famous, one divorced and made slightly famous by her well-meaning daughter. Hilarity ensues. Okay, it doesn't. It has its moments, but it's not the greatest book ever. I will say, though, that at the very least, the ending was not just *poof* there, which is the worst trait a book can have.

Kari Anderson says

I got this book at a 10 for \$30 sale a few months ago. And the more I read through those books, the more I realize how similar they are.

The Botox Diaries is about Jess and Lucy, both 40 something best friends. Jess is simple. She doesn't like to spend a lot on clothes, is single and fighting the urge to get back with her ex and won't touch the botox. Lucy, on the other hand, is a network tv producer who gets caught up in an affair with one of television's most popular tv show hosts. Jess tries to help Lucy get back on the right track and away from her lustrous affair while trying to find a good man for herself.

The reason I say this is so much like a lot of the books I've read lately is because much like *One Fifth Avenue*, we're dealing with wealthy people who live in NY and have affairs. And they're in their 40s. I don't know why I'm attracted to these books, well, yes I do: They have pretty colors and titles. I absolutely hate infidelity but I'm drawn to the drama of them in books.

I wrote down a lot of things while reading this book, including what I used Tuesday as my teaser.

Pg 1: "Champagne corks are popping and it's only five a.m."

That line just struck a cord with me. Who wouldn't love to live this life? I mean, I don't like 5 a.m. at all and recently that what time I've been getting up even though my alarm is set for 9:30. Maybe my mind keeps thinking about this and hoping I'll wake up to champagne – good luck with that.

As I get older, I realize that no matter how old you are, there will always be cliques. And this book proved it with the "Alpha Moms" and the line that reads:

Pg 26: "Cliques girls don't go away — they just get older."

This is so true. I don't notice it as much as I did in school, but they're still there. I see it on Facebook and when we go out.

I have never really thought much of Botox. 1. I am 23. 2. I can't imagine spending money on something like yet. Yes, I already am noticing wrinkles, but I'm stingy with money. Maybe if I look like an English Bulldog in a few years, I'll change my mind. But until then I'll laugh at quotes like this:

Pg 184: "'A little Botox on the forehead. Some Cymetra under the cheekbone. A couple of shots of Restylane around the lips. And CosmoDerm to fill in the laugh lines around your eyes. You're lucky, not too much damage yet. Two, three dozen injections tops and we're done.'"

Cracks me up. That is A LOT of injections. I guess for a Botox doctor though, the more you pump into a face, the more you get to add to your fund for a new "weekend" house.

I love, love, loved that there was a parent sex-ed class in this book. There is nothing like that at the school where I went. We barely had sex ed, let alone did our parents attend a class and learn how to properly condom a banana.

This book was pretty cute and had a lot of great characters from Boulder, the want to be famous surfer, to Jaques, the French ex who is always will be a tool.

I have read a couple of Janice Kaplan books before, and I really like her style. She's fun, hip and I love that she uses real things. She uses real stores, real cars, and real people. It's fiction that I can relate to.

I didn't however crave this book. Yes, I know I just told you some amazing things that would make you think I absolutely loved it, but I didn't. It may be once again that I am in wedding-mode and am not really focusing. But this book was just ok. I give it 3 bookmarks

Krous Leocadio says

It was a okay book. I like Jess very much and although I enjoy her match, I thought i was very quick how things turn out.

Lucy is a excellent friend, but not a good wife, woman and mother. Couldnt like her at all.

I really like to read about forty women and how they are doing, but after watching Grace and Frankie I realized that thats no biggie turn 40. Life starts to get hard at 70.

***eKa* says**

Ini buku lucu bangeeeeetttt. Suka banget dengan cara bercerita kedua penulis ini. Setiap bab terasa begitu menghibur. Nggak ada garing-garingnya deh. Dan aku pun suka sama endingnya yang manis. Akhirnya Jessica bisa menemukan pasangan ideal buatnya. Kiss kiss kiss.

Btw, di buku ini ada tokoh yang bernama Lucy dan dia digambarkan sebagai seorang wanita dengan karir cemerlang namun memiliki kehidupan rumah tangga yang kurang bergairah. Hmmm, kok sama dengan karakter Lucy di buku Young Wives' Tales yang sebelumnya kubaca ya? Mungkin seperti itulah kiranya kehidupan semua wanita bernama Lucy? Who knows?

Mmm, baca buku bertema ini lagi membuatku berpikir, jadi seperti inilah rasanya berumur 40 tahun? Krisis paruh baya. Rasa bosan pada pasangan. Dan keinginan untuk berselingkuh. Mengerikan!!! Demi alasan apapun, selingkuh itu tetap menyakitkan. Setidaknya aku bisa melihat gambarannya dari kehidupan Lucy dan Dan.

Dan aku tertarik dengan surat yang dibuat Lucy dan Dan saat acara pernikahan mereka. Bener juga. Ini bisa jadi pengingat kita betapa dulu kita begitu jatuh cinta pada pasangan yang kita nikahi dan berjanji untuk mencintainya selamanya. Tinggal mengolah kemampuan kita untuk menghadapi rasa bosan yang sudah pasti akan menimpa setiap pasangan suami istri. Apalagi di sini usia pernikahan Lucy dan Dan sudah berumur 20 tahun.

Brittany says

Humorous
