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Zara Hamilton has it all—a glamorous New York lifestyle, a gorgeous (and seriously rich) boyfriend, and a job as a lawyer in a prestigious city law firm. But when Zara’s boyfriend is accused of insider trading, her perfect world implodes.

Thrown out of work by security and stalked by the press, Zara’s life can’t get any worse. Or can it? A snap decision (and a few wines too many) sees Zara fleeing to Africa to work as a temporary wildlife volunteer.

But just when things start to cool down at home, Zara realizes her troubles have only just begun.

Will Zara’s designer wardrobe survive?

Will a supermodel ruin her only chance at happiness?

Can a Birkin bag really solve her problems?

And will Zara want her old life back at the end of it all...

## Stiletto Safari Details

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## From Reader Review Stiletto Safari for online ebook

### Saphie says

I was able to download this book while it was on its free promo. I found it to be satisfying in the same way a cheesy chick-flic is. It has a wonderful, fast pace - constantly holding your interest plot. My favorite part was how it subtly bashes the elite-st type person that Zara was, Showing that just because you have a high end job and life, doesn't mean you actually have smarts. Seriously, Zara, your doing volunteer work in the slums of a third world country, how many designer clothes do you need? It was a really fun read.

In short, It was a really fun read. And if there were a squeal to this "Zara and Hamish" I would read it

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### Mandy says

I recieved this book from the author Kate. It's been on my TBR list for a while so I was really excited to get the opportunity to read and review Stiletto Safari.

This book is the story about Zara (btw I love her name) a successful young lawyer with a wonderful boyfriend who finds out that it's not all kitty cat socks and elephant ears. Suddenly Nick is arrested for insider trading and Zara is on a leave from her office. Her relationship with Nick ends abruptly when she could use him the most. In a spot of desperation after having her name cleared but forced into a sabbatical she takes up a friends suggestion to volunteer in Africa at a wildlife preserve. Zara takes off for the Africa it's not like she was expecting she meets many people who change her life inspiring her to do more to help the people of Africa.

I found the story inspiration in a way. It made me want to be a better person. Zara is so sweet and just has a good heart, you can't help loving her. The characters are well developed and described well you can't help like the sub characters. The author creates a brilliant story perfect for anyone who's like a romance novel that makes you feel go "awww." I couldn't decide what I did more I felt myself laughing through out the crazy stuff that Zara get's into and crying with things don't go as she wanted. Over all in the end I could easily see myself reading this book over and over when I want a sweet romance. I really enjoyed everything about this book it pulled me and kept my entertained through the whole story. Plus who wouldn't want to cuddle with lion cubs.

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### Emily says

First Reads

Loved Stiletto Safari!

Witty, seductive, and simply fun to read, Stiletto Safari takes the reader on a exciting adventure in this self-proclaimed Chick-lit novel.

It simply is a delicious read and very difficult to put down. I read this novel in one sitting--it was that good!

I knew I was going to love this book when I read the first page, "for once, I managed to make it into the office before Clare, the office bitch (big achievement), and grab breakfast (minor miracle)...." This line had me laughing out loud. I absolutely loved Zara. I found myself wishing she was real; along with Emi and Sal.

They would be so much fun to hang out with.

This book would make the cutest movie (romantic comedy). I clearly could envision the characters (oh Hamish--ooo-la-la), the African setting, the volunteer camp, and Gabi. How cute was Gabi!

I'm not sure what Metz intentions are for future books, but I saw many opportunities for follow-up books: (view spoiler). Just a thought.

Metz has an amazing ability with words. Everything flowed so smoothly; the novel was never choppy. Everything came together brilliantly. I will definitely be reading Stiletto Safari again. It has already been placed on my favorite's shelf. This book had me giggling so much. Like Zara, I felt like a sixteen year old again, and I absolutely adored the sparks of romance.

I highly recommend this book to read, and I really hope that Metz continues to produce more books. She's a very gifted writer with an obvious talent of storytelling. Just from reading her profile, she could write an amazing memoir. I can just imagine how witty and exciting that would be.

Overall, a well deserved 5 star rating! I hope this book really takes off, and I will do my part in encouraging others to read it.

Great job! Great debut novel!

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### Shelly says

I absolutely loved this book. Zara captured me from the very beginning. She is an incredible character. I felt her pain when she was escorted from her job and then when her boyfriend broke up with her. I loved the volunteering in Africa.

This was a quick, easy read, which was captivating with wonderful characters and a tantalizing plot. Kate Metz is a great author, who just pulls the reader right into the story from page one. I had a hard time putting this book down.

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### ☆?♥☆ Unsolved Mystery ☆♥?☆ says

#### - My Description -

Zara Hamilton runs into a bit of trouble, rather her boyfriend Nick runs into trouble. Nick is accused of insider trading, and Zara is accused of helping him. As a result, Zara calls it quits with Nick because he lied to her.

An investigation is done, and finds Zara is not at fault.  
By then, she is hounded by reporters.  
She just needs to get outta town!  
That's just what she does, but not the way one might think.  
She decides to volunteer in Africa.

She flies over to Africa, and she is almost ready to board the next flight back to New York.

She agrees to give it a month with the agreement that the principal of the school find replacements for her.  
She's the new head mistress at an all girls dorm overseeing 60 girls.  
She's also the new teacher at the school.  
She's like a fish out of water.  
What does she know about children or teaching?

Well, she learns pretty quickly that children learn better when they are rewarded for good behavior/listening.

After her month long tenure is up, she volunteers to help with the animals at the wildlife camp.

She makes friends and even has a boyfriend.  
She decides to stay a little longer...

#### **- My Review -**

At first, I had reservations about this book.  
I can't pinpoint it, I just did.

This book turned out so much better than I hoped.  
I really loved it.

There were twists and turns. I never knew which way this book was going to go.  
It was everything you'd want in chick lit.  
It was different than other books I've read.  
Almost like it really happened or could really happen.

Excellent job, Ms. Kate! Bravo! Thanks for letting me read it. =)

I hope there's a sequel!

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### **Rachael Croft says**

Stiletto Safari follows Zara Hamilton, a NY lawyer and city girl who ends up in the wilds of Africa.

The book opens: "Today was the worst day of my life. Of course, it didn't start that way, but by 11:30 a.m. my almost perfect world had ended." When her boyfriend is accused of insider trading Zara decides to escape for a while and heads for Africa as a wildlife volunteer. What could go wrong volunteering with wildlife? Well as Zara is about to find out, plenty!

She finds herself in Namibia over packed, overdressed, overstressed and wanting to leave before she even arrives. But then she discovers Hamish, a hot British biologist. A first it is a love hate relationship. Meanwhile the challenges of life as a volunteer grow on her.

How does chick-lit work on safari in Africa? Kate Metz does it really well! Despite being in the middle of Africa, Kate brings together all the ingredients for great chick-lit. There is style, fashion, a Vogue photo shoot (for Hamish's ex-super model girlfriend), a complicated relationship, throw in some wild animals and

you have Stiletto Safari.

I can see why it won an award for Chick-lit of the Year. It is like Sophie Kinsella at her best (think *The Undomestic Goddess*).

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### Stacy says

Zara's life has just been turned on it's head. Her boyfriend has been arrested for insider trading. Zara is being forced into a six week sabbatical. The press is camped outside of her door. She decides to volunteer in Africa after all that's the farthest away she can get from New York. When she arrives at the place that where she will be volunteering for the next six months. She doesn't want to stay but she promises to give it a month. Through her stay she meets a guy who she hates yet can't help but be attracted to. She learns a lot about herself through her time in Africa. You will laugh, cry, and blush right along with Zara! Her adventure is a fun read!

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### Susan Ashcraft says

Zara Hamilton has a life many only dream of. An Aussie girl, she lives in New York and works as a lawyer for Harvey and Rose, one of New York's premier law firms. Her boyfriend, Nick Hansen, is a handsome, wealthy, good looking man whom she adores. She shops on 5th Avenue, wearing gorgeous cashmere Ralph Lauren dresses, carries Jimmy Choo totes, and wears Prada sunglasses. With her best friends Emi and Sal, at her side to take yoga classes, hash out a bad day and have brunch every weekend, Zara's life is almost picture perfect. Then one day it all comes crashing down!

In one fell swoop, Zara goes from happily thinking of her future with Nick, in a job she's good at, in a city she loves, with expensive clothes she covets, and best friends who love her to an unemployed (temporarily they tell her) lawyer, with a boyfriend arrested for insider trading who isn't answering her calls, and crying for 2 weeks over *The Bold and the Beautiful* reruns. Could life get any worse?

Emi decides that Zara needs to get away, perhaps do some volunteer work involving animals or people, preferably far away, Africa would be good. Severely depressed, with her job in limbo for 6 months, and her boyfriend dumping her for her "own good", Zara decides that doing volunteer work in Africa would be just the right thing for her. She can get a beautiful tan, take care of cute and cuddly baby lions, and heal from her wounds. If only she could fit all the clothes and accessories she will need in the one mid size suitcase she's allowed.

With her ego still severely bruised by the treatment of the firm she works for, and Nick's rejection, not to mention the brutally insulting way Nick's father treated her, she is woefully unprepared to deal with life as a volunteer in Namibia.

Excerpt

*In the end it came down to a choice between my snakeskin stilettos, a travel guide to Namibia, or a \$100 penalty for excess luggage. Needless to say, the travel guide didn't make the flight. Namibia would have to remain a mystery for a bit longer. You just never know when a pair of snakeskin stilettos will come in handy!*

*Meeting handsome Hamish, she can't believe how incredibly rude he is to her. She overhears him calling her a bimbo, which on top of everything else that has happened to her just seems to be the icing on the cake. When he approaches her to apologize, she blows him off, never dreaming that he will show up later in a most*

*embarrassing way. Getting to the volunteer camp she finds out that she's the new teacher and even worse, she's the new dorm monitor for 60 little girls! With her beautiful snakeskin stilettos, her Prada sunglasses, her over the top expensive silk dresses and horror of germs and dirt, she'll just have to dig down deep to make this volunteer experience work.*

*Kate Metz's debut novel Stiletto Safari, is filled with humor, fashion, friendships and self realization. At times the wording was a little stiff, which had a small impact on the flow of the story. But overall a great chick lit book for anyone who likes a humorous, well told story reminiscent of a Beth Harbison novel.*

*I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review*

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## **Kathy Davie says**

Chick lit lite. I have to give it a bump up from a "3", if only for how very knowledgeable and inspirational Metz is about life in Africa. And, hey, it's a fun read!

### **My Take**

#### *The Good Bits*

The story idea was cute, and Metz was generally accurate about the reality of Africa. Gotta give her a big thumbs up for that one. In fact, if any of you readers are considering a trip, this isn't a bad inside look.

I liked her stance on the village and how the lodge impacts village life. Very nicely delivered without being preachy. Oh, lord, I thoroughly commiserate with Zara and her first day of teaching. I was really impressed with her incentives program, LOL. Brilliant.

It's a nice cast of characters, and very few who are hate-able. Those that are, really go the distance. The romance was sweet without any great swings of drama. Embarrassing moments? Oh, yeah. Trust Zara to be stupid.

#### *My Whining*

Zara is an idiot and too shallow for words—fortunately, she eventually, slowly, loses that shallow mien. She's a lawyer, and she's freaking because she doesn't have her Blackberry, and she can't get to her voicemail... One, there's always remote access...I mean, duhhh. Two, buy another phone, even if it's just a throwaway? Then there's her wardrobe planning for her new volunteer position in Africa. Oh my god. How incredibly lame is she?

Considering that Zara's favorite part of being a lawyer in New York is all the clothes shopping, you can imagine how well she'll do in Namibia with her stilettos and designer dresses. Although, she does put them to good use, and certainly not one I would have ever imagined, LOL.

I was a bit torn on Zara's African experience. She was such an American (hey, I can say that. I'm American). Admittedly, I had a leg up on Zara as my then-husband had been telling me tales of expat living in various parts of Africa before we moved there, but you would think in this day and age with Internet access and all that she'd have done a bit more research. Or am I reaching in believing that if you can make it through law school and pass the bar, that one is automatically smarter than the average??

Oh...then she goes and gets stupid about the ex-girlfriend. Be an adult for godsakes. Then there's that email list---take it as a lesson yourselves, folks, set that group up ahead of time and check it twice!

All in all, in spite of my whining about Zara's idiocies, it was a cute read and well worth the money.

## The Story

Nick's...ahem...altruism brings questions as to where he got his information, and Zara is implicated by association. Threatened with a six-month sabbatical, one of her friends talks her into volunteering in Africa.

Oh. Boy.

## The Characters

**Zara Hamilton** is one of the new lawyers at Harvey and Rose in New York City with a fab boyfriend who has an even fabber bank account. Her best friend, **Sal**, works at the same firm.

**Nick Hansen** is the boyfriend of two years. Rich, charming, and arrested. **Bill Hansen** is his jerk of a dad. **Teddy Bennett** and **Josh Jones**, a spoiled rich kid, are Nick's friends, his fellow felons.

**Hamish Walters** is a friend of Michael and JoJo's and a jerk. Seems he's also a wildlife biologist come to eat crow.

**Emi** is another of Zara's best friends and totally infatuated with her yoga instructor, **Henri**. **Asha** is a friend of Emi's who has just returned from a stint with a charity in Africa. **JoJo**, she hosts a prime-time morning to midday slot on the radio, and her husband **Michael**, a senior man in the Department of Foreign Affairs, are friends of Asha's in Jo'burg. **Craig**, **Laura**, **Steph**, and **Bec** are yet more friends on Zara's email list destined to receive tales of her African and romantic adventures.

## Namibia

The organization which Zara is volunteering with consists of a clinic and a school, both of which are funded by an exclusive resort. **Ismail** and **Amy** are a couple of the volunteer clinic doctors. **Gabi** is their unofficial greeter and a tiny terror. **Nelson** is the school principal. **Mr. Kwilwha** is in charge of the boys' dorm; *snicker...* Zara has been put in charge of the girls' dorm. All sixty of the girls. **Pip** seems to be Hamish's mean second-in-command. **Henriette** has a thing for Hamish; **Sam**, a Scotland Yard detective who needed to get away; **Mille Lee**, a Broadway costume designer; **Patricia** from Brazil; and, **Im** from Switzerland are a few of the wildlife volunteers.

**Shakira** and **Umbilly** are the female and male cubs at the refuge.

**Mark** and **Kelly** are scouting locations for a fashion shoot with **Sasha Friend**, the supermodel---Hamish's maybe-not-so-ex-girlfriend.

## Harvey and Rose

**Heather** is Zara's secretary at work. **Janice** is the PA for **Ed**, the managing partner. **George** is the head of litigation. There are two Clares in the office: **evil Clare Lay**, who is sleeping with George, and **nice Clare Levy**.

## The Cover

The cover is a zebra print background tinted in a gradated pink with the silhouettes of a high-heeled society chick hauling her Hermès Picotin Lock tote while walking her lion on a leash.

Oh, yeah, LOL, it is definitely a *Stiletto Safari* when Zara Hamilton packs for a volunteer stint in the bush!

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## Anna says

I really enjoyed reading Stiletto Safari. In the beginning of the story, Zara Hamilton has it all. She has a good career, has great friends, and is in love and ready to get married. Then, her boyfriend does something incredibly stupid, which jeopardizes her job, which makes her start to reconsider marrying him. When her job puts her on a leave of absence until things get resolved, Zara decides to take a step back to remove herself from the spotlight of her life, and she ends up going to Africa to do 6 months of volunteer work. Once she gets there, she realizes that this is not really something she wants to do, but she agrees to hang in for at least a month to try it out. As much as she thinks she is not that great at volunteer work, she ends up being amazing and stays longer, all while she is falling for someone while in Africa. Stiletto Safari is a very cute read and if I had the time, I would have finished it within a day.

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### **Wanda says**

I hate to give a low review for a book that I won as a Goodreads giveaway, but I have to be honest. I found Zara, the main character, a bit self-obsessed and a label whore. She didn't seem to evolve much as a person who is experiencing this amazing adventure volunteering in Africa. I didn't like her at all. Overall, the book is standard fare romantic comedy chick lit. Girl doesn't like guy. Gets to know him, falls in love. Something happens where she doubts the relationship, they are together by the end of the story in some fanciful, happily ever after way.

I would recommend if you need something light, fluffy, borderline mind-numbing, and you generally enjoy movies that star Sandra Bullock or Kate Hudson.

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### **Oceandreamer001 says**

Didn't win the goodreads giveaway, but the author sent me a link to download it on my kindle!

Fun, witty, smart read. Zara's life is practically perfect. Great job, great boyfriend, good friends. Until her boyfriend is arrested, accused of insider trading. Her bosses decide she should take a sabbatical. With six months to fill, she goes to Africa to volunteer. And the fun is just beginning for Zara!

Lots of laugh-out loud moments, definitely worth the read!

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### **Cindy Roesel says**

This review originally appeared on Chick Lit Central.

Are you looking for some fun chick-lit that will hook you at page one and hold you all the way through until the very last page? Then I highly recommend STILETTO SAFARI by debut author, Kate Metz. Kate's novel arrived in my mailbox as I teetered on the verge of nervous breakdown. Being a book reviewer that was exactly the situation that would put me over or be the remedy to my situation! Thank God for the absolutely side-splitting story Kate put to pages in her novel, STILETTO SAFARI.

"Today was the worst day of my life. Of course, it didn't start that way, but by 11:30 a.m. my almost perfect world had ended." That's the opening and her protagonist Zara Hamilton is carrying a brand new snakeskin Bulgari handbag while it's happening. How is that even possible? Trust me, Zara is about to come face to

face with reality and it's so not Bulgari!

Zara Hamilton is a lawyer at one of Manhattan's top law firms. She has the perfect life including a fabulous apartment, designer clothes, a super rich boyfriend, Nick but when he's accused of insider trading her life, along with his is taken down too. She isn't fired, but the press hounds her and the firm makes it clear they'd like her to stay clear of the office for a while. With the help of some good girlfriends (can't have enough of those) the idea of volunteering in Africa comes up. What could go wrong volunteering with wildlife? Well as Zara is about to find out, plenty!

She finds herself in Namibia over packed, overdressed, overstressed and wanting to leave before she even arrives and the volunteer camp with a negative attitude that all volunteers initially have before they realize it's not about them and it's about the needy children and animals. She quickly falls in with the other volunteers, Ismail, Sam, Amy, including a young local girl, Gabi and there's the complicated relationship with the blue-eyed British hunk named, Hamish. You'll have to read STILETTO SAFARI to get more on him, but he's delish!

Kate Metz lives in Melbourne, Australia. That may explain why she flips back and forth in her novel between American, British and Aussie slang. She's a lawyer and has volunteered several times in Namibia. She's been attacked by a leopard and has gone swimming with baby baboons. Her novel and Kindle is available on Amazon.

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### **Naomi says**

Wowzers! I think this has to be the best chick-lit book I have EVER read. It's witty, romantic, adventurous, everything a girl could want in a book.

I started Stiletto Safari this afternoon & read it cover to cover without putting it down.

The main character Zara is absolutely adorable & I really did feel sorry for her for the first few chapters after being suspended from work & breaking up with her boyfriend Nick but things start perking up for her when she flies to Africa to do some volunteer work where she meets the sexy Hamish.

I very highly recommend this book to any chick-lit lover. I guarantee you will not regret reading this at all!!

Thank you to the author Kate Metz for sending me a copy for review.

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### **Lisa says**

Was a bit dubious about this one to start with, but it really sucked me in. Loved every indulgent minute of it.....books like this are why I read strictly for fun and relaxation... This is an easy read. I read in a couple of sittings. Good beach read.

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