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The Awesome Girl's Guide To Dating Extraordinary Men



Synopsis

Four women. Two years. A friendship to last a lifetime. The only things that Sharita, Thursday, Risa, and Tammy have in common are their disastrous love lives. But the year three of them turn 30 will be different, they swear! Sharita, a plump and conservative accountant wants to make partner at her firm and find the man of her dreams. Thursday, the daughter of a formerly chart-topping political rapper, wants to stop being a serial one-month stander, and settle down into a stable life with a stable boyfriend. Risa, a skinny and audacious electronica punk rocker, wants to finally land an album deal, which she feels is the only way to win back the heart of her on-again of off-again closeted girlfriend. And after getting fired as the spokesmodel for her family's hair company, sweet and gorgeous Tammy wants to prove that she has what it takes to make it on her own. None of these women get what they want, but over the course of two years, they get exactly what they need. And that proves to be the best thing after all.

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Customer Reviews

I bought THE AWESOME GIRL'S GUIDE for one reason - I absolutely raved about 32 CANDLES, the author's first novel. I loved 32 CANDLES so much that I am still recommending it, and I have

given out at least 5 copies as gifts. I never read a plot synopsis of THE AWESOME GIRL'S GUIDE, so I didn't know exactly what to expect. I just knew I would support this author in any endeavor, and pre-purchased this book for my Kindle. So imagine my surprise when I was reading AWESOME GIRL'S GUIDE and I came to realize I could not relate to ANY of the characters. I didn't even like them! I have to say, I DO NOT have friends like these girls! (If I do, they are keeping secrets!) I was not so lost or confused when I was 28, 29, 30, etc. So I was a little impatient and intolerant of their rather glaring flaws. I kept waiting to like Sharita, Risa, Thursday, and it just wasn't happening. Instead, I kept thinking that they are all crazy! Not "they are different from me and I don't share their life view" crazy. I mean, I thought they were "these chicks need therapy" crazy. And I could not imagine where a novel about four young women in need of such psychological help was going to take me. I wasn't even sure I cared what would happen to Risa - I am rather unamused by foul-mouthed lesbian rockstars. I was thinking, "oh no! I am not going to like Mrs. Carter's novel!" But I am writing this review because I was WRONG WRONG WRONG! I was about 40 percent through the novel when this little light started to come on, and I started to see the women as complicated women, as opposed to characters. By the time I hit the halfway point, I pretty much abandoned any thought of returning to the tedium of my day job. I spent the rest of the day reading the book under my desk. I laughed and cried by the end.

I know it will throw some people who see it and automatically assume that it's another self-help book for women written by the latest Twitter dating guru. It so is not. Remember Davie Jones from 32 Candles? Well she's back in a lesser role as the author of said self-help book. You know how awesome Davie is (remember her invitation to crazy line?), so just imagine the kind of advice she gives. Why do I love Ernessa's writing so much and why should you buy this book as soon as you finish this review? Because we all have friends just like the people she writes about. She doesn't create worlds so ridiculous that no one can imagine actually living in them. And her characters are multidimensional and human. Though only one of the women claims to be looking for love, in actuality, all four of them are. Sharita is a by the book accountant whose professional life is on track, but her love life fell off the rails a long time ago. She hates stepping out of her comfort zone and will find every excuse to avoid social gatherings, so when she does meet a man (most likely at work or the grocery store), she goes ghost on her friends, only to reappear when things don't work out. I could write a book on people like that, and if you think about it, you have a friend just like that. Or maybe you're that friend, I'm not judging you (yes, I am). Thursday is the queen of one month stands. Right, not one night stands, one month stands. This love them and leave them queen can

attract men like bees to honey, she just doesn't want to keep them. As soon as it seems like the men are catching feelings, she gives them the old heave ho.

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