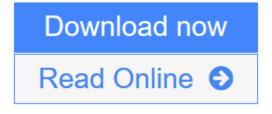


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# From Reader Review The Birds and the Bees for online ebook

# Margo says

Adorable, with absolutely no steam but two very admirable MCs. Once again, everybody gets what they deserve. It might be too long for some readers, but I found it very charming.

# **Shelley says**

from the author of the yorkshire pudding club which i loved stayed up til midnight finishing it. here's the synopsis from amazon:

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quite predictable but really liked the characters in this, love Milly's style of writing.

# Salma says

I fell in love ! With the Danny , Adam and Stevie. Not to mention this magnificent Author .. she has a way with words i ended up with hi-lighting most of the pages as " MY FAVORITE "

# Wendy says

I absolutely loved this book it was just what I needed in a stressful week to cheer me up. The characters were likeable apart from the appropriate 'baddy' or 'love rat' of course. I was thoroughly hooked right from the very beginning. I've 'read'/listened to this in audiobook (borrowed from the library) format but I have it in paperback too. I listened to this on my way to and from work and have on several occasions had to stop myself from laughing out loud and am sure I must have got some funny looks because of the silly grin I had on my face. I didn't want it to end I was enjoying it so much.

I found myself wanting to slap the character of Matthew for the total idiot he was but then as the story

unfolded I wanted to give Adam and Stevie a 'good talking to' to tell them to stop making assumptions and to actually talk to each other. The characters were so well drawn that I could visualise them. That is what I look for in a book because it brings the story to life. This was a lovely easy read that had me laughing and smiling and cheered me up no end. What more could I want. I loved it.

### Maria says

This was a quick and fun read, if a bit one dimensional at times. I really enjoyed the main characters Stevie and Adam quarreling with each other, they were very likable and I laughed out loud more than a few times. When it comes to their exes however, I feel like the author laid it on a bit thick. I got clobbered over the head with how horrible both Matthew and Jo are at every given opportunity. Neither of them has a single pleasant character trait, they're selfish, greedy for money and just plain horrible, which made it very hard to understand what Stevie and Adam see in their ex-partners and why they would ever start the whole charade that is the main plot of the book in order to win them back. Nevertheless a very cute read that I raced through in just two days.

### Nicola Clough says

This has to be my favourite book so far by Millie really enjoyed it with a really good story line. Stevie is a writer and has a little boy she's going out with Matthew and she believes all is well till Adam turns up on her doorstep saying that her partner and his partner have gone away to Spain together and she can't believe it as jo is her friend and she can't believe she can take her boyfriend. Adam comes up with a plan to get both their partners back but does it work or does it not work. At the end of the day who will Adam and Stevie be dancing with at the end and will they both be happy.

#### Victoria says

Yes, it was predictable. Yes, you knew what was going to happen from the start. Yes, it was like a whole bunch of other chick lit that I've read. But there was something about it that just made me love it. Probably the characters. It had a good flow and kept me entertained but I loved the characters, especially Catherine (the best friend). Stevie, the MC, was written really well and I could relate to her trying to do everything she can for her wee boy. There was a good mix of reality and chick lit fantasy. What can I say, I fell for it hook, line and sinker.

#### Lydia Laceby says

#### Originally Reviewed at Novel Escapes

The Birds and the Bees had the same Milly Johnson charm, wit and humour I have come to expect from her books. I did enjoy her other three novels slightly more than this one, but it was still a lovely read.

I giggled frequently as I tend to do with Milly Johnson's novels and a few scenes have been firmly imprinted

in my mind (no spoilers). I liked the characters, and fell in love with Stevie's best friend. I find she portrays the supporting characters so well I want them to have more of a roll in her stories - maybe that's why she has interconnecting characters in her novels?

There were times I wanted to shake the main characters though in aggravation. They couldn't see past their own desire to get their husband/wife back and couldn't move on which annoyed me at times. Other than that and it being slightly predictable, this was a nice romantic read, full of insight on broken marriage and finding love.

Milly Johnson still remains one of my favourite new chick lit authors. Seriously, go pick up some of her books today! Chick lit lovers will not be disappointed. And I'm thrilled for her new book deal -2 books a year starting next year! And congratulations to Milly on her well deserved success!

# Jules (Never enough time to read) says

I loved it.

The story was very predictable but it was exactly what I wanted from chick lit.

#### Lainy says

Time Taken To Read - 1 day

Blurb From Goodreads

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#### My Review

Stevie Honeywell is getting married in a few weeks, everything is going great until Jo's psycho husband shows up claiming Stevie's fiance has run off on holiday with his stunning wife. Sure enough it comes to

light and Stevie and Adam, Jo's husband, team up to split them up and get them back for themselves.

Chick lit is not normally my first choice of book but sometimes you need something light and this was the perfect book for it. Stevie is a nice lady who seems to have no luck in love and comes off as a door mat. As the story progresses and the unlikely team put their plans into action we see a different side to Stevie emerge and Adam being more than a Scottish drunken thug.

The characters are well done although I must admit to disliking or hating at least 2 of the main ones, Jo and Matthew, and Stevie annoyed me with her placidity. However as her story unfolds you start to warm to her and by the end I was rooting for her.

I picked this up to read a chapter before bed and was still awake at 1am. It is very well written and easy to read. The chapters are short which is great as you can dip in and out or in my case just one more and your still reading 10 chapters later. This is my second Millie Johnson book and it won't be my last, 5/5 for me.

# Sarah says

Quick read chick-lit. Utterly predictable, frothy lovey-dovey fluff, which would be totally boring IF it was not for the unequivocally endearing characters Milly Johnson serves us with, and the cosy, heartwarming, just-what-you-needed feeling you get from the happy-ever-after ending!

I really enjoyed Milly's recent novel "The Teashop On The Corner", with all its charm and humour, and this one, which dates back to 1997, was almost as good. Peopled with lovers, friends and neighbours you can often relate to, some situations and storylines may be soppy, but the writing is unpretentious, witty and jolly good fun.

#### Lynn Brown says

Great read.

#### Sarah Stuart says

Liked it very much. Would recommend.

# Love Fool says

I wish I could give this book 4.5 stars.

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I am pleasantly surprised at how much I enjoyed this book. Milly Johnson has become an author I want to discover more. She is funny, her stories are unique and interesting, and her characters are likable... and when they are the "bad guys" you still want to read more about them, because they are fun to read.

The reason why I wouldn't give this 5 stars is I felt Stevie was a little desperate... even before she was dumped. But, she redeemed herself. And, by the way, loved how much I wanted Jo to get it in the end.

# **Best Crime Books & More says**

Oh my. Milly Johnson recently got me out of a little reading funk with her release The Teashop On The Corner. When I realised that I still had a couple of books of hers I hadn't read I was so pleased that I immediately bumped it up my to be read list, and thank goodness I did. Stevie Honeywell is an adorable character that you cannot help from the outset. She is a writer who is just weeks away from her wedding to fiance Matthew. However, she certainly wasn't expecting Matthew to run off with the much skinnier and more glamorous Jo Maclean.

Her friend Catherine along with her husband Eddie and their brood of children make for excellent secondary characters and we see them chivvy Stevie along so that she can move on from Matthew. However, that was before Stevie met Adam Mac Lean, Jo's ex-partner. Adam is a really funny character to read about, with his gruff Scottish drawl and brittle exterior, he really is a lovable bloke. With Stevie experiencing so many setbacks, her and Adam are hellbent on showing they don't need their exes, with the sole purpose of attracting them back.

As with any Milly Johnson book it takes little to settle in and the characters you instantly like and want to know more about. Every time I read a Milly Johnson book it cheers me up and I just want to keep reading. I find myself in that horrible position of only having one of her books left to read so shall save that for my next book funk moment. This is a warm-hearted and wonderful read that will cheer you up no end.