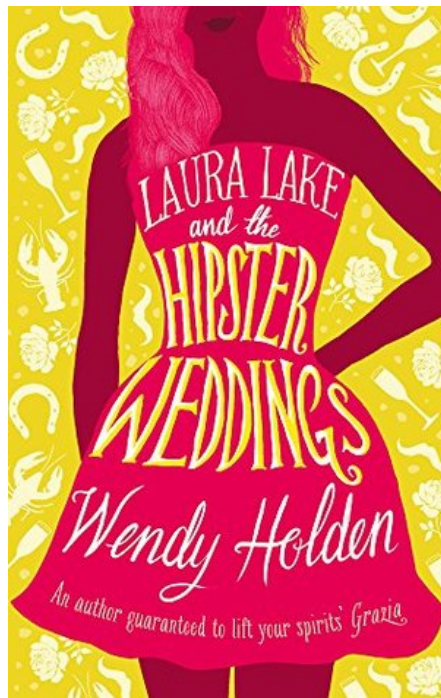




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She'll need a triple-barreled name for the castle one. She'll need a gallon of glitter for the woodland one. She'll need a lobster-shaped hat for the Shoreditch one. Laura Lake longs to be a journalist. Instead she's an unpaid intern at a glossy magazine—sleeping in the fashion cupboard and living on canapés. But she's just got her first big break: infiltrate three society weddings and write a juicy exposé. Security will be tighter than a bodycon dress, but how hard can it be? Cue disappearing brides, demanding socialites—and a jealous office enemy who will do anything to bring her down.

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Tempest Wylde says

Meh. I have loved all of her other books... but this seemed rushed? or not edited properly? or ghostwritten?

It just didn't have the usual panache and a few stretched out scenarios... a bit odd and disappointing

Noemi Proietti says

Laura Lake works in Paris for an estate agency but she dreams of becoming a journalist like her father. And when she gets the opportunity to be an intern for the glamorous magazine Society, she takes the first train to London. But her new life doesn't go as planned when her money is stolen and she has to sleep in the office closet and borrow clothes from the fashion department. In addition, her arch-enemy from boarding school is her new boss and she seems intent on making sure that Laura's life at the magazine is short-lived. From becoming friends with party girl Lulu to kissing Prince Henry lookalikes, from going to high-society weddings to investigating a series of jewellery thefts along with handsome investigative journalist Harry, Laura's life becomes more and more interesting.

Laura Lake is smart, ambitious and resourceful, although a bit naive, but the character I loved most is her grandmother Mimi whose snippets of advice on how to be a perfect lady are simply brilliant. The novel is hilarious and entertaining as Laura finds herself in absurd and unlikely situations. A cast of colourful and eccentric characters create an intriguing and fast-paced novel, perfect if you are looking for an easy and funny read.

Joanne says

Laura Lake and the Hipster Weddings is a romp of a book that really could have you laughing out loud as you follow Laura and the funny situations she gets into as she investigates celebrity weddings. Laura longs to be a serious investigative journalist, following in her late father's footsteps. When she is offered the chance of an internship at a glossy magazine in London she jumps at the chance. Things don't go quite as she expected though, not helped by the fact that her arch-enemy who bullied her at school, Clemency, also works at the magazine. If ever there was someone misnamed, it is Clemency!

It took me a wee while to get into the story at first but from when Laura moved from Paris to London, I was hooked. Through an unfortunate combination of circumstances, she is left stranded in London with no money, no phone and nowhere to stay. I couldn't help but feel for her, as she really thought this was her big chance and everything that could go wrong, had gone wrong. I had to admire her resourcefulness as she tried to find a way out of her situation.

I must say that I really hope that the glossy magazine industry and the celebrity culture it reports on isn't as shallow as it appears in this book. The weddings that Laura attended were truly awful though did provide many really funny moments. The 'ironic' wedding taking place in a public loo was truly hilarious for many reasons. Many of the 'celebrities' attending the weddings had names suspiciously similar to real people and I had fun guessing who they were possibly meant to be. There were certainly some memorable characters

throughout the book from the rap star with a secret fondness for crafting to Lulu, a socialite famous for being famous. Lulu provided some of the funniest lines in the book as she often made mistakes with her words and I certainly snorted out loud when I read that what she wanted more than anything was happiness. Now that may not sound funny but when you read that part of the book you'll know what I mean! Lulu's butler Vlad was also an unforgettable addition to the story.

As well as Laura researching the weddings, there was also a mystery regarding her father's death which isn't resolved in this book, the small matter of a jewel thief targeting the weddings and just what was mysterious reporter Harry Scott working on? No doubt some of these will be resolved in the next book to feature Laura (Laura Lake and the Celebrity Meltdown due out in 2018) and if it's as entertaining and witty as this book, I'll look forward to reading that too.

Karen Whittard says

Thank you to Netgalley, Head of Zeus and Wendy Holden for the opportunity to read this book for an honest review.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance reader copy of this book.

You can find my review on both Goodreads and Amazon. On Goodreads from today under Karen Whittard and on Amazon under k.e.whittard from publication date.

This book is hilarious. It is rip roaring, side splitting funny. Super sharp and extremely highly entertaining, and it is guaranteed to lift your spirits. I absolutely loved it and what an eye opener. This is the first book that I have read from Wendy. But it certainly will not be my last. I wish you a huge amount of success with this book. Wonderful and uplifting. Lose yourself in this fun and entertaining novel.

Happy reading everyone

Steph Hayward-bailey says

An enjoyable chic-lit which was an easy read. Unbelievable in parts but entertaining and funny enough to make the reader stay with it til the end.

Hilary Mortz says

I love a bit of Wendy Holden, she never disappoints.

Laura Lake and the Hipster Weddings is what is usually described as a 'romp' and it is no lesser book for that; sometimes you want to read a twisty thriller, sometimes you are in the mood for a dark historical piece, but sometimes a 'romp' clicks all the right boxes so why not just spoil yourself and read one? I certainly felt better for the experience.

This book is extremely silly and very funny, it is full to the brim with wild plot twists and madly grotesque characters, it is escapism in its purest form - perfect to read on your holidays, or perhaps just if you need

cheering up because you're not on your holidays.

A little gem.

Shell Baker says

I am a big fan of Wendy's books and has always she doesn't disappoint with this quirky loud out loud story where we meet Laura Lake on her hilarious journey.

She longs to be a journalist and is given the chance to write an article about wedding trends for society magazine. These are not just any weddings though they are celebrity weddings. Nothing is plain sailing for Laura and something always seems to go wrong. But Laura is so determined to get a paid job rather than do an unpaid intern, she always finds a way of getting out of tricky situations.

This book is full of fun characters each one of them is unique in their own way. Laura is just a darling I loved her and cannot wait to read more of her. This is certainly set to be a very entertaining fun series.

I love Wendy's style of writing her descriptions are very creative and clever. I couldn't read this fast enough wanting to know what was going to happen next.

This is a must read for fans of Sophie Kinsella and Bridget Jones. If you're looking for a fun laugh out loud story this is the book for you which I highly recommend, giving it 4 stars.

sue says

We have Laura Lake, yearns to be an investigative journalist. She wants to follow her late Father's footsteps.

She's offered an internship with a glossy magazine in London, yes, result for her, foot in the door.

She grabs her chance with both hands although she's reluctant to leave her Grandmother.

Somehow Laura finds herself in London with no money, no phone, lots of misfortunes for Laura along the way. Eventually she gets stories of celebrity weddings, missing brides, brawls and disasters to report.

Lots of scandalous reportings for Laura.

An enjoyable read. I found it quite entertaining and easy to read.

My thanks to Head of Zeus for my personal copy.

Rachel Gilbey says

Such an incredibly entertaining story, that had me loving every second of the book. One of the things that struck me most was the incredible amount of imagination Wendy Holden used in naming some of her characters, the majority of them have at the very least surnames that are rather clever, and the others have some quite different first names to the normal ones you see in most books.

The book isn't just full of imaginative names, but the three weddings that are featured, plus the art

installation at the beginning are all very creative, and just so different. Laura Lake as the assignment of a lifetime when she is given the chance to write about the new trends of hipster weddings for Society magazine.

She needs to somehow infiltrate each wedding to try and get the best accounts, and in doing so manages to have run ins with an old nemesis from her school days. There is the wedding that has easily the most unusual location I've ever seen for any sort of function, there is the one that involves a hand fasting ceremony and a lake and the other in theory is more traditional but what a creepy location.

We first meet Laura when she is living in Paris and being part of an art installation to earn extra money, along with Caspar. From the early chapters we get a great idea of what Laura's grandmother Mimi is like, full of advice on how to be a Parisienne lady. So its a a wrench for Laura to take up a job offer in London.

What you soon realise with this book is nothing ever goes according to plan, and that Laura has a lot more guile and cunning than it first appears, as she gets herself in a whole variety of situations. In places you do have to suspend your grip on reality and accept there is definitely some artistic licence being used, but that just added to the fun of the book for me.

I can already see the start of potential story arcs for future books in this series, specifically around Laura Lake's parents, as it would be lovely to learn more about her background.

Laura Lake and the Hipster Weddings has a fresh new main character and is the start of what promises to be a fabulous series. It feels a bit different to other books by the author, but still is very easy to read and I loved it all.

Thank you to Netgalley and Head of Zeus for this copy of the book which I reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

Agi says

I am sorry. Getting into 20% took me a week. 7 days. But I thought I'll keep reading. However, I'm at 35% right now and I can't waste more of my time for this book.

Suze Lavender says

Laura Lake lives in Paris with her grandmother. Laura wants to stay there to take care of the stylish woman who always has the best advice, but when she gets an opportunity to work for a magazine in London Laura's grandmother encourages her granddaughter to go. Society is a glamour magazine and Laura's first assignment is to cover a series of society weddings. This might be her big break, which she needs to become a paid journalist instead of an unpaid intern. While nothing is as it seems and things never go according to plan Laura tries to keep her head above water. Even if that means sleeping in a fashion cupboard, having no money to buy food and competing against her arch enemy. Will Laura be able to make her dreams come true?

Laura Lake and the Hipster Weddings is a fantastic funny story. I loved Wendy Holden's humoristic tone of voice. Laura is smart, creative and daring. She's determined to get a paid position at the magazine she's working for. That means interacting with socialites, chasing thieves and going to the weirdest kind of

weddings without being invited by the bride or groom. The competition is stiff and not sympathetic enough to play fair. There's a lot going on in Laura's life and all of it is fascinating, entertaining and eccentric. She needs to be intelligent and attentive to survive, which is something I liked very much.

Wendy Holden has a fabulous classy writing style. She combines it with funny remarks and witty dialogue. I immediately loved her dynamic and sparkling descriptions of her characters and the situations they find themselves in. Laura Lake is a marvelous main character. She's always in the right place at the right time and her observation skills combined with inventiveness are making sure she acts exactly when and how she should. That regularly made me grin. Laura goes from complex situation to really complex situation and I couldn't read fast enough to find out what her next adventure would be.

Laura Lake and the Hipster Weddings is a comic and gripping story with plenty of surprising elements. Laura Lake's enchanting personality makes it easy to like her and her story. I loved how she enters the world of glitter and glamour like she's always belonged there and was amazed by how wonderfully lighthearted and bizarre it all felt. I read the story in one sitting and enjoyed every single page. Wendy Holden's engaging writing combined with plenty of amusement made me absolutely love this book.

Joanne says

I've been a huge fan of Wendy Holden's writing for many years I love her comical writing style and her books have never failed to cheer me up, I'm yet to pick one up that I haven't laughed all the way through. In her latest novel *Three Weddings and a Scandal* we are introduced to Laura Lake the unlikely heroine of Ms. Holden's new series.

Laura Lake longs to be a journalist just like her dead father, instead she spends her days and nights running around after clients for the Passion for Paris letting agency. For extra money Laura is currently spending her days sat in a pile of rubbish as part of an art installation for up and coming artist Amy Bender. One night Laura meets glossy magazine editor Carinthia Gold, who just happens to offer Laura an internship at her magazine *Society*. The internship is in London and Laura is reluctant to leave her aging grandmother Mimi alone in Paris but persuaded by wannabe actor and fellow rubbish sitter Casper, Laura heads to London. London is where Laura's life is turned upside down, after a string of misfortunate events Laura is left with no money, no phone and nowhere to stay. To make things even worse Laura's old school enemy Clemency Makepeace just happens to be the Features Editor of *Society* magazine, leaving Laura in a very awkward position, even more so because she's started using the fashion cupboard as a place to sleep.

In order to secure a job Laura has to go undercover and write an exposé on the state of society weddings. Laura enters the world of celebrity weddings and endures a missing bride, a celebrity brawl, a royal kiss and a ceremony held in the most bizarre location you could imagine. Can she avoid the disasters all around her and write the story to bag herself a proper job.

This is a fast-paced read with a plotline which at times borders on the surreal. I'd advise don't take it too seriously and just enjoy the journey like Laura seems to do. Among the madcap celebrities, flaky fashion designers and sneaky work colleagues, Laura is a character who seems to remain relatively sane. She is resilient, resourceful and never seems to be phased by the people around her, determined only to write her story. I loved how she would call on grandmother Mimi's pearls of Parisienne wisdom when in need of inspiration, my particular favourite being "be wary of labels.....You are not a billboard. Letters are for the optician's chart".

Alongside the characters with quirky names, Irina Pushamoff, Spartacus Tripp and Hudson Grater to name a few, there is a more serious element in the mystery of what happened to Laura's reporter father Paul Lake. This mystery is not resolved in this book, hopefully we'll learn more in the next book which I'm really looking forward to reading.

Three Weddings and a Scandal is a book I have thoroughly enjoyed and it has reminded me how I enjoy

escaping into her novels. If you are a fan of her unique writing voice then this latest book will not disappoint. Thank you so much to Head of Zeus for the copy to review and for inviting me to be part of this blog tour. I look forward to reading more about Laura lake in the future.

Karen Mace says

Having read a few of Wendy Holdens' books I was intrigued to read this one as it looks fab from the cover, and sounds fun from the blurb. So I don't know what happened as I started to read but I just couldn't connect with any of the characters - her 93 year old nanna was quite the character though and I wish there'd been more about her! - and the story just seemed to flit all over the place never sure whether to be a full on comedy, a mystery involving jewellery heists or a farce!

Laura Lake had the makings of a fascinating character as she was the daughter of a respected journalist, who was killed while reporting, and she wanted to be just like him but hadn't seem to have found her way and ends up seemingly falling into a job at a magazine in London which leads to her gatecrashing weddings in disguise!

It was an easy to read book and there will be another in the series due out in Spring 2018, so I might be tempted to see what the character will be up to but will be hoping for more laughs and less farce!

Katie says

I haven't read a Wendy Holden book before but I'd heard good things so I was looking forward to starting this one. It took a few chapters for me to get in to the story at all, before that I could have happily put it down and left it. Once I got in to the story I found bits of it entertaining but a little bit too slap-stick and obviously funny for my liking. I can't fault Wendy's imagination - how she came up with some of the story I have no idea! It was just a little bit too unbelievable at points so I found myself rolling my eyes a bit. I was also a little confused by the storyline of Laura's father - I understand that this is the first of the series so I guess we will find out more in the next one - but it would have been nice to get just a snippet more information about him. I found it quite frustrating that Harry and her grandmother seemed to know something important but the book finished and still nothing!! All together it was very well written but it just wasn't the kind of book for me.

I was given a copy of this book by Netgalley and Head of Zeus in exchange for an honest review

booksofallkinds says

Hilarious and refreshing, *THREE WEDDINGS AND A SCANDAL* by Wendy Holden, is the perfect book to curl up with to put a smile on your face.

Laura Lake longs to follow in her father's footsteps and become a journalist. So when she gets the opportunity to move to London to intern at a glossy magazine she jumps at the chance. It might not be investigative reporting but it is a good start and Laura is determined to make it work. But it's not long before the shine wears off and Laura finds herself in all manner of mishaps and when she must infiltrate some of

society's most anticipated weddings who knows what madness will ensue?

With characters that are really engaging and dynamic and plenty of mayhem that will make you laugh-out-loud, Wendy Holden has written a gem of a book that cannot help but entertain the masses. Laura is a great character who is feisty and adventurous while still being really relatable and likeable at the same time. The pace is a little slow to start but soon picks up and I found myself reading this book in one sitting which is always a sign of a great story.

If you want a juicy plot, quirky characters, and a book that will make you howl, then THREE WEDDINGS AND A SCANDAL by Wendy Holden is a must for you.

*I voluntarily reviewed this book from the Publisher
