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A romantic comedy available for the first time as an eBook (originally published under the title Prelude to a Kiss)...

Vivian St. James, facing both a new millennium and her thirty-fifth birthday, vows that this will be her last New Year's Eve spent at home in front of the TV. Determined to meet her Mr. Right, she throws herself into an avid social life, attending events all over the greater New York metropolitan area in search of her dream man. While successful in her quest to meet potential mates, soon an unfortunate pattern develops as accidents or sudden illnesses befall her candidates, one by one. To her chagrin, the treating physician on duty is always the handsome Dr. Zachary Warner...

ER physician Zack Warner finds himself captivated by the dark-skinned beauty who presents to the ER accompanying an injured date. But the presence of her escort makes it impossible to act on his attraction, and when she leaves the facility he figures he'll never see her again. But their paths do cross again, as he is called on to treat Vivian's companions. As the injuries pile up, he good-naturedly ribs her about her unfortunate effect on the men she dates, all the while longing to have her attentions for himself. His making light of her increasingly worrisome situation does anything but endear him to a mortified Vivian, who wonders if she's some kind of jinx. But then Zack finds himself on the casualty list...and their uneasy relationship takes a new, easy, turn that surprises them both...

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herb mendelsberg says

Cute and fun

I enjoyed the humor and charming love story, set in New York. Great job writing this book!! Thanks for the story

Soby says

Vivian St. James is in her early 30s and searching for Mr. Right. She happens to meet him over and over again, but unfortunately it's in the Emergency Room. Nearly every time she meets a guy, he ends up having to go to the ER (ulcer, cut, sprained ankle), and it's there that she meets ER doctor Zach Warner. There's an instant attraction but also bad timing since they tend to meet under less-than-ideal circumstances. I liked that the story included so many engaging subplots that had nothing to do with the central romance. There was focus on Vivian's career, family, and friends.

I downloaded this book for free on my Kindle, and I really wish I'd read some reviews of the book on here before even bothering with this book. I agree with what a lot of reviewers have pointed out as the flaws in this book: Vivian is horribly shallow and unlikeable. At one point in the ER, she notes how hard it is to tell doctors from nurses these days and then acts visibly thrilled when she learns that Zach is one of the former. Also this line when discussing how it's okay that Zach is a doctor rather than a "suit": "it's not like he teaches art to eighth graders!" Ugh. Another issue I have is the writing. I questioned the word choice at times. Also, a lot of Vivian's quirks come across as the author's personal issues. The line, "The only thing I hate more than ___ is ___" appears maddeningly, with the first blank usually being something shallow and judgmental and completely unrelated to the situation at hand. Finally, there were way too many coincidences in this book for me to take. Griffin might have been commenting on fate but everything just felt too convenient.

As much as I didn't like this book, I kept reading - almost just to see how bad it would get but also to see how the romance would play out. The fact that I finished it earns the book 2 stars and means I wouldn't completely write off Bettye Griffin as an author. This particular book just wasn't for me.

Marilyn Diamond says

This was a great novel. It just goes to show that independent women who date may not know that the one they are desiring is right in front of them all along. "Vivling" was oozing about the ER doctor that she kept meeting at his job, on a safari, on a ladder never knowing that as a man he was insecure about being rejected. Dr. Warner is a "Alpha" all man and can have the pick of who he wants for lunch, dinner and the morning after. From the first time he laid his eyes on Vivian in the ER (with some dude) that got his arm hooked up in a coat rack, requiring several stitches. Dr. Warner beat himself up because he never took the leap. Fast paced, riveting to the end. The story line was long but got it's point across. Can't wait to read more by this author.

Michelle says

Good book

You people should just read this book yourselves and write your own review on this novel yourself and I really enjoyed reading this book very much so. Shelley MA

Celeste says

Abruptly ended 3 1/2 stars

The story was cute. It peaked my curiosity enough to finish. I love the element that brought Vivian and Zack into each other's lives. However the reoccurring theme didn't sit well. It also felt displaced. Still open ended questions on what happened with Vivian's promotion. What true decision did they make about their relationship. What was so special about Zach? What was so special about Vivian?

I appreciated the adventure side. The trip to Africa was fun. Would like more about Liz, what happened with her relationship.

Cute story wouldn't discourage from reading it just has that something missing for me.

? Sassy ~ Amy ? says

I tried! Really I tried!! It was good at first, but when all of a sudden the main character ended up African American?? I couldn't take it, so I skipped to the end. I just hate reading a book that lacks so much character detail that your characters change race after reading 1/4 of it... I just can't! I'm already picturing something different!! It's totally different if I had a mental picture earlier...needs mega editing & character descriptions!! I

Oh well! Totally worth the skip to the end!! Since it was a freebie... I don't feel cheated!!

Pyper at Reading Lark says

I enjoyed the story but the editing was atrocious! It really detracted from the book.

Gretchen Fatouros says

I took notes as I read the book (below)...

Overall, I don't like the main character, Vivian, very much. She's too shallow - worrying about all the wrong things. I remember worrying about finding "mr. Right" but wasn't so worried about looks, clothes, money &

spending enough. I find it really annoying. It's like the author thinks this is all normal/okay & doesn't try to fix anything... Personally, I find her too broken to have a real relationship. Another trait that makes the character unrealistic is her obsession about the things above & then saying it's okay the doctor doesn't have much money... Spent way too much time checking out his apartment, etc.

Punctuation was non-existent through most of the book (especially as characters spoke) & it made it difficult to read. Book needed a lot of work with editors to clean up inconsistencies, flow and punctuation and word use.

So many moments feel off and forced. I didn't see the issue with Mrs. Williams. She needed to make it more believable - I've been there & would have liked to really see the momma's boy part - I just didn't; had to be told it was there...

Uses too many examples of 'more annoying than' which make her sound even more shallow.

I highlighted a number of passages as I completed the book to share as examples (will have to get on my laptop to do).

It's really too bad, because it had so much potential. In fact, I figured this was a new writer until I saw her list of books - oh, well.

To her credit, I finished the book.

Notes as read book...

Is the author from another country? Bit choppy with weird terms in 1st two chapters. One place, completely didn't make sense - maybe needs a better editor?

Like the idea & characters are like able, so far.

Now at 11% through book, I notice a lot of issues with missing punctuation. Really needs an editor!

At 17%, going on & on about privileged backgrounds. Seems a bit like she's finally establishing that Vivian is African-American. Seemed pushed as does some of Vivian's opinions about men - the one being too tight with money & others feeling threatened by a successful woman... I don't know - too many pieces aren't working for me, I may end soon...

Made it to 19%. I just can't keep going. It seems too predictable now & too many issues for me.

Watching a train wretch & can't look away or because I like the doctor more than Vivian, I guess I'm going to keep going for a while...

Keep trying to figure out what it is about this book. One minute, you feel the chemistry and the next Vivian is too worried about money, good looks and well-fitting clothes. I really want to like her, but I can't..

Tina says

Personally I didn't care much for this book. The main character, Vivian, wasn't very likable. She's worried

about finding a husband, but critiques every man she meets and finds fault with all of them. She is so concerned with their looks, their money and how they spend it on her, the way they dress, and how they talk that it becomes very annoying in the book. I couldn't see what the guys every found to like about her. She was stuck up and by her own admission overweight, so with her always looking down at them what did they find to like about her? I am sure the author is trying to be witty, but she throws in to many examples of 'more annoying than' which make Vivian sound even more shallow. So many moments feel forced in the book, where you are told what is happening rather than reading it for yourself. Overall this book just didn't do anything for me, which is a shame because the only character I did like was the good Doctor. I finished the book because of him.

Jennette says

Vivian and Zach took forever to get together and when they did everything moved too fast. I found Vivian annoying, and Zach wasn't much better. I just couldn't love these characters.

Monica says

This one was just... boring. There were so many events that didn't really seem relevant. The characters were flat. The romance was not there for me. And I didn't like the main character. She was shallow and judgmental. At the end, she says how she accepts people for who they are... what?? It didn't sound that way when she was dumping guys left and right and commenting on how a girl was so ugly she must have paid for her date to be with her. Damn. That one was just mean. Regardless, the story itself was bland and just not for me.

Challenges:

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Arlena says

By Bettye Griffin

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Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Rating: 4

Review:

"Accidentally Yours" by Bettye Griffin was definitely some kind a romantic comedy. I am not sure I was laughing all the way through but it was indeed humorous read. I did find it a little slow read that I had to make myself keep reading, however it did have some good points that made the read OK. This author worked it with all of the accidents that kept happening to Vivian's dates only leaving me to say omg...another one? I was even left wondering was Vivian a 'jinx.' The two main characters seemed to be well developed and in the end...this is where I say you must pick up this read for yourself to see the what, where, when and

how of it all and draw your own conclusions. Will Vivian and Zach reach the 'happy ever after?' Will their relationship grow more after they meet in Kenya while they are on a safari trip? Well, you will just have to read "Accidentally Yours" to see.

Jeanne Johnston says

Too lazy to go C&P my Amazon review but the gist was that this read like a collaboration between a 13-year-old and her maiden aunt. It's weirdly chaste. The main character is unlikeable and obsessed with some seriously superficial crap. It's no wonder she's alone. I have no clue how the doctor is interested, except you know it's a romance novel and she'll get him in the end. I know, it should be a good thing for a woman to have standards and not settle, but do you have to be such a judgmental prude in the process?

Most memorable thing about this was the way the author seemed to hold onto one musty bit of advice from... I dunno... Fifth grade comp class? The endless similes got to be hysterical as I read on. Weird references to someone who can't parallel park circling a parking lot looking for a double space for their car that already has dents in it or "that" kind of person who puts a new TV on top of an old TV that doesn't work anymore, a woman so cheap she tried to reuse those dyed shoes from when she was a bridesmaid. Apparently, everything and everyone irritate this woman and her dislike if things easily triggers a flashback to other totally unrelated yet equally annoying things.

Honestly, a harmless enough read but even if you come from the same 1950s world as Vivian, you're probably not going to be happy because she succumbs to premarital s-e-x in the end and so seems bent on turning us all off. It's kind of like when Disney started trying to make movies to appeal to more than just kids. The end result is just off the mark for anyone they thought they were going to appeal to.

Shiree McCarver says

possible spoilers

This is a good read. It kept my attention. There is two things that made me give it 3 instead of 4 and that is the ending felt rushed because I was told more than shown the best parts which is them interacting together. There wasn't enough of it because she has to go through this dating process before they really can be considered a couple then between his schedule and hers they aren't together much. The best parts is the sparring between Vivian and Zak (btw I wasn't feeling that pet name he gave to her. I will let you read it and draw your own conclusion)and the last thing is the "happy for now" ending. Now that they were an official couple, I felt like their story was just getting started.

??Trea says

When I first started reading this, I thought I'd be one of the few folks that happened to enjoy this book. However, as the book went on, it deteriorated into a boring and uninteresting mess! There is no character descriptions until chapter three, which is quite jarring, as you form a mental picture of the heroine very early on, and the fact that she is actually an American woman of African descent comes as quite a shock. She's

also very shallow and snobbish, calling some of her dates cheap or boring. The hero is a bit of a jerk too, because he tries to be witty and cute about his attraction to the heroine, but he comes off all wrong. Why couldn't the two of them just be honest instead of playing all these hard to get/cute and witty games to get the other person's attention and attraction? These were barriers to connecting with the characters, to the point where I found myself not caring about them and just wanting the book to end. Sadly, I've deleted the book from my Kindle and will be avoiding the author in the future.
