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Will you go to the proms with me?

It was love at first sight for Emily and Ethan. But then Em lost his number and, with it, all the hope of finding a real boyfriend before the end of senior year. All she knows about Ethan is his first name, that he has a supercute smile, and that he's going to a prom this month. Which high school? That's anyone's guess....

Em enlists the help of her three best friends, who quickly score formal wear and hail a limo. Together, Emily, Max and Sid vow to find Ethan, to find a cure for senioritis, and most important, to find true love -- one hilarious prom night at a time.

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Siera says

This book ... well, frankly it surprised me. From page one, I was expecting her to end up with Max. The whole time, I thought that it was completely obvious that something would go wrong with Ethan. So, imagine how I felt when the ending that I was anticipating did not happen ... in fact, it was missed by just a breath. I was so sad! Honestly, I wanted her and Max together ... although, I'll have to admit that Ethan's a nice guy. Anyway, this is another of those silly, fluffy romantic books that I love to read for the hour that it takes me, but that I generally forget pretty quick. They simply seem to blend into each other.

Kendra says

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who ever thought a boring end of the year could lead to crashing and searching and having the time of the year. Like the sub title i think 4 friends 9 proms 1 month Priceless. who would have thought that just a normal day with friends talking about prom could lead to all that happens with all the prom and their friends.

This story was very interesting for me who has never been to prom or even think of trying to crash prom. i think the people who should read this book can be anyone who is interested in fun laughter prom and twists and turns. you can be a person who had never been to prom or a person who has because i suspect no one has ever had a prom like this. At any age you could read this and think of it.

the story was very fun i loved how i thought i knew what was gonna happen and then in the end bam!!! it changed and the bam!! it changed again but to have a great ending like that i thought how cool it was to have read this book and makes me think of how nice it was and how my prom would be.

Emma says

Emily, her cousin Charlie, best friends Max, and Sid, their rocker friend, all go on an adventure to find Ethan, Emily's future prom date, if they can find him. After meeting him only once, getting only his first name and number, her cousin accidentally cleans a spill on the napkin the info was in. She enlists the help of these three people to crash proms in order to find Ethan and be able to go to her own prom.

This book is full of laughter, friendship, and romance. I wouldn't have been able to do what Emily and her friends did, but it sure is senior year they will never forget.

Jenn (Booksessed) says

I am horrible at picking out chicklit, so I was wandering around the library searching for pink covers. Yes, I admit it. I stumbled across this book and glanced at the back cover and saw that it was being marketed as a romantic comedy. Consider me sold. (I also love anything with a sassy gay best friend/co-worker).

The book is light and funny. I had a few moments where I laughed out loud. One can easily read the book in the afternoon. I really did like that unlike most romantic comedies, it's the girl who loses the number, not the guy. It's predictable and fun and I really did like it.

The novel takes place in Minnesota and I believe there is some specific local humor that you may not get, but it's small town enough that you're not really missing the gist.

I couldn't really relate to the prom scenes, my own prom was anti-climatic, but I really did love the idea of having that "last hurrah" with your best friends senior year of high school before everyone scatters. I'm also kind of tormented about the wrap up of the secondary plot with Matt, but I am a stickler for nice guys (I'm dating one). But the ending is cute and predictable in the way only chicklit can be.

I would definitely recommend this one to anyone who adores either YA or chicklit or both. It's a lovely way to spend a Saturday. (Or a Superbowl Sunday).

Kat Rose says

I liked the book. It had a adventure with a pinch of love.

Emily and Ethan fell in love at first sight when Ethan came into Emily's job. Ethan gave her his number, but then Emily loses the number and loses her chance at finding true love. All Emily knows is his name and that he is going to prom. Emily enlists the help of her friends to find Ethan and to have their last adventure before they graduate. Emily, Charlie(Emily's cousin), Sid, and Max (Emily's Best Friend) go to nine proms. See what happens next and read Prom Crashers.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Jennifer Rummel for TeensReadToo.com

It's prom season, and what better way to celebrate than reading PROM CRASHERS?

Emily met Ethan while working in the mall. He wrote his digits on a napkin, but her co-worker (Charlie, a good friend) used the napkin without realizing it. So, while Emily finds herself crushing over Ethan, she now has no way to contact him, until she comes up with a plan.

Emily wants to crash all the area high school proms with her three best friends. However, it's easier said than done. None of them are going to their respective proms and thus they don't have formal attire. Security at

other proms could cause problems, and who knows if they can even find Ethan. They agree to the plan as a way to pass time during the super-boring last months of senior year. Even if they don't find Ethan, it will be an adventure to remember forever.

Erin Downing takes a ritual high school event and turns it into something crazy wild and totally fun. The four friends must find ways to sneak around security and handle multiple proms on one night. Be sure to check out the author's MySpace page for a DANCING QUEEN playlist, as well, which was the author's previous release.

Add PROM CRASHERS to your pile of books to read because it's fabulously fun!

H says

This was really, really, *really* stupid, with no real redeeming qualities. I mean, I'll be the first to admit that a lot of the books I read are silly, but they're at least funny and entertaining. This took me *forever* to read because I couldn't get into it to save my life. What could have been really funny just ended up being flat, silly, stupid, and boring. The only part I liked about it was the end--Ethan's song dedication to Emily at her prom. That was funny. And the whole making out on their first date thing and the "borrowing" the prom dresses, a.k.a. stealing them? What's *that* about?

Katrina Passick Lumsden says

Blank stare

Blink

Sigh

I read this because I remember at least slightly enjoying Erin Downing's Drive Me Crazy. OK, *and* because I have less than a month to read ten more books to reach my goal for the year and these are nice, quick reads. All I usually ask for from these books is perhaps a few laughs, a minimum of stupidity, and some saccharine romance. Prom Crashers failed on all counts for me, save perhaps for the minimum stupidity aspect. I did enjoy the fact that none of the characters seemed particularly stupid but, as it turns out, that isn't enough to make a book enjoyable for me.

It started out innocently enough, with our main protagonist, Emily, sitting at work waxing poetic about how she doesn't have a date for senior prom. In walks dashing Ethan and it's love at first sight. But tragedy! Ethan writes his number down on a napkin and Emily's cousin and co-worker, Charlie, uses said napkin to wipe up a spill, obliterating lover boy's digits in the process! The horror.

Enter the idea of crashing various high school proms in order to track down the elusive lover boy. With the help of Charlie (he's gay and Downing was really bordering on stereotypical with his character), Charlie's best friend Sidney, and Emily's best friend, Max, they eventually find Ethan at the 8th prom they crash. Before this happens, however, Emily and Max share "a moment", so by the time things get going with Ethan, Emily is really confused. Is she supposed to be with Ethan, Mr. Love At First Sight, or is she supposed to be

with Max, Mr. I Didn't Look Twice At You Until You Had A Boyfriend And Seemed Happy?

And *that*, that right there was what turned this book from something that could be at least mildly enjoyable, to something that ended up being slightly irritating. General romance formula involves a slight love triangle in order to create an obstacle. For every author who employs this particular formula, there is the ever-important decision of who gets the girl. Or who the girl chooses, if you'd rather look at it from that angle. In a story where the cute, sweet best guy friend seems to be pining achingly after our heroine, the path that makes sense is generally the path of least resistance; boy and girl have been best friends since childhood, are comfortable with each other, know everything about each other, can't imagine life without the other, etc. When the two finally get together, the reader generally experiences that comforting (if somewhat nauseating) rush of warmth that often produces a breathy sigh and perhaps an utterance of "Awwww".

In this book, however, we're shown how sweet and awesome Max is, then shown how he apparently wants to be with Emily only to be profoundly confused when we're treated to a scene where Emily and Max are laughing hysterically about how silly it would be for the two of them to be more than friends.

I'm sorry, what?

So the real knight in shining armor, Ethan, gets a total of a few pages in this book while Max gets chapters, then Ethan is ungraciously thrown by the wayside while Emily tries to "figure things out", then Ethan is *back* because Max, after being an ass to Emily every time he saw her with Ethan, has decided he's cool with their relationship after all.....

When it was over, I had the distinct bruises that were a tell-tale sign I'd been smacked around like a ping-pong ball.

I guess maybe this story could work for some people, and I can *almost* appreciate Downing's attempt at unpredictability. But for me, rooting for Max throughout the entire book (after being lulled by the author into some sense that Max would be the best one for Emily) only to have the entire thing laughed at and disregarded in a matter of seconds...it was disorienting and slightly insulting. Also, if Ethan really were the one for Emily, it would have been nice to have gotten to know him a little better before the book's end.

So while I appreciated the premise and the fact that the characters were generally respectful (of each other and themselves), I didn't laugh once and was pretty disappointed with how the two love interests were treated.

Sana Noor says

This was fun read. Its short, quick and definitely a summer read. I had a blast reading about Emily and her friends.

Emily doesn't have a date for prom, this fact alone is bad but throw in a mother and sister completely gaga about prom and you feel down all the time. So, when she meets 'yummy' Ethan, she figures he's the perfect guy for her. Only problem, she took his number and then lost it. The only clue she has is that he's attending prom too, only she has no idea for which school. So, the daring and adventurous Emily decides to crash

every single prom in the city in order to find her Mr. Perfect.

When i finished this book, i wanted to do all the things that Emily and her friends did to accomplish their goal. She had put everything on the line just to find that one guy who she thought was perfect for her, never mind the fact that she was running on instinct alone.

Anyone looking for an easy summer read, grab this book. You'll have fun reading this and won't want to put it down till you turn the very last page!

Vivian says

This is one of those romantic comedies where you know who ends up with who. i found it interesting how Emily actually went through all that just to find Ethan. i get it if there was something more you knew about the guy but all she knew was his name and his number. but she lost it which led to all the problems. In real life i don't think anyone would've went through all that. Well at least not anyone that i know.

I like how in these books the characters are very well developed. Which for me helps me understand the story more and find it easier for me to react to the book and have my own opinion on what's going on.honestly if i were her i wouldn't go through all that. But it was pretty exciting, fun and sneaky.

Li Xian Chen says

Prom Crashers by Erin Downing was an enjoyable book for me. The main character Emily decided to turn her last memories before she goes off to college with very memorable moments. She crashed 9 proms went with 4 friends on a fun adventure. Emily met a guy named Ethan at the place where she worked but she didn't know what school he goes to except that he was going to prom. She and her friends decided to crash 9 proms to find him. She found him at last but what trouble she had to go through just to find one person. I thought that this book reminded me of wedding crashers because instead of crashing weddings they crashed proms. It would be pretty fun to go to other proms instead of your own. You experience all the different things that happen at each prom and what a lovely and fascinating story you can make from it.

Yushi Wang says

This novel followed Emily's senior year. Emily is on a journey to find Ethan, a boy she fell in love with at first sight. However, she knows nothing about him, not even his last name. With the help of her three best friends, they became the prom crashers. School after school, they dressed up for prom in hopes of finding Ethan.

I thought that this novel was entertaining because it was interesting to read about how they manage to crash other high school's proms without getting caught. The novel was unpredictable and the ending wasn't what I expected.

Kailey says

This book was a super quick read. It was very entertaining, but there wasn't a lot of substance. If you're just looking for a way to be entertained this book is for you!

Vivian says

Prom has become a long standing traditional event held at the end of the senior year for high school students. Students have dreamed about this one night fantasizing about what they think a prom should be like. However for Emily her senior year will be one to remember. One day she had met the boy of her dreams and had gotten his phone number. But no life is a fairy tale ending. After losing his number, she is determine to find the boy in time for her own senior prom. But how can she when all she knows is his name and that he is attending a prom of his own. How else but to crash every other high school prom in the area. This is one funny book that shows how one prom might not be enough to get a fairy tale ending.
