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G.V.R. Corcillo says

What a Winning Read! I loved this sweet, delightful stroll through Devon with the resilient Alice who has chosen to start life anew in a thatched cottage far from London. Being a high finance wiz and city girl, she makes a few hilarious mistakes as she goes along, running into Dannys at every turn. But who is her true Danny? Will she ever realize? Reading this story is like sinking into a warm, sudsy bubble bath...mmmm. Following Alice on her many ups and downs is truly "awesome!"

Emma says

Reviewed on my blog: <http://bookreviewsbyem.blogspot.co.uk>

Firstly I would like to thank the author for sending me a copy of this book to review. I had seen this book doing the rounds on a few other blogs but not really looked into it, then when T.A. Williams followed me on Twitter I started to take a bit more notice of his books and thought this one sounded great. So when he offered a copy of this book for a review, I jumped at the chance. I instantly loved the idea of this book, it is such a simple story line that is made so fun and addictive.

Right at the start of the book Alice is made redundant and although she is upset as she has put her life into the company, she decides this is the perfect chance to start her life again and do something she wants to do. She decides to change her lifestyle and in turn where she lives. With a little push from her work friend Danny, she ends up buying a house on an online auction (before actually seeing it) and moving to Devon, where she is hoping to go to Exeter University to do an MA in History. However, the house is nothing like she expected when she does go to see it, I won't tell you what it's like because you will never believe me! But it will take a lot of work for it to be live-able. As she has already rent her London flat to Danny she moves to Devon anyway and rents a cottage in a nearby village. Little does she know she is going to make some connections with people and even animals that all have one thing in common.

I really liked Alice, she is just a normal woman that makes a big mistake but tries to make the best of such a bad situation. She doesn't dwell on it and gets on with her life, something we all need to do at one point or another. The way she is written is great and nothing is too far-fetched, you can believe everything that happens and easily get into the story. Alice is somebody that you instantly feel for and want to help her out, you feel everything she does with her and just want to be her friend, or at least I did.

What makes this book so great is that almost everybody Alice meets is named Danny or Daniel! This is such an interesting and new concept to add into a book! It makes it so much more enjoyable and you can't help but giggle to yourself each time the next Danny comes along! I couldn't help but start to think every character introduced would be called Danny and was slightly disappointed when they weren't, although I think T.A Williams had the perfect balance between funny and too many Danny's! Each Danny has ends up connected to Alice in different ways and eventually all tied in with one another.

This is a brilliant story! It has its ups and downs and keeps you guessing at the end which is perfect! It is such a hard book to put down and I really hope we see more of this type of book in the future! Although this is T.A. Williams' third book this is his first of the romantic comedy kind and it is such a good way to enter into this genre, this is the perfect book to enter this genre with, it breathes new life into an already great genre and if this is anything to go by T.A. Williams is one to look out for! but I will defiantly be adding his

other books to my TBR! I would recommend this book to anybody that likes a fun, laid back read that keeps you hooked!

Karan Eleni says

This review was originally posted on karaneleni.com

When Alice Met Danny started with Alice losing her job and trying to figure out what she was going to do next. Enter Danny #1: The Co-worker. (We saw him a few times throughout the book.) Alice decided to leave London and head for the country where she found a house for auction and made a bid - sight unseen. This is where I think I bonded with Alice. I'm almost positive I would have the same luck she did. With the house and the relationships.

During Alice's time with her new house, enter Dannys #2-?. (The question mark for two reasons...no spoilers and I didn't keep track.) Of all of the Dannys, there was only one I wasn't a fan of at the end. I wanted to kick that Danny. :) Throughout the book, it was like a game to see if the next personal Alice met would be a Danny and I started to make bets with myself. So much fun! There were several other characters that I fell in love with also and hope to have those types of friends in my life someday. There were one or two others that belonged on the kick-list also.

I could probably talk about this book for another hour or two, but I would end up with spoilers shortly so I'll stop here. Thank you, Trevor, for proving that men can write chicklit (and very well!!)!! When Alice Met Danny is definitely one of my new favorites. One that will be read several times over the years to come and hopefully Carina UK publishes this one in paperback in the near future!! Also, a sequel would be great! (Hint, hint!) Readers, just go buy!!

Rachel Gilbey says

I received a copy of this book for winning a Girls Love To Read competition, and this is my honest review.

When Alice Grant loses her job, she makes a life changing decision to move out of London and to move do Devon. She buys a house at auction that she has never viewed, and rents out her London place to Danny Kemp.

Once in Devon through a series of coincidences, Alice meets a whole range of Daniels and Dannys.

I was scared that with so many Danny's featured in the book that it would be confusing, but it was always really clear which Danny was being referred to.

I loved almost all of the Danny's featured, and the story moves at a good pace.

Thoroughly enjoyable book, that I wouldn't hesitate to recommend.

Dawn says

I am so pleased to be part of the first blog tour organised by lovely Leah from Girls Love to Read I had read quite a few dark books and needed something a bit lighter and this book looked like it would hit the spot. I loved the cover it just shouts 'pick me up' so I did. Wow, the first surprise for me was finding out the author was a man! I just wasn't expecting that at all.

Alice has been absorbed in a job for seventeen years in London when she is suddenly made redundant. The time has come for some life changing decisions and on the advice of a friend decides to buy a house at an auction that she hasn't even seen and moves from the razzmatazz to sleepy Devon.

This for me, was a very easy read, just hitting the spot when I needed it. It's a book that is more about characteristics and stereotypes than the characters themselves. Trevor did however, create a strong central character in Alice, she up sticks and lifestyle, going from a buzzing, vibrant city, where very one studiously ignores you, deliberately avoiding eye contact to village life where everyone including the dog wants to know everything about you - in fact knows it before you've met them. I love the fact that at first her gut reaction is to fall apart, but almost instantly pulls herself up and tackles things head on. She copes amazingly with everything thrown at her when most of us would just have curled up and cried. I've lived in London and now live in a small, semi rural, market town. I've gone from being almost invisible to everyone telling me my business before I even know it myself :)

There's a couple of strange twists in this book one of which is the fact that the majority of the supporting cast in this book all appear to be called Danny or some such variant, each playing a pivotal role in Alice's journey of self discovery. Which, in itself is weird and amusing as the only friend from London Alice was bothered about leaving behind was called Danny! Friendship, trust, openness and optimism are all characteristics that shine from this book. Each of the Danny's bring a new dimension, that Alice takes from and uses to grow in herself - it's a journey of self discovery that will amuse and in the end uplift you.

In life everything happens for a reason and Alice expertly demonstrates, as she is guided along, that the best thing to do with life is to grab it by the horns and live, embrace change and just go for it. We only get one crack at it - so LIVE.

A final note - I had my doubts as to whether a 'bloke' would get it! To get beneath the skin of a woman and process how she'd feel in various scenario's. Let's just say I don't have any longer - Trevor you nailed it. If you want a nice read, to curl up with on a Saturday afternoon in the garden then this is a book for you.

Robyn Koshel says

"When Alice met Danny" is a witty and charming read. I thought the "Danny's" at every turn was like a Woody Allen film and thoroughly delightful. It really was a refreshing novel. T.A. Williams creates a stunning book with wonderful characters and captures Alice's persona perfectly. I couldn't believe that T.A. Williams was man- this book is written like a woman wrote it. "When Alice met Danny" is the perfect summer read. Beautifully written with a touch of humour. It is one book I plan to read over and over. I highly recommend.

Amanda says

When Alice met Danny – T A Williams

THE BLURB

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WHAT I SAY

Alice loses her job and is given a good severance package which allows her to change her lifestyle and where she lives completely. Her work colleague Danny who worked in IT for her former company recommends she looks at houses on line and even suggested looking at auctions. She ends up buying a house without viewing it in Devon so that she can hopefully do it up and go to university in Exeter to do a MA in History.

Meanwhile Danny, from work, rents her flat in London and they arrange to see each other whilst he is down to compete in a windsurfing event later in the year.

However who buys a house unseen – yes it's going to take a lot of work to get it fit to live in. Meanwhile she rents a small cottage in a nearby village. Throughout the book she meets many different Danny's, Daniel's and Dan's that all play a different role and even finds herself attracted to rather a few or ends up looking after and becoming a major part of their lives.

She finds the change from London to Devon is good for her and you can feel her starting to fall in love with her new life there.

There are a lot of Dan characters to remember and you have to smile to yourself when another comes on the scene. The characters in the book are great and I think I even fell in love with a few. The story has its ups and downs and you are left wondering at the end. I really enjoyed the book and found it hard to put down to go to sleep. I will certainly look for more by this author.

Please check out my blog

ajbookreviewclub.wordpress.com/

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Ginger says

Within the first couple of pages I knew I was falling head over heels for this book and all the Danny's within it.

When we meet Alice Grant she has just lost the job she devoted seventeen years of her life to and has no idea where her new path in life is going to take her.

But instead of sulking around she decides to make the best of her new found situation.

Alice decides to use her severance package, leave behind London and settle down in a small town outside of the city. Perhaps go back to university.

A former coworker of Alice's suggests she looks at online auctions for a house and she eagerly thanks him and begins searching for her new home.

It doesn't take long for her to find and bid on a late Victorian house nestled on Lyndhurst Avenue. Little does she know exactly what she's gotten herself into.

The former owner of the house was on top of many other things, a hoarder. I won't go into too much detail because I thoroughly enjoyed the description and Alice's shock and I couldn't possibly do it justice.

Before long Alice is up to her ears in Danny's and Daniels, it doesn't matter if they have two legs, four legs or if they're still in diapers she is taken by all of them.

More than once Alice stops to ask herself "What is it about me and the name Danny?" But you don't have to wonder for long.

T.A Williams weaves a beautiful story, intertwining all the characters in a way only a true writer could.

Whether being swept off of her feet by one of the present Danny's or swept into the past through letters written by a soldier in the trenches to his love back home Alice is forever changed by each and every one of them.

I highly recommend this book and I look forward to reading more from this lovely author.

Until next time,
Ginger

In compliance with FTC guidelines I am disclosing that this book was given to me for free to review. My review is my honest opinion.

Amy Bird says

I read 'When Alice Met Danny' because I enjoyed the fun conceit of TA Williams' first novel, 'Dirty Minds'. There is another fun and quirky premise for this book - that Alice, trying to start her life over, is beset with different Dannys, all laying claim to her emotions. TA Williams builds the humour and romance well, and I read the book in one sitting. For anyone whose reading is themed around WW1 this year, it is also a worthwhile read, given one of the key parts of the plot is Alice's discovery of soldier's love letters.

Samantha Tonge says

What a sweet read! Its style reminded me of Maeve Binchy and I was left with the feel-good factor, once I reached The End. Alice loses her job and relocates to a seaside idyll, away from hectic London, leaving behind one very good friend called Danny. However, she soon meets several more friends of the same name, each of whom, due to the author's skill, retain a very clear identity as the plot progresses. The reader is left wondering which of them she will be closest to, by the end, and it is a guessing-game with a very satisfying conclusion. I loved the array of different characters and gorgeous descriptions of seaside life. Also, the tidbits of information threaded in about the First World War. A lovely read for the summer.

Jill says

When Alice Met Danny is a lovely, easy read. The main character is Alice. When we first meet her she is working in London, and her life revolves around her career. That is until one day when she is made redundant. This comes as a massive shock to her but is the catalyst for huge changes that see her buying a house in Devon.

A big theme throughout the book is Danny. Not just one Danny, but many of them. It seems that everywhere Alice turns she meets yet another one. Yes, there is a Danny love interest, but there are also dogs and babies named Danny too. It would be true to say that Danny brings her laughs, intrigue, heartbreak, adventure, and love....but I won't tell you which Danny brings what!

I found this book really easy to follow. It felt light and warm and a nice pace. I loved the character of Alice who seemed to change once she left London. I love country life and would love to move to the country myself so it helped me identify with her.

I loved the use of the other characters, particularly the love interest Danny. He's a windsurfer so I could picture quite a heart throb. Meeting the local characters really helped build that country life feel with the local gossip, the vicar, the caring older lady, The Lord of the manor etc. each of them felt warm and I could picture myself getting to know each of them.

As part of Alice's re-evaluation of life she decides she would like to return to study at university, and the topic was WW1. This was very moving and poignant to me given the recent D-Day commemorations. I know that was WW2 but thinking about the atrocities that the soldiers went through was really sad. Alice stumbles across some letters written by a soldier during WW1. I don't want to ruin the storyline but it adds another dimension of beauty and sadness to the book.

I have never really read books of this genre written by a male author so wasn't sure what to expect in terms of writing style.....lets just say I will be looking out for his next book and buying it for certain!

Sophie says

Review posted on my blog <http://www.reviewedthebook.co.uk/2014...>

When Alice Met Danny looked like a really sweet story and the writing came across in the same manner too. Quirky humour brought life to the plot and it was a cute, feel-good story which touches on the importance of friendship and not letting obstacles stop you from picking yourself back up.

When we meet Alice, she is unaware her whole life is about to change. Made redundant from her job, she refuses to let this stop her from living her life and moves to Devon. I knew I was going to like Alice right from the beginning because she didn't waste half the book moping. However good or bad the choices she made were, she wasn't afraid to keep on going and her brave and inspiring personality really made me warm to her.

Throughout the book, Alice encounters a lot of new people and virtually every male character did seem to be called Danny – from possible love interests to a soldier to a baby and a dog, you could find a Danny in pretty much every page in this book. I loved this amusing concept although as Alice found it strange how all these Daniels were cropping up, I was just as confused while I tried to remember which Danny was which.

At times this book was quite comedic such as what Alice has to deal with once she's bought her house. There

were other more moving aspects to this story – especially the delving into the war which I hadn't been expecting but completely enjoyed. I also adore any book which focuses on friendship in a positive, high-spirits kind of way and When Alice Met Danny really was uplifting.

I don't think it should need to be mentioned but it is always a talking point. T.A. Williams has absolutely backed up that men can write chick-lit. When Alice Met Danny is a charming, entertaining read with a story that couldn't have been put across any better had a woman written it. If you love a light story which simply makes you smile, T.A. Williams' latest book is a great choice.

4/5.

*Book gifted for honest review.

Fiona Wilson says

This was unlike the authors previous stories, but no less enjoyable.

Alice is a great character and she is the one who holds the story together. The way her life changes almost overnight is a shock to her system. But she quickly picks herself up, dusts herself off, and gets on with her life.

I loved how her new life starts off. She decides to move away, buys herself a house as a doer upper. But nothing prepares herself for quite how much she actually needs to do to it. The scene where she discovers it, and quite how bad it is, is so cringeworthy it is funny! I don't mean cringeworthy in that it is badly written. I mean the house she has bought is so bad, and the authors description of quite how bad had me seeing it in my head as Alice walks round!

The way Alice meets Danny, or several Danny's, is brilliant. The coincidences don't stop there either. The author reveals a lot more throughout the book.

Does Alice keep any of the Danny's? If she does is it the one you, the reader, think it will be? Or is it, perhaps, fated that she will end up with none of them?

I loved this story as it is different to others I have read lately, and also shows a different side to the author himself. I honestly have no idea where this author may take us next, but I guarantee it won't disappoint.

Belinda says

- English hardcover - Light and bright and Just what I Needed. All those Danny's who all bring something to her life. ??

Elaine says

This is a brilliant story that travels the whole gamut of emotions, from the devastation of redundancy, the

nervous anticipation and expectations of a fresh start, the dramas of life, love, romance and death encapsulated in a delightful to escape into story.

After working for the same company for seventeen years, career girl Alice Grant has a life changing wake up call when she's unexpectedly made redundant. Her boss suggests this is a chance for change and she decides to make the most of it, moving from London to start her life anew in Devon. Discussions with one of her co-workers, Danny Kemp, results in her looking at property auctions and her purchasing a home there and him agreeing to rent her London home. When she finds out just why the house had no one else bidding for it even though it was a cheap buy she's going to have her work cut out for her! That's when she starts meeting lots of other Dannys - a baby, a neighbour, lord of the manor, and even a labrador - black, of course! Whenever she's introduced to another male they almost all seem to be a Dan, Danny or Daniel!

As usual when reading a novel by this author, I found it easy to visualise the scenarios, delighted in the exploring the countryside he obviously loves and meeting the characters so effectively portrayed. There are many different threads running through this story, interwoven by a skilled craftsmen to make a beautiful tapestry of life with all its dark and light moments on display for everyone to experience. It isn't just the story of Alice, the secondary characters with whom she relates and interacts are also fundamentally important and snapshots of their life journeys also brilliantly portrayed.

There are laugh out loud moments and others where events can bring you to tears, an emotive journey it was my pleasure to journey alongside as I read this novel. I have no hesitation in highly recommending this - and all the other books I've read by this author and I'll certainly remain on the look out for more by him in future. Like his other books, I expect this will stay in my memory, to be revisited and reread many times.
