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The Misadventures Of Catie Bloom: A Contemporary Romantic Comedy Love Triangle (Bloom Sisters Romance Series Book 1)



Synopsis

From award winning author Brooke Stanton...Catie Bloom has it all. A gorgeous husband, cooking skills to rival Julia Child, a wildly successful column for Simply Chic magazine, and The New York Times just labeled her the younger, hipper Martha Stewart for the next generation. Except, it's all a lie. No husband. She can't cook. She can't even organize her underwear drawer. It all comes to a head when Catie's boss invites a TV crew into her home to film a homecoming special featuring the latest media darling "panty-dropping Max Euston, a travel journalist whose latest assignment left him wounded, recovering from amnesia, and a national hero. Now Catie needs to learn to cook, fake being a Domestic Goddess, and find a husband in less than a week. And it all needs to seamlessly come together while being filmed on national TV. Can Catie pull it off without losing her job, friends, and her heart?

Author Q & A:

Q: What do you like about a love triangle romance?

A: You can't go wrong with a love triangle. It adds tension and suspense and it gives readers a chance to pick their favorites. Books like The Hunger Games and Twilight made a whole campaign out of their characters' love triangle. Readers loved it!

Q: And there's workplace romance as well?

A: Yes. I love diving into the workplace because it's where most people spend their days and can relate. A workplace romance is fun to write because it gets complicated and messy real fast. Especially if things hit a bump in the road. You have to see that person almost everyday whether it's the best or worst part of your day!

Q: One of the characters is recovering from amnesia. How does that effect his relationships?

A: I love a good amnesia romance but this character has already come out of the amnesia when the story begins. It adds to his complicated and backstory and mostly solitary existence up until the moment the story begins.

Q: Would you consider this a sweet romance series? Are you a fan of the genre?

A: I didn't set out to write a sweet romance and there are a few steamy moments but nothing even close to 50 Shades or anything erotic. In the end the book did turn out being sweet but that's because of how and when the characters get together. If I'd written one more chapter it may very well have been an erotic novel. But as it is, it's funny, sweet, and one-hundred-percent romance.

Q: This is your first book and it's an award winning romance novel. What award did it win?

A: I was thrilled when I discovered The Misadventures of Catie Bloom won the Golden Palm Contest. It won 2nd place in Contemporary Romance!

Q: This is part of a romantic comedy series. How many more books will there be.

A: At least two full length and maybe a short story or novella. I'm almost done with the second book in the series, The Adventures of Natalie Bloom, which focuses on Natalie and one of the male characters from this book. It's more of a romantic adventure than romantic comedy.

Q: I see one of your categories is romance ménage à trois. I thought it was a sweet romance?

A: Ha! It is. I mean

mÃ©nage in more of the emotional sense than the physical act. âˆ“

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Customer Reviews

I wouldn't be surprised if this book didn't turn into a movie! It was cute, charming & funny. I appreciated a lot of the realism and the fact that it wasn't as cookie cutter as some of the other books in my library. Good job !

The Misadventures Of Catie Bloom by Brooke Stanton is an amazing fun read that is full of some priceless mishaps, and I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed this great story. This story had me laughing out loud so much I think my husband though I was gone crazy ,he just kept shaking his head at me . Brooke Stanton has given us a great story that will draw in and keep you there from start to finish ,and then will leave you wanting more from this author. The characters that the author has given us was written like they were real people that were imperfect,vulnerably,and committed, your will fall in love with the Bloom sisters. These sisters would ideally be about representing women of our days, who could be under pressure to do everything from work ,home ,husband,

family, and make it look so easy. There were some unexpected twists and turns in this story that add to the storyline, that you won't see coming. I could tell you more but that would spoil the story for you. I highly recommend that you read this great story, you won't be disappointed.

I'm a voracious reader and have a stack of books on my bedside table at any given time - both fiction and non-fiction. I belong to 2 book clubs, one with my work colleagues and another 'mimosas & brunch' book club with my girlfriends. I can say wholeheartedly that I would recommend *The Misadventures of Catie Bloom* to both groups. Stanton's style is never heavy-handed or preachy, she has the lightest of touches and yet makes you CARE about these characters, especially the hapless eponymous heroine and her sensible sister Natalie. Catie is a modern-day Austen's Emma. She's Katie from *What Katie Did Next*, she's Tracy Lord from *The Philadelphia Story*, she's Bridget Jones, she's Becky Bloomwood from the *Shopaholic* series. And yet, she has an unmistakable voice and a distinct identity of her own. She's headstrong, funny, disarmingly honest, sweetly naive and you find yourself rooting for her through it all. The strong supporting cast rounds out this charming tale. I read this novel on a plane ride and found myself chuckling constantly. I gave it to my sister, a mom of three, who barely has time to get through a magazine, let alone a novel, and she polished it off in a weekend. Frothy chick-lit? Certainly. But of the very best kind, whipped up into the most delectable of concoctions. A solid assured new voice on the scene, I am eager to see *What Brooke Stanton Does Next*.

I am yet again reminded of why I do not gravitate toward romantic books. They all feel exactly the same to me. Maybe I just haven't been reading the right ones? This was a sweet story. I'd say this is one of those easy reads for summer when you do not want a heavy or complex story. The plot, like I said, felt very familiar, and I guess this distracted me a lot. The ending did give me a small flutter of joy, and I'm fairly certain that I might pick up the next book. I did invest in Catie - hoping she will fall for the right man. *Sigh* The writing was good and kept me interested. There were no visible spelling or grammatical mistakes to distract me from my reading. This is a great thing. I hate grammatical mistakes and spelling mistakes are like nails on a chalkboard for me! Overall, this is a good book. I would have liked some more plot twists, maybe something entirely unexpected. I would suggest this for lovers of romantic comedies. I bet if you like this reading genre, this will be a lot better for you. Love Always, C

When I first started reading this book, I thought, "I already know who should play Catie Bloom in the

Movie version of this book," but then I got worried if there was a movie because I fear, in true book to screen fashion, that it would not be half as good as the book. I would read 6-8 chapters at a time, even making myself late to events, because I had to see what would happen next in the life of the Bloom sisters. At the end of each chapter I would say to myself "Ok, one more, then you have to go." This book is a definite, great summer read, as well as, an easy read filled with fun, laughter, and also empathy for the characters. I am excited to know this is going to be a series and I'll get to follow along with these sisters. Come on Stanton, ready for the next one.....

This is a fun, smart book. I don't typically read fiction, but this was recommended to me and I loved it. I've always wondered about the people who create picture perfect online blogs/Pinterest boards etc. and that is what this novel is about! It's hard not to like the Bloom sisters. They perfectly represent women today who are under pressure to do it all - work, home, husband - and make it look easy. Both characters are written like real people - earnest, vulnerable and imperfect. This is a deceptively easy read, you will laugh out loud, but you'll still be thinking about the Bloom sisters a few weeks after you finish the book. I will read the series - just like I will order dessert and not apologize for it. PS The ending is hot.

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