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Dawn French, number one bestselling author of *A Tiny Bit Marvellous* and *Oh Dear Silvia*, returns with her joyously funny new novel, *According To YES*.

The Foreign Land of the Very Wealthy - otherwise known as Manhattan's Upper East Side - has its own rigid code of behaviour. It's a code strictly adhered to by the Wilder-Bingham family.

Emotional displays - unacceptable.

Unruly behaviour - definitely not welcome.

Fun - no thanks.

This is Glenn Wilder-Bingham's kingdom. A beautifully displayed impeccably edited fortress of restraint.

So when Rosie Kitto, an eccentric thirty-eight-year-old primary school teacher from England, bounces into their lives with a secret sorrow and a heart as big as the city, nobody realises that she hasn't read the rule book.

For the Wilder-Bingham family, whose lives begin to unravel thread by thread, the consequences are explosive. Because after a lifetime of saying no, what happens when everyone starts saying . . . yes?

'I adored *According to YES*. It's so different to anything I've read in forever, so charming, wise, brilliantly written. I loved it all' Marian Keyes

'There is lots of fun to be had reading this book. It's impossible not to warm to Rosie, a funny and open-hearted woman who acts as a salve and comfort blanket for this unhappy, inhibited family. **There's something quite joyous about the way she unashamedly romps her way through the novel, changing the lives of those around her for the better'** *Express*

'French can spin a yarn . . . which sets *According to YES* apart from the usual chick-lit template. Think the vicar of Dibley, without the dog collar. **YES YES YES indeed'** *Independent*

Further praise for Dawn French:

'A fantastic slam-dunk pageturner. Funny, enriching . . . page after page I laughed out loud' *Mail on Sunday*

'A hilarious snapshot of family life in the twenty-first century' *Sunday Express*

'Extremely funny' *Sunday Times*

'Dawn tackles the big ones - love, death, grief, childhood, motherhood, parenthood - head on' *Guardian*

'Makes you laugh on every page' *The Times*

'A brilliantly observed, **very funny novel of family life**' *Woman and Home*

'Funny, really enjoyable, highly recommended. **A wonderful writer - witty, wise, poignant**' *Daily Mail*

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Emma Grey says

While there were small sections of this book that were enjoyable to read, most of it somewhat missed the mark for me. It seemed as if it were trying to be light and enjoyable, as well as deep and meaningful at the same time and didn't quite manage to do either well as a result. Actually throughout the book it kept feeling like the book was trying in vain to do too many things at once and therefore ended up only skimming everything it was trying to do, while somehow also having elements that came across as gratuitous to me. Additionally, there were several elements of reinforcing stereotypes, including one instance of camp-shaming, and a generally not great treatment of a gay character's coming out story arc – a bit disappointed in Dawn French for that, I must say...

Anna says

2.5. Took me a while to get through this book because there was nothing that really drew me in. The whole story felt a bit weird and overly dramatic and I didn't feel any connection to the characters..

Jenna says

This book was quick enough and easy enough to read but not one I particularly enjoyed. The story focuses more on the characters relationships between each other and themselves, which I did find interesting however the plot itself seemed a bit ridiculous and unbelievable a lot of the time. Not one I would recommend.

Abigail Vint says

This book, unfortunately, was not what I expected. The parts I enjoyed were so outweighed by the aspects I found cringe worthy and reinforcing terrible stereotypes. Plus, the dialogue of this "American" family was more British and it was too distracting to make the characters believable. I'm all for a bit of light fiction but sadly, this one was not for me.

Rachel Williams says

At times I found this tale a little implausible and the lead character ridiculous. However, I thoroughly enjoyed this often hilarious romp through New York society. Flawed people believably created. A broken family who didn't know each other brought together through one over-the-top English girl.

Kirsten says

A quick and easy read. Not really what I expected from reading the back and a bit too cringey in some areas. Probably a good holiday read but not one I'd go back to.

That being said I couldn't put it down so it's got a big plus on that front!

Courtney Marie says

2.5-3 stars. An interesting read. Changes who she is talking about quickly and doesn't really stick to one viewpoint for an entire chapter. Not quite the light-hearted book I was expecting but a happy ending all the same.

Renita D'Silva says

Fun and feel good

Eline says

Not very special. Easy to read. Funny.

Sara says

Pretty bad - I spent a few hours of my life reading this and I can't ever get them back. I would rate it as less than mediocre chick lit.

I found the main character obnoxious and didn't really understand the appeal at all. The story itself is silly and full of clichés.

Graham Tapper says

Not the best Dawn French but a very entertaining, if predictable, read. Our heroine, Rosie Kitto, a West Country lass, has run away from home, to NY, where she is taken on as a nannie by a rich, established family. She is running away for a number of reasons but most of all because she and her man can't get her pregnant, and the clock is ticking.

The American family she joins, the Wilder-Binghams, have problems of their own: three generations of men under the thumb of the matriarch of the family, Glenn.

Rosie to the rescue.

Unfortunately, you can see all of the plot devices lining themselves up and being ticked off one by one. There are no surprises.

But, I enjoyed it, nevertheless. Not as much as her previous efforts and not enough to prevent me reading her next.

Izzy says

I bought this book as a huge fan of Dawn French, hoping for a funny and witty read. However, I find myself slightly disappointed. Whilst there were a few snippets of humor, I found it hard to connect to any of the characters and that I wasn't given a reason to invest in any of them. Despite the many challenges in the book, I felt as though I was left in a constant state of waiting for something to happen, only for the outcome to either not be addressed or that the result was lacklustre. As much as I hoped to enjoy this book, it sadly was not for me.

Linnea Elg says

I am so disappointed. I had high expectations because I find Dawn French very funny. I read 100 pages or so before I had to stop because I could not take it anymore. The language is getting in the way of me enjoying the reading, it feels like I am reading bad fanfiction. The characters don't feel new and the dialogue and dynamic a bit forced. Not picking this book up again. It seemed like such a promise of a good book and it let me down.

Shan says

You can hear Dawn French's voice telling this story and pretty much embodying the main character of her book. A quick, easy, and sometimes funny, read for when you need a little respite from the world.

Jemma (Aussie BookWorm) says

I don't want to say meh, but I was underwhelmed with this book. It was funny in places and definitely unexpected, but I don't like misleading blurbs, and that is what this book has. An un-honest, but enjoyable read.
