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Matchmaking guru Kennedy Pepperdine's life is perfect. Perfect job. Perfect friends. Perfect boyfriend. Except...when she gets trapped in an elevator with a handsome stranger, she accidentally confesses a secret: maybe her perfect boyfriend, Justin, isn't so perfect for her after all. But a matchmaker should be able to successfully match herself, right? Thankfully, she'll never see the handsome stranger again. Until she heads home with Justin for the holidays and learns that the sexy stranger is none other than Justin's older brother, Matt.

Matt Ellis is trying to be on his best behavior for his mother—it is Christmas, after all. But when he recognizes the beautiful woman from the elevator—the one he hasn't been able to stop thinking about for months—his best behavior is being held by a thread. Matt's always sacrificed for his family, and nothing is more important than their happiness, but the more time he spends around Kennedy, the more he wonders if her supposed "right match" might just be the wrong brother.

Each book in the Anyone But You series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order.
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Jennifer Shirk says

Happy to announce Wrong Brother, Right Match, WON the Sweet Traditional category of the 2017 Golden Quill Published Authors' Contest!

Hi. Yes, this again is MY book, so naturally it's a five star rating from me.

I'm bias that way.

Anyway, I've always wanted to write a Christmas book.

(I've tried in the past, but my novella ended up being changed to Valentine's Day. That's another story...)

But now I FINALLY have a holiday themed romance! Yay. I like to think of it as the book version of a Hallmark Christmas Movie.

So if you don't like Hallmark Christmas movies...beware. But if you do like them...enjoy!

And Happy Holidays! (whatever time of the year you choose to read this book)

**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince
Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

*****4.5 STARS*****

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

Yes, she still loved Justin, but every time she was in a room with Matt, it was all she could do not to get caught up in the magnetism of attraction that was building between them.

Well, I have another book to add to my list of favorite Christmas romances! **Wrong Brother, Right Match** was a sugary sweet story that I found to be fully entertaining and satisfied this very sappy Holiday romance junkie. So if you're just like me, go and grab yourself a nice hot cup of cocoa and get all cozy under a nice warm blanket and dive into this story!! We get a lovable Heroine who is yearning to belong to a close-knit family and dreams of celebrating a magical Christmas, and a delicious Hero who is torn between family loyalties and what his heart truly desires. I found this story to be completely engrossing and although it was missing the steam, I really didn't feel that it was even needed. This would make the **PERFECT** Hallmark Christmas Romance!!

Kennedy Pepperdine is a young entrepreneur. She is the CEO of her very own online dating service called *Match Made Easy*. It has a 99% success rate and she and her boyfriend Justin happen to be one of the

couples that make up that percentile. Kennedy seems to have it all going for herself at the moment but things weren't always so perfect in her life. Growing up with a single mother who spent most of her life marrying the wrong men, really took a toll on Kennedy. She vowed to never make the same mistakes that her mother did. She wants a stable relationship with a guy who shares all the same interests and what she has with Justin completely fits that bill. Her perfect and uncomplicated existence gets challenged during a business trip in Vegas. Kennedy ends up getting stuck in an elevator with an insanely handsome guy and while she is experiencing a full-blown panic attack, the guy ends up kissing her. This kiss is like no other she's ever had before and even six months later Kennedy can't seem to forget that handsome stranger. Things are about to get seriously interesting and a whole lot messy for her when these two unexpectedly cross paths again.

It's nearly Christmas and Kennedy is traveling with her now fiancé, Justin, to his family's home to spend the holidays with them. This is also the first time she's meeting them and she is beyond excited. Finally, she thinks she will be a member of a Norman Rockwell type family and will be participating in old family holiday traditions. Never did she expect that Mr. Hottie Elevator guy would be the one to greet them when they arrived at her soon to be in-laws home.

Matt Ellis is also more than a little shocked when he finds out that his little brother's fiancé is the hot redhead that he kissed in that elevator. He too has not been able to forget her the past six months and he also remembers their conversation in which Kennedy confessed that she wasn't sure that her relationship was going to last with Justin. So now the two meet again and things are anything but easy between them. There is apparently a bit of hostility coming from Matt towards Kennedy. Matt has had his heart broken in the past by a woman who claimed to love him so he's just a little more than cynical when it comes to love.

As luck would have it, Justin leaves Kennedy at his mother's house for a few days while he is called back to Boston for work. While Justin is away, Matt is the designated tour guide for Kennedy and although at first things are tense and awkward, there is no denying the strong attraction that exists just beneath the surface. Kennedy can't ignore the intense feelings she has whenever she is with Matt. It's a spark that doesn't ever surface between her and Justin. Matt struggles with his feelings of family loyalty vs. what his heart truly desires.

Will Kennedy choose messy and passionate over easy and safe? Can Matt finally put his wants first over his inherent sense of family responsibility?

WRONG BROTHER, RIGHT MATCH is currently available. Don't miss out on this sweet holiday read!!

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1-Click Addict Support Group says

Wrong Brother, Right Match was a sweet holiday romance, that was just the thing I needed at the time!

Kennedy runs and owns a successful matchmaking company, and her relationship with her boyfriend is the perfect example of that. They were matched by her software, and are right for each other in every way...or are they?

Six months previously while in Vegas Matt was trapped in an elevator with an unforgettable woman. Thinking he'll never see her again he moves on with life. Fast forward to Christmas and the discovery that elevator woman is his brother Justin's fiancée.

The spark of attraction between Kennedy and Matt was there from the first page, and their interactions only proved that further. I just wish that they had gotten their act together a lot sooner. Justin was a douche, and Kennedy seemed to be the only person who didn't see it. Instead of this being Matt and Kennedy's story, it felt to me like it was Kennedy and Justin's story with Matt watching from the sidelines.

While the epilogue was sweet, it was a case of too little too late for me, because I never got to see Matt and Kennedy as couple previous to this small glimpse into the future. ~ Tamara, 3.5 Stars

This was just the kind of lighthearted read I needed in my life right now. It wasn't overly complicated, people weren't excessively mean or petty, and it was full of small town, close family, Christmas Spirit charm. It's a tale of mismatched love, which can always lead to angsty complications. The author doesn't take this route though, and instead gives a delightful romp into the process of finding one's true match.

' "I know you haven't exactly been waiting to sign up as the president of my fan club." "That's not true, Kennedy. You're not half bad. In fact, I guess you're okay, sort of, maybe" "I'll try not to let that go to my head."'

Kennedy and Matt had the most delightful banter. Animosity that was never real, just the flirting of two people falling into their (complicated) feelings for each other. Both trying to deny these feelings, because timing. It's always in the timing, isn't it? They know from long ago experience that they are electric together. Loyalty and bad timing keep them walking on tip toes, dancing around the attraction, trying to avoid hurt feelings and broken hearts.

The family dynamics were what really made this a treat. The love and warmth radiated off the pages as the family took to Kennedy, embraced her, made her one of them. The bantering between sibling, the "love" of fruitcake, it made this feel like going home for Christmas. The awkward dance going on between Kennedy and Matt remained mostly unknown, and that gave it a slight air of humor all of its own.

' " **Matt and Kennedy are under the mistletoe.**" "Oh, how nice, kiss her, Matt. It's Christmas after all." '

Absolutely adorable. Truly, the perfect giggles and swoons feel good romance to snuggle up with on a cold night. ~ George, 4 Stars

TheBibliotheque says

Ahhh Christmas time.

I requested this book from Netgalley during what I like to call my "pre-Christmas requesting spree". The good times... *sigh*

This book felt like one of those cheesy Christmas movies you can find on tv during the holidays. Which is not necessarily bad, you just need to be in the mood for it to enjoy it. As a matter of fact, I did enjoy the story as it was as corny as I expected. But it was also predictable and the main character was a bit too cringy for my liking.

I was looking for Christmas romance books but if I'm being honest, what made me click on the request button was the blurb. Kennedy has developed a matchmaking software and is starting her matchmaking company. She tests the software on herself and finds the perfect man, Justin. When Kennedy goes to a convention in Vegas, she gets stuck in an elevator with Matt, who is far from perfect but to whom she feels instant attraction. Sparks fly, he kisses her, she runs away and... Six months later Kennedy and Justin go to spend the holidays with his family and - surprise - Matt is Justin's brother!

You see, this is corny and cheesy in the best and worst way at the same time. The problem is that I didn't really connect with Kennedy, and quite honestly, I found her infuriating at times. She would indulge Justin just about anything. And let me tell you, Justin's character was so inconsiderate it felt like Kennedy would allow that behaviour just for the sake of the story. All the stars are really for Matt, who I obviously fell for in 5 seconds (that's my MO with love interests).

I received an eARC of this book from the publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

This a cute contemporary romance. The characters are fun and the pacing is great. I enjoyed reading this book.

The book has mentions previous relationships, but does not describe intimacy.

Kathy Jo says

Kennedy + Matt + A bottle of champagne + A stuck elevator = A kiss that neither one of them will ever forget. What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. Right?!

Fast forward six months.

Kennedy has everything she has worked her entire life for within reach. Loving friends, a growing business and a perfect fiancé. She couldn't be happier! So why is she still thinking about that kiss with the handsome stranger, Matt? She loves Justin! And according to her matchmaking software, they are perfect for each other. So why is she second guessing herself?! She'll never see Matt again. She just needs to stay focused and move forward with Justin. If only he can make time for her in his "busy" schedule. *sigh*

It's been six months! Six months and Matt still cannot get the kiss with Kennedy out of his mind. He'll never see her again. Even if he did, he's been burned before and will never go down that road ever again. He needs a distraction. And it comes in the form of his brother, Justin, coming home for the holidays for the first time in years! But surprise! He's bringing his fiancée with him! What?! When did he get engaged?!

They lied! What happens in Vegas does not stay in Vegas! If it did then Kennedy would definitely not be standing in the same room with Matt... her future brother-in-law! How can this be?! He cannot be here! She just needs to focus on her and Justin and stay far away from Matt! But that's just not possible when Justin heads back to the city for a work emergency and leaves her on the island with his family. This will be the perfect opportunity for them to get to know her! They all will love it!

But the more time Kennedy and Matt spend together, the more their feelings for each other grow. They both fight it because neither one of them want to hurt Justin, even though the moron does NOT deserve Kennedy.

But eventually the truth will need to be revealed and different paths will need to be chosen. It's definitely a journey but in the end the wrong bother will be the right match! *dreamy sigh*

Oh my gosh! I absolutely LOVED this book! I devoured it in one sitting! The feels were definitely real my friends! I laughed out loud, growled in frustration, got sad when things weren't going the way I wanted them to, and let out little dreamy sighs throughout the entire book. I seriously loved Kennedy and Matt! They were absolutely perfect for each other!

Ms. Shirk has done it again! This was such a fun series! I really need to start reading more books by her! She is quickly climbing my favorite authors list!

And of course I can't forget my casting! This one was SO much fun to find! I LOVE them! What do you think?!

Content: Mild language.

I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are solely my own.

Katie W says

I'm in love! One of my favorite movies of all-time is *While You Were Sleeping* and this story has that vibe. Kennedy is the mastermind behind a matchmaking agency and everything in her life is perfect. Or is it? A little sparky incident on a stuck elevator in Vegas leaves her wondering if her perfect fiancé is really the perfect one for her. Imagine her surprise to find that dream man is her fiancé's brother!

Kennedy just wants to be loved, have some roots and traditions, and to be happy. Because of her unstable upbringing, she comes off as being a little rigid at times, but she still puts people first. It takes a pretty amazing person to do what she did. Justin, the fiancé, is pretty aggravating. Work, work, work--that's what drives him. Matt, the brother, has got to be the sweetest guy ever. I love the friction between him and Kennedy, as their interactions made my heart sing. That said, there's an obvious love triangle, but that doesn't bother me. There's also a complete cast of adorable characters in this book.

The whole plot moved at a steady pace and engaged me throughout. I love a good chemistry and the emotional tugs are perfect. This is the type of story that makes me feel good and happy, especially with the heartwarming Christmastime activities and the magical miracles of the season. This is definitely one to re-read every year.

Content: mild-moderate swearing; one very mild moment of violence; mild romance (kissing).

I received a copy through Netgalley. All thoughts and opinions are completely my own.

Bette Hansen says

Charming! Simply charming! That's what this story is. Kennedy Pepperdine is certain she has found her perfect match. Good thing since matchmaking was her business. She's convinced she has it all until a moment trapped in an elevator with a stranger has her questioning everything. Shaking off the encounter she agrees to spend the holidays with her fiancé at his family's home. Seeing her elevator companion again and finding out he is actually her fiancé's brother deals her the blow of a lifetime. With Justin, her fiancé, preoccupied with work and leaving her while he returns to the city, Kennedy has too much time on her hands and finds herself in the company of Matt Ellis way more than she should be.

Don't miss this one, I highly recommend it.

Irene says

3.5 stars

Wrong Brother, Right Match was a sweet, fun and entertaining read.

I found Kennedy and Matt were both great characters, they were likable, relatable, they made me laugh,

swoon and I enjoyed watching them connect and fall in love.

Overall this was a beautiful, heartwarming contemporary romance that will leave you satisfied and with a smile on your face.

Thank you to Entangled Bliss via Netgalley for the advance copy.

Kim says

This romance novel was a pushing to the edge of the envelope with out going over PG 13 version of the typical G rated Christmas Holiday Hallmark movie. Not for minor age. See substance use, language, and sensuality content below.

Alcohol and other drug use: Frequent alcohol use but no abuse. Kennedy's future in-laws own a winery.

Language: Matt does frequent use of h*ll said aloud. Plus a couple d*m its or worse thought, but not said aloud.

Sensuality content: Clean. No sex. Barely any kissing. Though there was some very not clean (though not explicit at all) thoughts that never turn to action. Matt is disappointed that a stranger (Kennedy) he met and kissed won't be going back to his Las Vegas hotel room, because she has a boyfriend. Matt pictures in his mind his future sister-in-law (Kennedy) out of her Scooby Doo pajamas, while she is staying at his family's house. Kennedy admits to her cousin's girlfriend that she has "NC 17" thoughts about Matt which she feels guilty about because she is engaged to his brother Justin.

Source: My purchased library.

Elaine says

Oh what a quandary these two are both in! After being trapped in an elevator together Kennedy and Matt are seriously attracted to each other and she confesses to being worried that her perfect boyfriend (Justin) isn't actually perfect for her. Then the two meet up again when Kennedy goes with her boyfriend to meet his family - and it turns out Matt is her boyfriend's brother!

The two try to deny and fight their mutual attraction as Justin relies on Matt to take Kennedy around and look after her whilst he disappears off to deal with more office/business issues! The sparks fly, the guilty feelings surge and life definitely becomes more interesting for everyone concerned - apart from Justin who is still focussed on business rather than romance.

I really didn't like Justin, he's so self-centred and, as Matt suggests, really doesn't deserve someone like Kennedy. I liked her honesty, determination and resolve - especially when facing a real dilemma of pretending to save her own business or being honest and facing possible ridicule. The author makes the characters, complete with flaws, seem like real people you might actually know. The reader experiences the

turmoil with them as they face choices which will impact on their possible futures together or apart. Matt is so lovely, supportive, savvy and considerate - no contest as far as I'm concerned, he'd win every time! I also enjoyed reading about his Mum and sister :)

This is a great story to escape into, especially during the festive season. I'd like to thank the publishers and NetGalley for gifting me a copy of it with no obligation to read or review. This is my honest opinion.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

Love, love, love, love! Here I give you my biggest dreamy, happy sigh. If you are looking for the perfect holiday romance to snuggle in with this month (Or today. It really should be today because honestly? Why wait?!) then look no further because this is your book. I inhaled this book. It was so fun to read. I kind of want to go back and read it again. If I had time, I totally would.

Kennedy has a growing business and the perfect boyfriend. After all, he was her perfect match and Kennedy is in the business of knowing such things. Then Kennedy finds herself stuck in an elevator with a handsome stranger and what happens? A kiss of course. A zingy, heart stopping kiss that neither participant can forget.

Matt is so swoon worthy. Even when he is being ornery to Kennedy upon first seeing her at his family's house for Christmas, he is swoony. I just LOVED Matt. He is so good to his family and he is so good to Kennedy. Well, after said ornery business is over. Matt was so easy to like and so easy to root for.

Jennifer Shirk is one of my favorite authors in the clean romance world. Her characters have great personality and I'm always drawn to them. I follow Jennifer Shirk and I'm always watching for new books by her. I think this one is my new favorite!

Content: mild swearing, kissing, casual drinking

- I received a copy of this book for free. A positive review was not required and all opinions expressed are my own.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

Super cute holiday read. Another fun addition to the series.

Kennedy owns a successful up-and-coming dating service. She even met her perfect fiancé using her new, unique matching program. Kennedy and Justin seem to be perfect for each other, both are very career driven and her program can't be wrong, can it? Kennedy starts questioning the accuracy of her program when she goes to visit Justin's family for Christmas and everything she thought she wanted isn't quite what she had in mind. Especially when she finds out a mysterious stranger she met months ago turns out to be Justin's brother. The sparks fly.

I thought this was a fun story, it reminded me of the movie *While You Were Sleeping* (in this case it should be called *While You Were Working*). Kennedy never knew stability growing up, her mom jumped from relationship to relationship and Kennedy is determined to not make the same mistakes her mother made. So

when her own matching program matches her to Justin, she is determined to see it through. Even though she is more drawn to Matt. This is a tricky plot to pull off, I'm not a big fan of love-triangles, but I am a big fan of people being with those who actually love and appreciate them. So, I did think the LT was handled well here, glad no lines were crossed or anything.

Overall, I thought this was a fun read and I loved the fun small town charm during my favorite holiday, Christmas. Ms. Shirk's books are always a pleasure to read and I would recommend to any fan of contemporary romance. She's an auto-buy for me.

Content

Romance: Clean

Language: Mild

Violence: None

Other: Matt owns a winery, some casual drinking

Series: Book three, but can stand on its own.

Similar Reads: How I Met Your Brother

Source: Netgalley review copy

Stephanie says

I received a copy of this title from NetGalley. It does not impact my review.

Wrong Brother, Right Match is basically a Hallmark Christmas Movie in book form and I love it!

Kennedy owns a matchmaking business and has recently developed specialized software to help match people up. She even used it on herself and found her fiancé. However, her relationship with Justin isn't quite living up to her expectations. He's a workaholic and often treats Kennedy as an afterthought. She's determined to make it work, though, since their engagement seems to be a major selling point to possible investors in her company. To further complicate matters, she finds out that the man she once kissed in an elevator (and has never been able to forget) is Justin's brother, Matt. When Justin abandons Kennedy with his family during their Christmas vacation to go back to work for a few days, Kennedy finds herself spending an awful lot of time with Matt and questioning her relationship with Justin even more.

One thing that I always hate in books is cheating so I was a little concerned that I wouldn't be able to get on board the Kennedy-Matt Ship. Thankfully the characters had some integrity. Kennedy told Justin about the elevator kiss (though at the time she didn't know it was his brother). And while Matt and Kennedy definitely were developing feelings for each other, they never really crossed the line. I ended up really rooting for them.

I really liked both Kennedy and Matt. I thought they were both pretty well-developed and relatable characters. I loved Matt's relationship with his family, as well. I also enjoyed seeing a couple cameos from the couples from the previous books in the Anyone But You series.

Overall, I really enjoyed Wrong Brother, Right Match. I liked the sweet romance and the Christmas setting. It reminded me so much of watching a Hallmark Christmas movie, which I love. I definitely recommend it to those looking for a romantic holiday themed read.

Overall Rating (out of 5): 4 Stars

Tara says

Actual rating: 3.5

This was a cute Christmas romance. Kennedy (we met her in the previous *Anyone But You* book) is the CEO of a software-based matchmaking company. She has had a lot of success and is ready to take her company to the next level, using her own success story with her boyfriend as the prime example.

However, things are not as perfect as they may look on the outside. Kennedy and Justin are compatible on paper, but Justin is a workaholic and has less and less time for Kennedy with a new promotion on the horizon.

Enter meet cute with our hero. She meets a handsome stranger and gets stuck with him on an elevator while at a conference in Vegas. Attraction is there and they end up kissing, but once Kennedy "comes to her senses" when the elevator is fixed, she brushes it off as an anxiety-induced bad decision. And thankfully she'll never have to see the guy again...

WRONG. Six months later she finds out that her stranger is her now-fiancé's brother. Whoops! ;) And the story takes off from there.

This one started out strong with their fun meet cute. But as the story went on, I felt like there could have been more tension, but most of the "tension" was portrayed in their thoughts. So I liked it, just probably would have loved it more if there had been more actual tension instead of perceived tension in their inner dialogue.

I liked the characters (although Kennedy should have dumped Justin long before she did...) Caitlyn was a fun side character ("this is snapchat worthy!" Ha!) And Matt's mom was endearing. And maybe Mia will get her own story?

All in all this was a cute story. If you enjoy sweet Christmas romances, you'll like this one!

Side note: I know it's probably a stock photo, but it bothered me that Kennedy doesn't have glasses on in the picture on the cover! But that would probably only bug me. ;)

Source: NetGalley.

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. The thoughts and opinions above are my own.
