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Diana says

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Bored from their Thanksgiving Break, the Carlyle triplets have nothing to do. It wasn't until they heard shocking news about their mother, that she is getting married! Although not all of them like this news, they still have to attend their mothers' wedding in the tropics, so off they go with their friends. Besides their mother being in a love relationship, during this break, couples form and drama begins. Many went to the tropics for a reason other than attending the wedding, but not all goals were achieved. Although some were achieved, it did not stay like that, but some ended up failing.

Compared to the other book(s), Ziegesar's writing style in this book was better. Maybe because the story was better than the other, it impacted her writing style, and this is how readers can see the change in her writing style. From this book, I can tell how the triplets felt and what they both wanted and did not want. It was the words she used that made me understand the setting more clearly, and it showed me what was going on.

I would recommend this book to anyone because it is a good book. I liked it because the plot was good and Ziegesar's writing style probably made it better. This book is interesting because of the things that has happened to the triplets and because drama begins between their own siblings, it makes the book more interesting. Many who have siblings may be able to relate themselves to the book, but as a younger sister and as my personal self, I cannot relate myself nor my sister to this book.

Angelia Fransisca Rusli says

For a start, Gossip Girl: The Carlyles wasn't really a success, especially comparing it with the original gossip Girl series.

Anyway, it's actually quite good! Compared to the previous books, this one's more fast moving & less boring. Avery finally found her loved one and so did Owen. Baby as carefree as ever. I kinda wished Baby will reunited with J.P but it seems that this is the last book. I really liked Avery-Rhys relationship here, i mean, they were cute together. And so does Owen-Jack. Jack, in this book, was actually quite nice, especially to Baby.

If this is really the last book, then the series has a really happy ending. Less drama, everyone's happy, Edie got married. Edie is really quirky, and I like her! She likes to wear sarong, batik, etc and her spontaneous idea of getting married was really something.

Meghan says

The last Gossip Girl book finds us in the Bahamas where the triplets and some of their friends head for a vacation where a marriage proposal happens and it becomes a mad dash to get a wedding ready in a day. This novel also dives into the little relationships between each of the characters. What this novel did well was figuring out what it means to truly care about another human being, and that was enjoyable to read. Otherwise the plots were all very arbitrary and didn't hold much weight; they felt kind of petty and small. The characters as much as they were learning and growing and did somewhat find their place by the end their problems that they kept having to face felt trivial. The writing was alright; it was like past novels in the fact that things were basic, plots were straightforward and characters acted more or less the same as always. Overall, it was an entertaining and mindless read.

Astoria says

So Jack has moved in with her Dad and his new family and she is still dating J.P. Avery is finally living the life she expected when she first moved to the city.

I really liked this book, it had friendship, some characters grew up, some got married, and some missed a plane.

Baby is my favorite character from the past 3 books and I still like her, but Jack was very likable in this book, she decided what was it she wanted, and what she didn't want in her life (J.P.).

So for Thanksgiving, the family goes to The Bahamas, Owen takes Rhys, and Avery is later joined by Jack, who after being asked If she liked Owen, denied it.

After watching Owen and Rhys with some girls Avery gets upset because she thought they shared many things, and that they had something special, so when Rhys goes to look for her to tell her how he feels, she acts jealous, and tells him maybe he should go back to his friends, after they clear it out, they start a relationship. Those 2 are really something.

We also get to meet Layla, The Carlyle's new future sister, she inmediateley bonds with Baby.

Hugh is annoyingly funny as usual, and Eddie is just so fun to read,I wish I had a mom like her.

I was kinda hoping for a J.P. Baby reunion, maybe she could teach him how to live.

Celine says

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It's Thanksgiving and the Carlyle triplets are fortunate enough to not have to spend vacation in New York City. They all needed a break and the Bahamas is just the right place to go, where the sun is always shining.

This trip, insisted by the boyfriend of the triplet's mother was intentionally supposed to help further the relationship between the triplets, Remington, and his daughter. Avery, Baby, and Owen is each allowed to bring a friend as will Remington's daughter, Layla, bring her boyfriend, Riley along. Being caught up with their own things, Avery's friend Jack turned down the offer at first and so did Baby's friend, Sydney. Only Owen's swim team buddy, Rhys would join them.

However, as the story progresses, things get way more complicated than just a family vacation. There seems to be conflict between Layla and Riley, which Baby, eventually, gets herself into. Being attractive and cute, Baby, ultimately ends up in a position with extreme difficulty. She finds herself in love with Riley, though she really likes Layla, who would eventually become her sister. She doesn't want to ruin the relationship between Layla, who she really adores and finds comfortable talking to and yet, she doesn't want to give up her admiration for Riley. So what does she do? Well, as time progresses, Baby learns the importance of family over foolish love, and Layla learns to end things before they get any worse.

During this vacation, there is plenty of love in the air. Not only for Baby, but also Avery and Owen. Avery, who's never had a boyfriend, always thought there was something wrong with her. However, in this book, it proves not to be the case. She does find a boyfriend, someone who shes known for a long time but never confessed to, Rhys. He apparently, had similar feelings for her and during this vacation, got to know each other even better. And now Owen, how can he have a date if Jack isn't here? Jack didn't join them at first, but as she spent more time with her boyfriend JP, she found him annoying and just not the type of guy she wants. She makes a decision to join her friend Avery, and using Avery as an excuse, she goes to the Bahamas as well. Owen and Jack has pretended to be dating to trick the world, but realizing that they did have feelings for each other, they started dating, officially. Since everyone has a happy ending, so does Remington and Edie. At first, Owen didn't really like the thought of his mom remarrying, but in the end, Remington does seem to be a nice guy. And for now, surprisingly, there is an ending that leaves the reader satisfied.

Reading this book, I think the storyline is pretty cliché. I could pretty much predict the ending too. The series is starting to get less interesting and is becoming kind of repetitive. Therefore, I don't think this is a very good book to recommend. I think most people that don't live in New York City would say that this book portrays the life of New York City people. However, I think it really depends.

Hazel Leu says

Goodbye Gossip Girl series. Finally, almost done. I just need to read the Psycho Killer one and I'll be finished.

Sarah Kathleen says

I love the Gossip Girl books and the Carlyle spin-offs (and I'm not going to say how old I am, but suffice to say I'm about twice the age of the target demographic), and man. This book. It was something else. It somehow made the rest of the books look like fine literature. My favorite part was playing a game every time an unusual name got dropped (Corner Bakery, Le Tigre, Sleater-Kinney, Bitch magazine): who is the ghostwriter?

Anyway, it was certainly no less enjoyable than the rest of the books, if much more ridiculous.

Tadashi Hamada says

Aaaand that's it for the *Gossip Girl* series! It took around 5 years for me to collect the entire series (the main series, the prequel, the sequel, and the spin-off) and I've finally finished all of it.

Although I'm kind of sad that *The Carlyles* just ended there with only 4 books and there aren't going to be any future books. I don't think it was *discontinued* per se, I think it really was only intended to be made up of four books as the last Gossip Girl "message" in the last page of this book felt really final and there weren't any follow-up questions about the characters, like Gossip Girl usually wrote.

Tiny Pants says

Has Alloy pulled the plug on this series already? I can't find anything online to say so, but let's just say this book feels like it could be the last in the series. I have to wonder if the new original characters *Gossip Girl* book coming out in November isn't testing the waters to see if they'd do better just continuing the series with those characters in college than having Constance Billard: The New Class in high school (similarly to how they've really pushed out Jenny and Eric as characters in the most recent season of the show).

But anyway, if this series is getting axed, this book encapsulates many of the reasons why this would happen. It took me over a week to read, and *Gossip Girl* shouldn't take more than two days, max. Why? The characters in *The Carlyles* are just not in any way compelling. In the original series, Blair is at once hilarious, terrifying, and at the same time sympathetic. Serena is ditsy, artless, and yet relatable. These new folks though? Avery spends the whole book "screeching" at one person or another, and comes off more Tracy Flick than Blair Waldorf. Baby's personality (as well as her dress size, of which we're constantly reminded) appears to also be a size zero -- there's just nothing there. And Owen is a tedious, testosterone-addled killjoy. Characters who barely even existed in the original *Gossip Girl* universe (think for example Nate's friend Anthony Avuldsen) seem fascinating by comparison.

As if I haven't been complaining about this enough with the *Private* series, this book finds the group on vacation on yet another private island. Snooze. This means half the lesser characters aren't even in the book (not that we can keep track of them anyway), and we get introduced to some new ones who aren't exactly noteworthy (the British girls are especially obnoxious). However, at least here the focus remains so much on who's hooking up and who's breaking up that we don't have to spend too long on all the details of being at a luxury resort.

Long story short, whether this is the end of this series or it still has legs (I mean really, if they're willing to put out obvious crap like Alphas, why not keep the Carlyles alive?), it goes to show that CvZ really did have something when she wrote the first few original Gossip Girl books. Simply taking a bunch of rich Manhattan teens, dressing them in Chloe dresses and Balenciaga bags, and setting them free to go at each other does not a successful series make. The first Gossip Girl series had characters who were fabulous but also deeply flawed, and their dramas with family and friends kept the series much more lively than any of the hookups or breakups did. Most of all though, they were funny.

I'm interested to see what happens next, and hoping that they'll at least make an effort to save the Gossip Girl franchise, if not this particular iteration of it. I Will Always Love You had better be good. It's our last best hope for saving this particular type of teen series, and I can't let these books die. Not least because I REFUSE to read books about vampires.

P.S.: Yes, this was the last *Carlyles* book -- it took me a while to get around to reading the latest *A-List* book, but in there this one's advertised as the "fourth, fabulous, final" book in the Carlyles series. So they gave some advance warning, just not a lot.

Elizabeth says

A quick light read.

The only part about these books that I always have problems with is the amount of alcohol these teens drink throughout the book. Otherwise it is an enjoyable fluffy read.

Amy Ricks says

This book reminded me too much of the drama that surrounds the middle school hallways in which I work. I picked up the last book in a series and did not realize it. I noticed that it was on the banned books list, so I thought I would give it a try. The book contained certain scenes that I believe many parents would prefer that their children did not read about. I truly believe that this is why the series ended up on the banned books list. The book talks about the Carlyle triplets and their lives as they learn that their mother is getting married. Within this story line you have, the drama between siblings and boyfriends that is so typical of adolescence. The book represents the relationships that are so important to young adults at this age. I personally did not feel that the book kept my interests peeked however, knowing middle school readers I know that this book would interest female young adults.

Karen says

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<u>Love the one You're With</u> is the fourth book of the *Gossip Girl The Carlyles*, by Cecily Von Ziegesar. Cecily von Ziegesar wrote many other novels for example, *The It Girl* series, and <u>The Gossip Girl</u> novels. All of Ziegesar novels are about the lifestyles of teenager or students in college. <u>Love the One You're With</u> is a fictional novel.

The Carlyle triplets are bored out of their minds during their Thanksgiving break. The triplet received shocking news, that their mother is getting marry to her boyfriend. So the Carlyle triplets will be traveling to the tropics and staying there over the break. Baby Carlyle has been stealing people's heart and playing around with it. Owen Carlyle doesn't like the idea of his mother getting marry, and staying in the tropics. Even though he doesn't like the idea he still has to go. Therefore, Owen dragged his best friend, Rhys, to the tropics with him. Avery Carlyle is sixteen year old and she still hasn't got a boyfriend. Her mission on this travel is to try to find a boyfriend. Eventually in the end, Baby Carlyle stole her soon-to-be stepsister's boyfriend. Rhys and Avery are dating behind Owens back. Despite that they're dating, Avery doesn't truly know why Rhys is with Owen in the tropics. Eventually, Rhys breaks Avery's heart over a message.

What will happen in the end? Who knows, it's you who needs to read it. <u>Love the One You're With</u> is a great book. I enjoyed reading this book instead of the other three novels in the series. <u>Gossip Girl the Carlyles</u>, <u>You Just Can't Get Enough</u>, and <u>Take a Chance on me</u>.

Alex says

This definitely ended like it was the last book in the series. I can't find any information about a fifth book, and one of the other reviews saw it advertised as being the last. So, let's assume it is.

For being the last book, it was okay. Just mindless fun, which I need every now and then. I was very skeptical of this spin-off at first, but I actually enjoyed it. The original Gossip Girl really started sucking around book 8, so it was refreshing to have a new cast for awhile.

With the original cast coming back in I Will Always Love You, I am assuming they are going to try to jump back on that bandwagon. Oh, well. The Carlyles were fun while they lasted.

Jessica | Booked J says

FULL REVIEW: http://bookandbroadway.blogspot.com/2...

and soon to be here: http://bookgirl.co.vu

In the smokin' hot finale (I can't believe I used that term, God I'm embarrassing myself) of Gossip Girl: The Carlyles the gang is picking up the pieces from the explosive storm of drama that had hit their lives in recent months and are fast on their way to a well earned vacation. Life on the Upper East Side has never been crazier and things have finally, mostly, cooled off for this batch of spoiled teenagers.

Just as the luxurious cast before them, the holidays (see: Thanksgiving!) are looking steamy for our kids. And I, for one, couldn't wait to dive on in to this trash pile... ahem...

Friendships have been formed and mended, relationships have dissolved into thin air and romance is

beginning to bud between a few perfect matches. And families will grow with Avery, Owen and Baby's mothers newest – most serious – romance. But what happens when these triplets meet their soon-to-be stepsister, and just how well can they adjust to her mothers long term relationship?

Last we saw, Jack and Avery had hung up their feud and formed an unlikely friendship, but how long can these two ladies really stick together? Is their friendship real and more than just going out, partying and talking fashion? Or is their connection a genuine friendship that is beneficial for both? And what of Jack's group of friends from Constance?

Magalitdeslivres says

Comme vous le savez peut-être déjà je participe, cette année, au challenge "2015 reading challenge" à l'initiative de @Nana.nkv. Je devais, entre autre, lire un livre ayant inspiré une série télé. Et cela tombait à pique car au fond de ma PAL trainait depuis des années le tome 15 de "Gossip girl".

Il m'est impossible de vous parler de ce livre sans vous parler un peu du phénomène "Gossip girl". C'est au départ une saga livresque de chick lit dans laquelle nous suivons la jeunesse dorée de l'Upper East Side à travers les yeux de la mystérieuse bloggeuse "Gossip girl". Celle-ci est une véritable langue de vipère qui n'hésite pas à étaler en place publique les plus sombres secrets de ces enfants privilégiés. Et le moins que l'on puisse dire c'est que rien ne lui échappe. Face au succès rencontré par les livres, une adaptation sous forme de série télé a vu le jour en 2007. Personnellement, j'ai adoré la série télé "Gossip girl" et je vous la conseille très vivement. Celle-ci n'est pas une retranscription des livres. Elle possède ses propres histoires et intrigues qui divergent bien souvent des livres dont elle s'est toutefois inspirée. Il existe aussi une saga livresque dérivée du nom de « It girl ». Dans cette saga nous suivons l'un des personnages de "Gossip girl" après son départ de New York.

Mais revenons-en à nos moutons et au livre dont il est question. C'est avec beaucoup d'appréhension que je me suis lancée dans cette lecture. Véritable fan de cette saga, mon engouement avait disparu à partir du tome 12. L'auteure avait fait le choix de continuer la saga avec un tout nouveau casting. Le seul personnage à avoir survécu à ce remaniement était "Gossip girl" bien entendu. A l'époque, je n'avais pas du tout compris ce choix car cela faisait des années que nous suivions ces personnages aussi bien à travers les livres que la série.

Je n'arrivais pas à me détacher d'eux suffisamment pour m'attacher aux nouveaux personnages. J'ai donc été agréablement surprise de me rendre compte que j'appréciais ma lecture. J'ai enfin réussi à m'attacher aux personnages (plus particulièrement à Avery et Jack) et à m'intéresser à leurs histoires.

Comme d'habitude, ce livre est un véritable "page turner". Les chapitres sont très courts, c'est écrit très gros et l'auteure à toujours son style d'écriture bien particulier où se mêlent légèreté et humour. On y retrouve aussi des extraits du blog de "Gossip girl". Tout cela contribue à donner du rythme à notre lecture et c'est sans s'en rendre compte que l'on arrive à la fin.

J'ai été emballée par la fin en happy-end et c'est avec impatience que j'attendais de lire la suite pour voir comment tout cela allait évoluer. Ma déception est donc énorme, je suis même en colère, de voir que l'auteure fait marche arrière. Car maintenant que j'ai enfin réussi à tourner la page et à m'intéresser aux nouveaux personnages on repart avec ceux du début. Il n'y a pas de mots pour dire à quel point je suis frustrée car jamais je ne saurai ce qu'ils deviendront tous. Cela devrait tout simplement être interdit.

Ma note : Comme vous l'aurez compris ce tome m'avait convaincu et je m'étais enfin réconciliée avec cette saga. Mais autant dire que cela aura été de courte durée. Je suis dégoutée des choix de l'auteure. Nous ne sommes pas des pantins qu'elle peut trimballer au gré de ses envies (envies découlant probablement des résultats de ses ventes). Si je m'écoutais je lui mettrais la note de 2/5, voir moins, mais cela ne serait pas juste car ce livre est vraiment bien et ne mérite pas de subir les conséquences de ma frustration. Je lui mets donc la note de 4/5.

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