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Dear Friend, How would you like to come--this August--and stay, completely free, in a lovely seaside house I've rented? Good food and plenty of alcohol will also be provided, gratis. But (you knew there'd be a but) afterwards you must allow me to write up the events of the month in a semi-fictionalised form. (In other words: you promise not to sue.)

At the end of the book, you will have three full pages to say exactly what you like. If you think I've distorted things, told outright lies, etc., you can contradict me. I promise not to interfere editorially with your text in any way. Even if it is terribly libellous of me.

I am inviting ten other people along, as well. Some of them you know; some of them you don't. I do so hope you can come.

Love,

Victoria

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Marie France Asselbergh says

Decided to give sth completely different a try.

After 2 pages,I decided to give it 50.

I lasted or endured more like, for 20.

I got chaos (mistaken for intensity?)and shallowness from a decidedly unlikeable main protagonist.

The sort of person (and her entourage?) that I would try to avoid mixing up with in real life, no matter how 'grand' they think themselves to be.

Does this count as chick lit? Not sure. So not for me at all. One point in its favour: literary references to Virginia Woolf's to The Lighthouse. But it doesn't make up for the rest. At all.

If this is 'chick lit', totally not for me.

Kinsey_m says

This book is such good fun... A writer of chick lit invites several friends to a seaside house, telling them that she'll pay for a month's holidays if they let her novelize what happens. She even makes some predictions at the begging which obviously don't come true. This is an excellent parody of chick lit, and what happens when someone who thinks she is living in one of these books has to face reality. Probably a 3.5 stars rather than 4, but I'm adding an extra half star for the original structure, with comments from the editor/friend on the margin, plus predictions, plus a letter from each of the characters at the end.

Kavfrou says

she tries to capture big brother in a novel. however, her plan is really a disaster on the run.. so is this novel.

Draackje says

The book was okay. I enjoyed reading it, but I don't think I'll remember it in a year. Something to read while traveling or when you just want something simple :)

Tamara says

It was a good book to read on the beach, but nothing that special really.

Pam says

Like a Big Brother set by an author female, nothing special. I like the manuscript font though.

Kristel says

Jubilatoire.

Natacake says

Struggled to get through this. The ending somewhat saved what was a dull read.

Judith says

Fun read, about a female author who invites a group of people to a mansion for a month, to write a book about it. I expected clichés abound but was pleasantly surprised by its twists and turns. Nice how the book is set in black and blue ink. Black for the typed manuscript, blue for the scribbled notes by her editor. (3.5)

Michele says

What a boring tedious book. I felt it could only get better so stuck with it and it did a little but really thought they were all such dull characters and nothing very interesting happened.

Julia Spaulding says

This book I found was really interesting and full of detail.

Tolk says

Now, it is a rather interesting book. But. But I have never had such problems with the author not being of the same sex as the person telling the story. There were so many times when I thought 'That's more what a man thinks a woman would say or do.' I found that quite sad because otherwise the novel is quite entertaining, above all the fact that it contains all the notes of her editor. Sentences and paragraphs crossed out, comments, etc.

JenniferB says

"Clever"? Idea (author also lectures at Birkbeck college but I didn't find it emotionally honest).

Morena says

Amazing.
