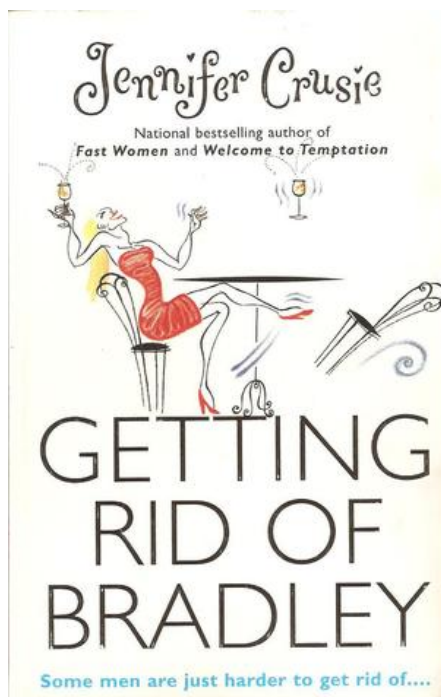




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High school physics teacher Lucy Savage is finally getting rid of Bradley--and his hideous green recliner. In fact, her front lawn is littered with her cheating ex-husband's belongings. Because despite standing her up in divorce court, Bradley is out of her life for good. Or so she thinks.

When her sister takes her to lunch to celebrate Lucy's single status, all their talk of a no-good louse named Bradley catches the attention of a cop--who wants to arrest the very same Bradley for embezzlement. And Officer Zack Warren figures the lovely Lucy can lead him straight to his target.

When someone shoots at Lucy and then blows up her car, Zack insists she needs twenty-four-hour protection. What does he think her three dogs and attack cat are for? Still, he insists on moving right in to Lucy's house...

Now there's danger lurking outside and in her own kitchen, bathroom--and bedroom. Or maybe Zack, who looks like a bad boy with that shaggy dark hair and black leather jacket, is really one of the good guys, and just what Lucy needs.

Getting Rid of Bradley Details

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Saly says

You know one thing I've noticed that the books by this author are really unconventional yet funny and romantic and this one was no less, we have a cop hero who is kind of down and thinks he is getting older and getting married is death, then he meets the just divorced heroine who actually clobbers him thinking he is a mugger.

The heroine is a teacher who got married because she felt it was time and when she saw her husband with another woman, threw him out in part due to her sister and now has dyed her hair and decided to be happy with her wonderful house and dogs. She finds out that the hero thinks her life is in danger but she tells him her ex is boring and not violent and not an embezzler as he suspects.

Before he knows it, he is living in her house under the guise of protecting her, falling for her, learning cooking and playing with her dogs, hell he even proposes to her after only a few days and when she refuses plans on how to make her say yes. He joins the craziness and even gets her a dog, all the while his partner is just flabbergasted with the changes in him.

I just loved the romance and even the suspense part.

Jess says

I am pretty sure that I read this before, but I wanted a low key read and this qualified.

Julie (jjmachshev) says

When I woke up this morning, I was in the mood for something fun...and funny. So I picked up "Getting Rid of Bradley" by Jennifer Crusie. Originally published as a Harlequin Blaze in 1994, this story is one of her earlier ones. But is one of her funniest in my opinion.

Poor Lucy isn't having a good year. Her ex couldn't even be bothered to show up for the divorce, she beats up a mugger only to find out he's a cop, her efforts to change her life via hair dye have resulted in a strange, moss-green color, and apparently someone's trying to kill her! How did a quiet science teacher who's a little spacey and decided to marry based on the second law of thermodynamics end up in this mess?

Zack is a cop who doesn't want to grow up. He's a bundle of energy and allergic to maturity. But his instincts are always right. And his instincts are telling him that the lady with the funky hair who he LET hit him is somehow involved in his case. His instincts are also telling him that there's NO WAY IN HELL he's going to let anyone else protect her. What? Did he just say that?

Zany, funny, laugh-out-loud romance. If you need a pick-me-up, then pick this book up. You won't be sorry.

Melissa says

It took me a while to get into it, but in the end I liked it quite a bit. A fun, fluffy, light read.

3.5 stars.

Lady Gabriella of Awesomeness (On Hiatus) says

Funny,entertaining and fast paced **Getting rid of Bradley** is an ideal weekend read,that reminds you that its ok,to not always be logical in life.

Even though the plot dragged a bit in the beginning,I' 0m glad it found its way and picked up halfway before finally ending with a 'BANG'.

Lucy and Zack,damn those two are just too adorable together. ♥ But to be honest I adored Zack best ! I loved the way he just embraced the fact he was in love instead of making it angsty for both of them.

Recommendations:

Would I recommend it ? - YES ! Defiantly ..especially if your a KA fan like me. *wink wink*

Nicola Marsh says

I have most Crusie books firmly on my keeper shelf, but it has been far too long since I've read them.

This is an oldie re-released and I loved it. Stayed up till 1am because I couldn't put it down.

Absolutely adore her unique voice, which makes any plot believable and fun.

Recommend!

Jacob Proffitt says

This was a 3.5 stars generously rounded for... reasons...

An early Crusie (an author note at the beginning says it's her second), her skill is already in good form. Zack was a bit standard romantic hero material with a bit of mid-life crisis thrown in to keep him interesting—a little bossy for my taste and with a few quirks I had a hard time getting over. The book is made with Lucy. She's just a fun character with her refusal to give in to the demands of others that skirted the edge of TSTL without actually invoking it even a little bit. I know that sounds strange, but trust me, it *never* feels like she's

being stupid even when on any other character it would. I think this is early evidence of what I find so engaging with Crusie's work—the characters are just so well done that you never suspect that they are being manipulated by the author for the sake of the story (because they aren't).

A note about Steamy: Really light, but enough to tag. One explicit scene and some explicit flirty dialogue.

Tracy says

3.5 stars. Fun summer read.

Tintin says

Reading this was pure joy. And to think I was almost ready to throw in the towel over romance. I'm glad I gave the genre another chance.

Lucy Savage finds her life threatened when her ex-husband Bradley is involved in an embezzlement case. Luckily for her, the rough but competent cop Zack Warren steps up the plate to protect her. As expected from a romance novel, the physical attraction is instantaneous, but what's remarkable about it is that the characters willfully fight against it and keep their hands off each other for more than half the book. It's great because Lucy and Zack actually get to know each other better, the sexual tension builds up, and it's more believable than ending up in bed with no preliminary (sadly, an all-too-common occurrence in romance fiction).

Lucy and Zack's personalities provide a source of both conflict and comedy. She's a physics teacher, highly logical, loves her house and her 3 dogs, and wants to be independent. He's a cop who relies on his instincts, undomesticated, and his over-protectiveness stifles Lucy's wish to be independent (he's overprotective for good reason-- there have been numerous threats to Lucy's life). They're both afraid of commitment.

More than the plot itself, what endeared this book to me is the dynamics between characters. It's most evident between Lucy and Zack, but it also extends to the side characters and even the dogs. Jennifer Crusie's novel is character-driven and I loved seeing her characters interact. It was a constant source of comedy. My copy is full of highlighter markings because the dialogue was just too good and funny to pass up.

While I generally don't trust book blurbs, I totally agree with this one from *Kirkus Reviews* in the back cover:

Crusie seems incapable of writing a boring page, or one that's not aglow.

The story isn't perfect as I saw a number of loopholes and I found the upbeat pacing a bit too fast for my taste. I also had to (willingly) suspend my disbelief a few times. But the silly grin on my face the whole time I was reading this book more than made up for its faults. In fact, even with all its shortcomings, I find it better plotted than 90% of the romance books I've read.

It took me nearly a year of searching, but I finally found the perfect blend of romance and comedy in Jennifer Crusie. I'm glad she has a dozen other books for me to read -- and this one isn't even her highest-rated book!

A dazzling **4 stars** =D

Tintin's Notes to Self:

* OMG Zack's personality is almost exactly like Leon's! They're both cops, they both rely on their guts, they're sloppy and rough around the edges but have a big heart inside. And Lucy isn't D, but she's a dog lover so she's similar to D in that respect.

* Reread this book and learn from the pure awesomeness of Crusie's dialogue.

* The love scenes are tender and passionate without being explicit (hmmm, could learn from that!).

Cathy says

There was literally nothing about this that I liked. I finished only because it got picked for me and I forced myself to, but really, it was a struggle. It has to be one of those "it's not you, it's me" books though, since everyone else on my GR list has given this at least 4 stars.

And I'm just sitting here, stupidly blinking and looking around wondering what I missed. Or if I even read the same book.

I feel like I lucked out with **Bet Me** being the first Jennifer Crusie that I ever read all those years ago, because the ones I've read since have not been my cup of tea at all.

Jennifer says

Another fun book by Jennifer Crusie!

In this book we have Lucy - a gal who is trying to turn her life around but somehow everything just explodes on her. She goes to court to divorce her hubby (That would be Bradley) and he doesn't even bother to show. She decides she needs to color her hair to make herself feel better and it turns out green. Oh - and someone is trying to kill her. Yeah. Not a great week for our poor Lucy. Lucky for her Zack the yummy cop is there to protect her!

Cherie says

I've read a few Jennifer Crusie books and consider myself a fan, however this book I found disappointing. My caveat is, it's my understanding that this is one of her earlier books, one written before she had perfected her craft to the level it is now. That being said, this book was so disappointing I almost put it down.

The problem? Well while it did have some humorous moments, Lucy was so stupid she was almost unendurable. She seemed to have no logic, Crusie, tried to put the reader inside of Lucy's mind to better understand her, but who would want to be in the mind of such a twit. What reasonable person would doubt a police officer when they were told their life was in danger? What reasonable person would resist the police department's attempts to keep them safe. Yep, Lucy was a nuisance.

You can see in this book the beginnings of what Crusie does so well, which is to bring humor to her characters while making them relatable and realistic. This book was more of an unpolished version of her later work, there were parts that were so farfetched I was too exasperated to suspend disbelief to enjoy them. Lucy wasn't so much funny as annoying as hell and she certainly wasn't relatable or realistic.

The good news, Crusie does a much better job in other books in refining her characters so they seem much more three dimensional. I would recommend anyone looking for a good Jennifer Crusie book to check out BET ME.

STATS:

EBook Pages: 144

Genre: Humorous, Suspense Romance

Steam Factor: WARM

Jane Stewart says

Not bad, but not as good as the author's other books.

Something was repetitive and a little boring about the conversations during the first third of the book. This was one of the author's first books and it wasn't as good as her later books. I was annoyed that Lucy kept saying she didn't believe she was being shot at and that she was in danger, even though a bullet hit her cheek, and a bomb went off in her car. She went out for a jog and to a beauty parlor when she should have stayed home where she had police protection. There were a few humorous lines, but I'd recommend skipping this book unless you're a die-hard Crusie fan. It was ok, but not what I was used to from her.

DATA:

Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: one. Setting: current day U.S. Copyright: 1994. Genre: mystery romance.

Megan says

Romance is not my genre...never has been. I had to read a romance novel to fulfill a reading challenge at my library. So, I will not critique this book since it is truly the first romance book I have ever read. I will say that Jennifer Crusie can be quite funny at times. Whew, so glad I can check the romance category off my list.

Andréa says

I've been binge-reading Jennifer Crusie's Books lately and this one was as good as the ones I read before. It was fast-paced, funny and entertaining. Zach and Lucy were cute and sweet together. Witnessing Lucy become independent and confident was pretty enjoyable. And I want her dogs. Also, I would've loved to know more about Lucy's sister too. My only complaint would be that it wasn't long enough and I want more of them.

Michelle says

I had a hard time getting into this one. It seemed to drag and the green moss colored hair on Lucy?? Loved her dogs!!

It was funny and I really loved Zack. Not a favorite of mine by JC.

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

?????? 3.5 stars ??????

On my way to conquer all Jennifer Crusie's books!

I've been recommended the great Bet Me the other day and I am slowly making my way up through Ms Crusie's books.

I really liked this one, I enjoyed the banter, the secondary characters, the comic situations...

The heroine, Lucy is a complete freak, a nut, a nerd, she acted pretty stupid at some times but maybe I overlooked it because of her relationship with her stubborn and sexy as hell cop, Zach.

I loved the whole hair obsession/drama!

And if you are a dog lover, you'll love Lucy! Best Mom, ever!

Wrap it all up with mystery, make the cop live with heroine with the excuse of protecting her and you'll have an entertaining read!

Jen says

I have so much love for this book. It's been a favorite of mine for at least 15 years, and I still love reading it. It never grows old and I never tire of revisiting it. :-)

I don't know how many times I've read this book - and I can't remember when I bought it - but I always laugh and cry in the same places and at the same lines. :-) I last read it in January or February (February 16ish?) of 2015. I'm finally reviewing it after my umpteenth reading on March 26, 2016. I'll share a few of the lines I love in a bit. But first. . .

I love this book because Zack is hot and Lucy is sweet. Zack is also vulnerable and Lucy has a mean streak, which I love, too. :-) This is not the only Jennifer Crusie book among my favorites, but it is the one I return to the most. I love the suspense in it: Zack and his partner, Anthony, are after an embezzler and there's something in Lucy's house that this criminal wants. Anthony does a bit of matchmaking and so Zack moves in to protect Lucy. I love Anthony. I love Lucy's sister, Tina. I love Lucy and Zack. And I love Lucy's dogs: Einstein, Heisenberg, and Maxwell. :-)

One of the lines that always makes me laugh is said by Tina, when she and Lucy are at Harvey's Diner after Lucy's divorce:

"You are going to get rid of his name, aren't you?" Tina asked. "Lucy Savage Porter always sounded like you'd married a rabid bellboy."

LOL!!! :-) (This scene can be found on page 14.)

Another line that always make me laugh is later in the story, on page 189: Lucy and Zack are comfortable together and Zack is learning to cook. :-) Anthony comes over with news and Zack asks if he's cooking for three. Anthony says, "This is eerie. It's like the Night of the Living Yuppies." And Lucy replies, "Watch your mouth. We never Yup." LOL!!! :-)

Page 195 has one of the many reasons for why I love Tina: "Don't put me in pink for the wedding. I hate pink." :-)

And in Chapter Ten is a scene I always - but always - cry over: At the end of Chapter Nine, Zack discovers a stray mongrel on a street in Overlook. He takes the dog home to Lucy. At the beginning of Chapter Ten (on page 200), Zack introduces Lucy to the dog. It's love at first sight on both Lucy's part and that of the dog. Lucy tries not to cry. So I cry for her. It's just so beautiful and such a touching moment. :-)

From there, we move on toward the end, which always leaves me with a big smile. :-)

At the end: (view spoiler)

(hide spoiler)] :-)

Again (and lastly), I really love this book. It's a quick, easy read, which makes it my go-to read for those times when I'm having a really bad panic/anxiety attack. It's also a book I love to reread every once in a random while, and probably once a year at least on average. I have a lot of love for Jennifer Crusie's storytelling, but this story will forever always be my most favorite favorite of hers. :-)

Lavender Brooke says

I have read most of Jennifer Cruisie's books but this is definitely my favourites. I adore the relationship between Lucy and Zack - they made such a sweet and funny couple.

This is the sort of book that you can curl up with and easily finish in an afternoon. Pick a drizzly day, make a cup of coffee (or tea - do feel free to improvise), snuggle up on the sofa and lose yourself in the lovely world

of Getting Rid Of Bradley.

Jim son of Jim (formerly PhotoJim) says

Really enjoyed this. It's light. It's fluff. And it is funny as could be. The book doesn't take itself too seriously and is good for a bunch of laughs to boot. Not as steamy as I normally like but it makes up for it in many other ways.
