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Ellen has been living on her own in a picturesque, if damp cottage since her husband abandoned her for the pleasures of life in Provence. She marries once for love, but is now determined that the second time around it will be for money.

Close at hand is Duncan, her not unattractive divorce lawyer who, most importantly, is single and enticingly wealthy. Then into Ellen's life comes Jo-Jo, a young homeless girl, several months pregnant, and Matthew, an artist who paints murals in country houses and criticises Ellen for being mercenary.

As Ellen plans for a future with Duncan, both Jo-Jo and Matthew know that you can't plan love...

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Jess Alway says

This was an intriguing story. I could not decide my thoughts and feelings about the plot and the characters quite as easily as I have been able to with other books. I couldn't decide whether this was plain annoying or interesting!

Maryzj says

A well-written romance, with characters from across the generations - the oldest ones being the most interesting. Predictable ending, but a sense of satisfaction when everything worked out, and an interesting take on a pregnant teenager who sees giving up her child for adoption as a positive step for both of them.

Nicole says

There is a certain enjoyment to be gained from reading, every once in a while, light, fluffy chick lit. But this was not to be found between the covers of this book. The story was confused; the caricatures of characters left the reader without forming strong relationships; the attempts at light humour often fell flat. It also trivialised problems of mental instability by hinting that the problems of certain characters were more than eccentricities, yet left them wallowing in their own miseries.

I pushed myself to read it to the end, but could find nothing endearing in *Airs and Graces* and will not be searching down other books by Erica James.

Chrissi says

I thought this was a brilliant book from Erica James. It was easy to read and a good piece of chick lit. I grew to like some of the characters and hate some of the others which is always a sign of a good writer. I will definitely be reading more of her work.

Linda says

I really enjoyed this book, it is my first of Erica James and I can't wait to read more.

Di S says

Not really my usual sort of book, but I bought it at a book sale as an easy 'holiday read'. Erica James has a charming, flowing style of writing and she creates engaging, if a little stereotypical, characters. Nothing challenging about this book, but enjoyable nonetheless if this is your usual genre.

Candice says

Just OK, not one of my favorites by Erica James.

Deborah Sigel says

The first Erica James book I read and I became a fan. And since her books aren't available in the US I've had to pass mine along to others in order for them to discover what I did. She has a wonderful variety of characters and stories.

Paula says

Really enjoy Erica James books. I know this one is a few years old (I picked it up at a second hand bookstore). I get caught up in the characters and imagine they could be on the big screen! Certainly age is not a factor when friends connect with each other. Would have loved to have a book #2 for the story to continue!

Linda says

Another of her great stories - can't think how I missed reading this one before.

Sue says

Ellen lives alone since her husband deserted her, and has pleasant weekly chats with her friend Hermione. She's seriously considering marrying the dull but wealthy Duncan. Then a pregnant teenager enters her life, and everything changes.

Fast-moving and enjoyable, with sympathetic and believable characters. I first read this in 2000, but had almost completely forgotten the plot when re-reading eight years later, and enjoyed it again.

Aimee says

Not the greatest, but for some reason I could not put it down. Everything was just interesting enough to keep you engaged. It was an ok light read.

Caroline says

This was a nice bit of gentle reading about two lady friends and their son, husband, nephew, neighbour relations. Set in a picturesque village but struggling financially as well as emotionally, the scene is set to meet for the friends to meet a homeless girl who is pregnant and in need of some help. As the reader might expect the ladies offer help and the girl ends up helping the ladies just as much as they help her. A nice, feel good, book.

Jennifer says

i didn't enjoy this novel as much her others, but it still all came together again in the end.

the second time around of reading it (02/05/08), i enjoyed it a lot more. probably due to the fact that i didn't rush through it like last time. i appreciated it more, and plus it made a lovely break to revising at the end of the day.

Corinne says

Predictable, but a light read
