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Eve knows what she wants. After nine good years and two lovely children together, it's about time Liam made an honest woman of her. After all, there as good as married anyway. Not everyone agrees. Eve's sister Sam has never liked Liam. She can't help but be suspicious about the long business trips to Australia that take him away from his family all too often.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Brook suspects nothing until a mysterious delivery arrives and promises to change her life forever, it seems someone doesn't want Brooke to be the last to know...

## **The Last To Know Details**

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### **Adeline Kam says**

Melissa Hill is definitely my favourite author. I have read a few books by her and all was good. I must say this book The Last To Know was amazing. I enjoyed it very much and will definitely read it again. The storyline is so different from other books I have read. The plots in this story is just so interesting. So many suspicions & mysteries along the way, I just wish I have the time to sit down and finish it in one go. You can never imagine the different characters with similar names that gives you the suspension is she the one? You must read this story to know what I mean. No regrets reading this book. Amazing!!!

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### **Vylee says**

The book was interestingly gripping, a mixture of reality and a little bit of mystery The book was somehow slow...sometimes I just wished the author would make a point, add some description then move on to the next point. However, this book is very nice, with a slight twist towards the end. :)

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### **Sheryl says**

This book starts out like all the rest. Set up the characters, and the location ( locations) . Then a little twist. Ok, book in a book. Then the drama starts. Just when you think you know what's going to happen, ? tragedy! Then the train goes off the rails! Then surprise! You didn't even have a clue! Bravo! Great read!!

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### **Keris says**

The Last to Know is the sixth book from Irish born writer Melissa Hill who has just been scooped from Irish stable Poolbeg by Hodder - who reportedly paid a whopping six figure sum to publish her seventh book.

Hailed the queen of the big plot twist, Melissa Hill's books offer good, warm hearted writing with a trademark twist at the end which inevitably leaves the reader reeling and wondering how on earth they missed it.

The Last to Know delivers

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### **Charissa Ty says**

I LOVE THIS BOOK. This is how chick lits are supposed to be written. Oh gosh the authorceptions and readceptions. I'm literally reading the manuscript with the character. Amazing.

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## Geno says

I really enjoyed this book. It starts as a nice light read but soon you'll find yourself devouring the pages. You'll find yourself trying to solve the mystery in the story, and when you think you already know, you'll be surprised by the ending :)

Original plot and I liked the way the two stories are mixed along the book.

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## Leah says

Eve knows what she wants. After nine good years and two kids together, it's about time Liam made an honest woman of her. Eve's sister Sam knows more than she should. Sam's always thought Eve was too good for Liam. Then she learns the truth about his business trips to Australia, and her suspicions are confirmed. And Brooke, safe on the other side of the world; knows nothing. Until a mysterious delivery arrives for her and promises to change her life forever. It seems someone doesn't want Brooke to be the last to know . . .

I'm a huge fan of Melissa Hill, and have all of her books on my bookshelf. I've read the majority of her books but I still have a few left to read, and one of those was *The Last To Know*. I heard from a friend that it needed total concentration to read, and it's taken me until now to have a free day to dedicate to the book. I was hoping for another fab, plot-twist-y read and I got exactly what I was looking for.

Now, I don't want to give too much away about the plot because the beauty of a Melissa Hill book is discovering the plot as you read the book, rather than have everything spelled out to you in the synopsis or when reading a review. Basically, the plot revolves around Aussie Brooke, who is a book editor at a major Australian women's fiction imprint, and when she receives a manuscript entitled *The Last To Know* she quickly becomes engrossed in the story of its characters. But all is not what it seems, and it turns out that the truth really can be stranger than fiction. We also meet Eve, Sam and Anna, three girls living in Dublin and London as they make relationship changes, hope to get married, and stick with their jobs. I was immediately taken in with the plot and I was intrigued as to how it would all unravel because in true Melissa Hill style, I knew it would undoubtedly be less than straightforward.

I thought the cast of *The Last To Know* was very well rounded, and very well characterised. I immediately liked Eve. She's the mother to two children, has been with her partner, Liam, for 9 years and is hopeful of a marriage proposal sometime soon. She seems very downtrodden with life when we first meet her but after she and her sister Sam to a bit of a life swap, she really comes into her own. I also liked Sam, Eve's sister and a best-selling author in London. Her life is the polar opposite of her sister and I liked her spunkiness. As for Anna, I wasn't totally convinced about her. I was never really taken with her to be honest and it was only at the end of the book that it all made sense to me. I also really disliked Eve's partner Liam, he was barely in the book due to his work as a wine importer but whenever he was around, I couldn't wait for him to disappear again. I loved Brooke, and she was one of my favourite characters.

As with all of Melissa's books *The Last To Know* is incredibly well written. It's told in the third-person, allowing us to get the full scope of the story. But as usual in a Hill book, we don't get the full scope of the story until the end. I love the way Hill can somehow tell a story without revealing everything until the final few chapters. It must take immense strength to not blurt it all out beforehand. A lot of the twists and turns

came as a surprise to me, because as usual I had my own thoughts and suspicions and thought I had the story cracked when it turns out that as usual I was completely and utterly wrong. I would get dispirited but it's my fault for trying to second guess Melissa. I hugely enjoyed *The Last To Know* and although I didn't enjoy it as much as some of her previous works, it's still a notable novel that all Hill fans will lap up.

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### **Michelle Sibley says**

Wow! Was expecting a easy chick lit, what I got was edge of my seat nail biting stuff. Didn't see the twists and turns coming. Amazing book!

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### **Amanda says**

If you have ever seen *Futurama*, you'll be aware of the utterly campy and ridiculous robot soap opera named "All My Circuits." It's known within the world of *Futurama* in particular for its over-the-top plot twists and yet somehow still being something entertaining that you can't stop watching. When I read a book that goes a bit off the rails, I refer to it as being very All My Circuits. That is this book. If you love campy soap opera plots and ridiculous situations and twists that make you audibly gasp, you're going to love this book.

I was suspicious of at least one upcoming twist from the very beginning from the description and set-up alone. The narration alternates between Brook's life and the manuscript that's been submitted to her for a while. At a certain point, it moves to include some thoughts from the person (or people) who wrote the manuscript. Brook is likeable. Eve and Sam are likeable. They're all three well-rounded women with very different goals in life and life situations. Any reader of chick lit will be able to relate to one of them. I think that's really all that a potential reader who doesn't want spoilers needs to know about the book. If you are intrigued and don't want spoilers, go on and pick it up! Those interested in the delicious ridiculousness of the twists should read further.

(view spoiler)

Overall, if you're looking for a light-hearted yet drama-llama read full of plot twists that just might make you gasp out loud, this is the read for you. A few plot devices are a bit convenient and might make the reader eye-roll but not enough to detract from the enjoyment.

Check out my full review.

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### **Karen says**

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de verhaallijn van brooke die nergens in lijkt te passen. knap gedaan.

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### **Deirdre says**

Kept me guessing.

The story opens with a proposal of marriage. The three main women in one part of the story are three very different characters. Eve is a housewife whose partner doesn't seem to appreciate how much she really does. Sam is a writer trying to figure out if she wants to marry the guy who wants her to devote her life to him and abandon her writing and Anne is a teacher, engaged for a long while to a man who seems to like her but she's not sure that she loves her.

And then there's the framing story, that of Brooke, an acquisitions editor for an Australian imprint, trying to work out how all this works.

I originally thought that this framing device was actually nothing to do with the story but it does and how it does is very interesting.

I liked it, excepting the fact that it kept me up finishing it!

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### **Zzoeeeee says**

A book with an irritating voice. The story is forgettable, the characters are bland stereotypes. Gratingly self-reverential and a waste of time.

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### **Julie says**

Melissa Hill is officially my favourite author of the moment. Every book has a multitude of twists and turns that keep the reader guessing all the way through. Was quite pleased that I had picked up on a clue halfway through this one, although despite that the ending was still a surprise. Can't wait to read more of her work.

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### **Ell says**

Loved it! So clever!

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### **Jennifer Bagazin says**

I don't think I can properly express the feelings and emotions I had when I read this book. It was so full of wonderful plot twists and a lot of hidden truths that make the reader anxious to know the end. This book made me guess and wonder about how the story fits in totality. To be honest, at first I thought this would be

just a typical book that centers on a third party destroying a marriage, because the words at the back cover of the book somewhat implies so. Little do I know that that is not the case. This wasn't an ordinary infidelity story; it was a carefully crafted plot to let Brooke, or more-or-less one of the main characters in the story, not to be the last to know.

I must admit, I am fairly impressed by how Melissa Hill wrote her book. It was very unique and original and I don't think I have read a book with the same plot as hers. It was magical; and have I mentioned about the tremendous plot twists? I am so glad that my eyes wandered over this book at the bookstore, or else I wouldn't have known this prospective changing book that leaves the readers wanting for more.

**\*SPOILER ALERT\***

Now talking about the characters, I sympathized with all of them even though I haven't got the first clue on what it must have felt like to lose someone so suddenly as Eve (or Lynn) had, or to keep an emotion so strong that it could've destroyed a relationship like Anna's, or to know deep in your heart that your soul mate and the one you whom you know you would be spending the rest of your life with is with, and even engaged someone else like Sam had? In the end, I honestly didn't expect the book to turn out that way. It had more twists and turns than your average rollercoaster, and I can't say I didn't enjoy it, because I had. This is certainly a book that is for keeps.

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