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A free-spirited photographer, Julia has married a man she loves, but he's come packed with baggage. Tim is a widower with a young daughter, and Julia has bravely stepped up to the plate, doing her best to provide maternal support. But as if being pinned down by the child's slightly manipulative ways and (dare Julia say it) spoiled behavior wasn't enough, there's Tim's ex-mother-in-law, whose meddling is getting nastier by the week.

For Polly, Beth, Carolyn, and Julia, the time has come to stand up for what matters—for their passions, their hearts, and themselves. As they maneuver through family drama and embrace unexpected change, they come to find that life is much easier (and a lot more fun) when you've got friends, wine, and chocolate along for the ride.

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## **From Reader Review The Hot Flash Club Strikes Again for online ebook**

### **Wendy Faulkner says**

It was even better than the first one, I loved it!!

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### **Ness says**

I read the first book, but apparently it was too long ago, because I had a hard time keeping track of who the club members were. All the new characters were great, and this book focused far more on them than the club members. The story was well written though, enough to draw and keep my attention. She does a nice job wrapping the story up happily without making it too perfect and sappy. This happy ending lover was content.

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### **Phyllis Wright says**

I almost wish these women were real, live people so we could all become friends!

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### **Hannie says**

Ook dit boek moest op het einde uit. Het verhaal is qua opzet deels hetzelfde als deel 1. Vier vrouwen leren elkaar kennen en helpen elkaar bij hun problemen. Toch heb ik erg genoten van het verhaal. De vier vrouwen uit deel 1 kwamen er ook weer in voor. Dat was leuk. Al hoewel met name Faye een prominente rol had. Op naar deel 3.

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### **Kat Duncan says**

So anxious to start book 3. These women are like a group of friends everyone would love to have. And the new group just adds to the different elements of relationships and life experiences on so many levels. Polly is probably my favorite. Can't wait to see what the future holds for her!!

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### **Cynthia says**

I have determined that I truly like this author for her 'on the money' depiction of friendships among women of a "certain age". This was my second meeting of the women of the Hot Flash Club and I was delighted to learn more about them. However four new women are introduced in this book, each with her own individual drama. They set out to help each other and in particular to figure out if the father of one has hooked up with a

young gold-digger. This calls for a little espionage. The dialogue is again witty and full of funny references to the inevitable changes that come with age. I related and enjoyed. This offering also deals with the serious issues of caring for a proud aging relative, handled in such a touching and loving way. Very moving. I do recommend that you read all of the books in order.

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### **LaRhonda says**

Took me awhile to get through it...but I made it

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### **Louise says**

This second novel was even better than the first! I'm definitely keeping this in my 'permanent collection' right alongside the first Hot Flash Club!!

From back cover:

When Polly, Beth, Carolyn, and Julia meet in a hot tub at the spa, they find a common thread of experience: toxic relatives. What's there to be done about undermining, meddling, scheming in-laws? These amazing women decide to fight fire with fire, and vow to help one another resolve their individual problems - no matter how much secret videotaping, surreptitious snooping, and fiendish strategizing they must resort to. For the time has come to stand up for what matters - for their passions, their hearts, and themselves. As they maneuver through family drama and embrace unexpected change, this fantastic foursome comes to find that life is much easier (and a lot more fun) when you've got friends, wine, and chocolate along for the ride."

EXCELLENT NOVEL, I hope there is a third!!

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### **Chris says**

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Likes the first one better :-)

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### **Marita says**

Good follow up to the first book. Now on to book 3

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### **Trudy says**

I can relate!

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### **Phair says**

I loved book 1 maybe because I read it at "that certain age" where it really hit home. This was a let-down. I had a hard time reconnecting with who was who from the first book then she adds 4 new characters and their assorted children, in-laws, & boyfriends to keep track of. TOO MUCH! Seemed much less focused than the first. So while I still like the series and will continue to read (ending seemed to set us up for #3) this entry missed the mark.

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### **Debbie Tanguay says**

not great introduces new members from 1st book

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### **Monkeyface says**

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### **Victoria Murata says**

I was prepared to not like this book. It looked and sounded "frilly", but my friend recommended it and said it's a good light read. I had just read a couple of heavy books so I dove in.

More de-LIGHT-ful than light, I enjoyed it very much. Thayer is a good writer, and I intend to read more from her. This book was written ten years ago and there are references that date it--for example, when all the women pull out their calendars to write something down. But for the most part it's current and fun.

Thayer's group of women "of a certain age" call themselves the Hot Flash Club and they've bonded together and meet regularly mostly to discuss things that would bore their husbands/sig. others including dating after 60, weight and health challenges, family relationships.

This book also has a few younger women who meet each other in the hot tub at the spa and form friendships. Their issues are typical of the more youthful age--pregnancy, step-motherhood, mothers-in-law, schooling and employment. But Thayer has a wry sense of humor and keeps the writing lively.

She also has a large list of characters to keep track of, but their individual "stories" help keep them all in perspective.

A couple of character's stories didn't have satisfactory endings. I wanted to know more about how Beth and her future mother-in-law worked things out, and how did Claudia's will and estate end up? Was there anything that Polly found that she would treasure? Did her mother-in-law soften at all towards her in the end?

All in all, very enjoyable!

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