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She's a wedding coordinator. He's a divorce attorney. She begins marriages. He ends them. How could these two possibly find common ground?

Wendy Hartline is finally starting to settle into the single life. After a difficult season of grief following her husband's death, she's taken over the family business of coordinating memorable weddings. Life has become . . . comfortable.

Then the charming and incredibly frustrating Marco Amorini opens a legal practice--specializing in divorces--right next to her wedding chapel and stirs up everything.

Wendy learns that perhaps there is such a thing as second chances in this hilarious story of the pleasures and pains of new love in midlife.

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Gena says

I liked the first person narrative but the attempts at humor were repeated a bit too many times. Her problems were real and the story was good - I actually cared what ended up happening. The unfortunate part is - like so many other stories - the ending was way too abrupt and completely ridiculous in comparison to the rest of the story. I also would like to know a little more detail on what happened to the main character's daughter...as the details around her experiences are very vague.

Lori says

This was the first book I have read by Diann Hunt and I truly enjoyed it. It is one of those that is often referred to as a chicklit book. It had a serious side and a funny side in the book!

MLOW says

2.5 stars. I made it halfway through before I finally gave up. I really wanted to like it, but it just felt like it was trying too hard to be something... trying to be funny, trying to have a message... but for me it was just a miss. I felt like the characters had inconsistencies in their behaviors and I simply could not connect with Wendy at all. And the plot fell flat for me.

Had I realized this was chick lit I probably wouldn't have tried it since I'm not a big fan, but there are some I've enjoyed that are so I know that wasn't the sole influencer in my feelings about the book.

Also, the previews for the movie may have thrown me off because it's not who I'd have cast in my head for them, but again I'm not sure.

Obviously others have enjoyed this book, what books people like is such a subjective thing!

Tanya says

This is the second book I've read by Diann Hunt and I thought it could have been a lot better. Predictable and really drawn out, this book could have been written in 100 pages. I get the sense her other books will be similar with the character chick flick drama, all big misunderstandings that couldve just been solved if people actually talked to one another, or completely on the other side of the spectrum with one character doing something inappropriate and no one calls them on it, they just start talking again later like nothing happened. Either way, everyone is just avoiding confrontation with each other all the time!

This book was a really slow read for me as it just couldn't hold my interest but I was determined to finish it as I thought it had to get better. Disappointing.

Karinne says

This book is super cute! The storyline is easy to read and flows nicely. Its about a woman, Wendy, who owns a wedding chapel who lost her husband in an accident. Marco is a divorce attorney who buys the land next to Wendy's chapel to build a lodge. The story goes on exploring the dynamic of these different characters and their children, who are engaged. If you are looking for an easy read, I recommend this book!

Cathy Daniel says

This book was so good! Unexpectedly funny and very real characters. I love how Wendy came into her own but in a realistic way, not over the top. I also appreciated an older couple! I'm so used to reading about young couples. It's just refreshing they were "mature". I already ordered more books by this author!

Sandra says

Oiy! This book just oozed icky from the onset. I can't believe I finished it.

Wendy, is finally settling back into the swing of things after her husband dies a tragic death while mountain climbing. She has two grown children who are on their own.

Suddenly, her life is tipped upside down when her daughter comes home after her own marriage seems to be faltering and then her dad moves in. Meanwhile, she's in an pointless "relationship" with Logan, who no one (me included) is crazy about.

Left to continue on with the wedding chapel business that was set up by her late husband, Wendy finds herself at odds with who she pretends to be and who she really is. Next door, the town divorce lawyer--who is incidently hot--sets up shop in the abandoned lodge.

The book wasn't written very well. I was tired of Wendy's patronizing ways and her "pity me" attitude that ran rampant through the story. The plot was a no brainer from the beginning and there were zero surprises to keep me interested. Thrown in for good measure was a lot of God-speak. Not usually one to shy from religious undertones, this went a bit overboard for how mind-numbing the actual story was.

Erika Rizkallah says

This was the first book I've read by Diann Hunt and I enjoyed it. In fact, I had a hard time putting it down because I love stories about weddings.

Her main character, Wendy Hartline is a widow whose life is thrown into chaos by Marco Amorini, a notorious divorce attorney living in her town. She owns a wedding chapel with some small cabins and he opens an upscale lodge right next to it. They're not only neighbors, their children are engaged and Wendy

and Marco are determined to split them up. Throw in an unexpected estranged father as her new houseguest and a pregnant daughter in the middle of a separation and Wendy's life becomes a precarious balancing act.

The story was good and was written in first person, but I was distracted by her relationship with an overbearing "boyfriend" and the constant inner dialogue. At times Wendy seems lily-livered and that annoyed me. However, it did provide insight about widowhood and the emotions a person might go through after losing a spouse.

The ending was good though and redeemed some of the minor annoyances for me. I'd definitely read another book by Diann Hunt, given the opportunity.

Noelle says

True rating is probably at 2.5 stars. I did like it, however it WAS a little predictable and started getting way too religious for me toward the end. Ultimately went with three stars because it actually was kind of funny. While I don't mind occassional references to religion, I am not interested in reading about people reconnecting with their god. Gotta say: if the religion was pushed that hard early on, I would have never finished reading the book. That all being said - it is classified as a Christian book...

Monica says

This book was a quick read, but nothing awe-inspiring. Some of the drama that was set up seemed way too over the top in some places. Also I just didn't get the main character relationship with her hang around "friend", complete jerk who wanted more than what she was willing to give and constantly in her space. Definitely someone to have stick around.

Brooke says

Okay this was a quick read and had some redeeming points in it. But the overall story wasn't as well written as some of my favorite authors. I also felt like the way the story ended was kind of abrupt. Like one minute they weren't talking, next minute they are meeting to sign a deal on the land, and the next they are making up. It just didn't flow all that well or show both sides in those moments. Also I didn't like the way the story line for the daughter ended because there was a lot left up in the air. Like I said it wasn't horrible but not my favorite either.

Julie says

I tried really hard to like these characters or at least tolerate them, but I couldn't.

Melissa says

I kept finding silly errors that were just too many to ignore.

Story line was cute, worthy of 4 stars for that but I couldn't.

Pamela Tracy says

On Friday night, my family settled in to watch the movie based on this book. On Saturday, while cleaning my office, I found the book! The movie didn't work for me; however, the book did. The book only took two days to read:) Awesome.

Diann did a great job of making the heroine real, with conflicts and real-life emotions. I didn't like Logan a bit and Marco would have scared me off, but I liked the way Marco didn't allow the heroine to scare off.

I'd love to know if the geese were from a real-life event.

I wish there were another book so I could find out what happens with Brooke and Kevin.

Ending: book a million times better than the movie.

Leslie aka StoreyBook Reviews says

This was a light fluffy Christian romance that was a very quick read and enjoyable. Sure you could see the ending coming, but it was interesting to see how they interacted with each other and how their families and outside lives played a part in the storyline.