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Every bachelorette party has a surprise...

Angie Lawson is in Bridesmaid Hell--if Hell was a strip club filled with screaming women in stilettos. But her night's about to get a whole lot worse. Now her ex-boyfriend is standing right in front of her--every sexy, delicious inch of him--and Cole Foster isn't the kind of guy that any woman can just ignore....

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### **Samantha March says**

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Sometimes romance books can rub me the wrong way. It can be all sex and bedroom time and no real plot or depth, but I'm happy to say I didn't feel that way with this one! I'm also a mystery fan, so I'm sure it helped that Angie and Cole (past ex's) had teamed up to help find out who is knocking out the bridesmaids one by one in an upcoming wedding Angie is in. Sometimes though the plot points could be a bit silly, like they were just trying to make sure a side story happened that wasn't just sex, but you know what – I liked it! If you didn't think too hard about the story it was pretty enjoyable. And let's be real– who needs a serious book every time? If you're looking to get away, get a bit of mystery and lots of steamy romance, I recommend this one!

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### **Janet says**

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### **Barbara Roth says**

I was lucky enough to receive an advanced copy of this book, while reading three others. I'm glad it was a quick read. The story moved along rather quickly but the pace worked for this book. This book had a bit of everything, which I always love. I love how Angie doesn't feel as if she 'fits in' to the world of fashion and 'slutty' behavior. She sounds like a girl who isn't afraid to get her hands dirty and I like that about her character. She attends her best friend's wedding, in which she is a bridesmaid. Her best friend is the groom. While she doesn't blend with the bridal party, she suffers through this ordeal because of her friendship with the groom. During the bachelorette party, she runs into her ex, Cole, who pretends to be a stripper. This is the same man who's always accepted her for herself but left years earlier without any type of reason or explanation. He broke her heart. He was a cop back then but we, the readers find out that he's currently a private detective. He enlists the help of Angie to get inside the wedding party. He's investigating one of the bridesmaids. To make his appearance look legitimate, he must incorporate himself flawlessly into the bridal party so he doesn't rouse suspicion. What better way then to pretend to be Angie's romantic interest? The bridal party has a series of accidents and the intrigue and mystery begin. While both Cole and Angie have serious trust issues in regards to their past, they both want and need each other but have secrets from the past. While the reason for his investigation is a bit sketchy in places, I enjoyed the book very much. I loved the dialogue between both he and Angie. I wasn't too fond of the supporting cast, though.

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## **Lori T-m says**

I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads (thank you SO much to the author and to Goodreads!!) It came in the mail today and I had a hard time putting it down; 5 stars from me. Overall, I really liked the book. I like that the author used normal, relatable names for her characters (angie, cole, robin, brittany, etc). This book was easy to read, had enough steamy scenes but not so much that it felt pornographic (I happen to like those too, haha). The characters were easy to like and easy to understand. I didn't have a difficult time conjuring up ideas for what these people looked like (when I read, I sort of play it like a movie in my mind. Some books I struggle to play the movie, this book was very easy for me to find my "movie"). Without further hesitation, here's a little summary: Angie is a tomboy type. She has been chosen as a bridesmaid in her best friend's wedding, except that her best friend is the groom. She's not close with the bride but accepts the bridesmaid role because of her love and lifelong friendship to the groom. While at the bachelorette party, she runs into her ex (Cole), the same one who flew the coop a year ago and left her heart broken without much explanation. Cole was a cop at the time and obviously has made some poor decisions in the past year since he's a stripper now (she thinks). It's revealed pretty quickly that he is no longer a cop, but is an undercover private investigator and he needs Angie's help to get him on the inside of the wedding party. His target of investigation is another bridesmaid (skip to the end of the review to see my opinion on that). In order for Cole to do his job, he and Angie must fake a romance so that no one is suspicious of him. The bridesmaid under investigation just so happens to get injured and can no longer be in the wedding, and not very long after, another bridesmaid has a medical emergency and doesn't seem to be able to participate. Are these just bad luck accidents? Is someone trying to ruin the wedding? Is someone picking off bridesmaids 1 by 1? Why? Who? Is Angie the next target or is she secretly sabotaging her best friend's wedding? Amongst all this, Cole is struggling with things from his childhood that have made it hard for him to trust and love. He wants Angie and Angie wants him but is there too much conflict and hurt in his past for him to give 100% of himself? Can he trust and let someone in all the way? Can Angie get over what's happened to them in the past and can she handle some secrets about Cole that she never knew?

\*\*\*\*my ONE honest complaint\*\*\*\* The only issue I had with this book was the purpose of Cole's investigation. I think it could have been much more interesting. It didn't seem like a practical case. Cole specializes in reuniting estranged families, which is a personal thing for him more than just a job that pays bills. The bridesmaid he is investigating used to be into drugs and alcohol and her family cut her off and lost contact. They have hired Cole to snoop around, find their daughter, and see if their daughter is still making poor choices and if she isn't, they would like her back in their lives. That just seems ridiculous to me and kind of boring as well. A different type of investigation would have made this a little more exciting. I loved the book but found myself often asking "Cole's original entire involvement is all because someone wants to know if their adult daughter is doing drugs before they reunite with her?" Cole really poured his heart into finding out these answers and it just seemed like so much effort (going undercover as a stripper, convincing your ex to fake a relationship, convincing everyone else that they were in a relationship) in order to find out a simple answer. If she was reckless and a substance abuser, I would have thought it would have been more apparent and wouldn't have required a private investigator rearranging his entire life to get answers. I don't like to dwell on negatives though, this was just a small thing that I personally thought could have been improved. Other readers may not give it a second thought. 5 stars from me!

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## **Autumn says**

This book is a fast read I read it in one sitting. The story flowed really well for me, there were no spots where it stalled out for me. I loved just about everything about this story. The only thing that had me beating my

head against the wall was the miss-communication and how everything would have been sorted out if Cole would have just opened up to Angie. I understand that it was hard for Cole to talk about his past and parents but come on you were with Angie for a year and you say you trust her but when it comes down to it you really didn't and that is what did in your relationship.

I feel for Angie, and maybe its because I'm a woman but I don't care she has the right to be upset and mad at Cole for what he put her through. I think my heart stopped when Angie seen Cole up on the stage at the strip club. I felt what she felt in that moment hurt confused and pissed off more than you can believe. What I really loved and got a real kick out of was that Cole had to come almost crawling to Angie to get help for his case boy I would have had fun with that. As the case heats up so does the attraction between Cole and Angie and come on who is going to resist a guy like Cole. Angie just thinks that her and Cole are going to hook up for the wedding but as Cole starts to share with her, Angie starts to think well maybe and the what happens Cole puts her on the FRIEND list after she gives him her heart again in that moment I wanted Angie to kick is ass sooo bad. Another thing that pissed me off was Patrick (who is the one getting married to the bride from hell) doesn't stick up for Angie more when everything with the wedding comes to a head. If he was my best friend I would have some words with him. Even after Angie saves his wedding! I love the end and I would love to read about what Cole and Angie go through in the next step in there relationship. So if your looking for a book that makes you glad that your not a bridesmaid, has a hot ex boyfriend begging for help, mystery, and the power of real friendship because what Angie went through was hell but she did it for her best friend.

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### **Lori says**

When I first read the blurb for this book, I knew I would like it. But the first scenes of the first chapter had me hooked. My heart was racing and sinking with the angst that was happening. I loved it! The book was so sweet! I hated all the miscommunication between Angie and Cole. If they would only listen...

I enjoyed the mystery part of who was sabotaging the wedding. I really wanted Angie to put the bride in her place several times. I believe that this was a great story since it could evoke so many emotions out of a person. Loved loved loved the happy ending. And I truly loved Angie and Cole!

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### **Farrah says**

Hot, steamy, and adorably sweet. The Bridesmaid's Best Man was a fantastic romance. I absolutely loved it!

I loved the two main characters in this book. They were great and tons of fun to read about.

Angie is a tom-boy to the core and, as a result of all the people who tried to change her into a girly-girl, is rather insecure. So, she takes Cole breaking up with her on a deeper level because it hit all her insecurities. Despite her self-consciousness, I thought she was a strong heroine. One that wasn't about the change to please anyone. She knew when to stand up for herself and when to forgive. I thought she was a great heroine.

Cole was just as wonderful. Because of his past with his parents, he has deep a deep seated belief that he is unlovable. And, when he breaks up with Angie, it's because of the fear he has that, if she continues to know him better, she will come to hate him. His past is one hell of a story, and I won't give it away. But, I will say that it was a surprise. Though he finds himself lacking, I thought he was perfect. He was incredibly sweet,

dedicated to helping others, and basically completely adorable. Loved him!

The romance was a perfect mix of sweet and spicy. Angie and Cole may have broken up, but their feelings never faded and that was obvious from the minute they reunited. They are what you call true love. And, damn, were there sparks flying between them! The heat between them was on fire. They were a perfect couple.

The plot was fast paced and I was hooked the entire way through. The mystery of who was targeting the bridesmaids had me on the edge of my seat. And, though I had suspicious about who was responsible, the reveal took me by surprise. And the ending was lovely.

The Bridesmaid's Best Man was a wonderful romance about a second chance. It was hot, sweet, and thrilling. I loved every bit of it! Lovers of romance, you definitely need to read this book.

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### **Dani C. (Paulette's Papers) says**

This is a fast paced, hot romance with a hint of mystery. Not too long, this contemporary romance takes place during a crazy, drama filled wedding celebration. We start the story off at a strip club where Angie is trying to do her part as a bridesmaid. She is best friends with the groom and he persuaded his high maintenance bride to have her as a bridesmaid. Angie was shocked when she sees her ex-boyfriend dancing on stage as one of the strippers. What is even more surprising was the feelings she still has for him...

I have to say the whole drama surrounding the wedding was a bit much. While I understand it was needed for the whole mystery aspect of the plot I just thought it was slightly over the top. Of course that could be because I just don't understand the whole diva bride thing.

This is really a nice story to enjoy on a lazy afternoon. I recommend this to anyone who is looking for a light, fun book with a good, solid plot and lots of yummy romance!

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### **Sandi Whipple says**

It took me almost two weeks to read 5 other books that I have yet to review. I won this book on goodreads and it arrived this morning, faster than a speeding bullet I might add. I just this minute finished reading it. As is more than obvious, I couldn't put it down! Romance Suspense, Romance Mystery, shelve it where you will. Just be sure you put it on the TOP SHELF, cause' that's where it belongs.

Planning a wedding is a lot of hard work, but it's supposed to be a bit fun and exciting. Brittany is such a self centered snob with very poor taste, she actually had her assistant in business, Cheryl, handling almost everything pertaining to planning the wedding. Strange things start happening at the bachelorette's stripper party. Angie, a dear friend of Patrick, the groom, reluctantly agrees to be in the wedding party and attends the stripper party. She's more than shocked to see her policeman ex-boyfriend Cole, as one of the strippers! From there other strange things continue to happen that threaten Brittany and Patrick's wedding! I felt sorry early on for one of the characters, and it wasn't warranted, and the character I thought was a jerk, well, that

wasn't warranted either. I'm scared to say any more for fear of giving away the story! The creation of Brittany and the insecurities of Angie were described and written to perfection. This was a wonderful, page turning, romantic suspense! An absolutely fabulous read!

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### **Cheryl says**

So I have read books by this author and enjoyed them. I know what this author can bring to the table. Sadly, I thought this book was just ok. It was not up to par. It was a quick read. I was not digging the characters so much in this book. So I was only half interested in what was happening in the story. Just like Angie I was so over the whole thing. I did not care who had tried to knock off one of the bridesmaids. I thought they were too catty and not people I would be friends with. However I did like Angie. The tomboy attitude she brought was cool. I like to think of myself as a tomboy but with a fun girly side too.

While Cole was sexy, I questioned his ability to be a private investigator. It seemed that Angie was doing Cole's job and he was just tagging along for the "benefits". But pretending to do his job. The upside of things is that Cole and Angie were good together. Angie needed a guy like Cole to help balance her out and bring her girly side out.

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### **Tiffany says**

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Synopsis from Back of Book:

Angie Lawson is in Bridesmaid Hell – if Hell was a strip club filled with screaming women in stilettos. But her night's about to get a whole lot worse. Now her ex-boyfriend is standing right in front of her—every sexy, delicious inch of him—and Cole Foster isn't the kind of guy that any woman can just ignore...

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My Honest Review:

I am all for a steamy easy to read romance novel from time to time and I am aware that the story line can often be a little far-fetched but for some reason, this one just didn't feel realistic to me. I just don't see why he would break up with Angie given how hot he is for her and even to go undercover. He could have told her what he was up to, in fact he should have since he knew she was in the bridal party and was bound to run into her anyway. Overall, it was ok.

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### **Emily says**

Angie Lawson never said she was a girly girl, she tends to be laid back and casual. Being a bridesmaid is the pits, the bride to be is high maintenance, the bridal party is like a cat fight merry go round, and finding her

ex-boyfriend is a stripper is enough to have her hightailing it out of town.

Last Angie saw of Cole Foster who was a cop at the time, he was walking out of her life. Now Cole who is undercover and investigating the bridal party, needs his ex's help. Angie isn't sure she can do it, but she agrees and finds herself falling for Cole again.

Entertaining rollicking fun, I thought the introduction to Cole was hilarious. I felt for Angie, he is utterly confused and Cole mans up and gives her the lap dance of her life. Extremely fun read, perfect for when you just need to smile.

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## Kimberly says

My review cross-posted from Wit and Sin: <http://witandsin.blogspot.com/2013/09...>

When her best friend gets engaged, Angie Lawson finds herself in wedding hell. Between a diva bride, two backstabbing bridesmaids, a controlling assistant, and more events than you could shake a stick at, Angie's one step away from stabbing herself with Bridezilla's stilettos. Just when she thinks things can't get any worse, Angie's ex-boyfriend shows up at the bachelorette party...as a stripper.

Breaking up with Angie was the hardest thing Cole Foster has ever done, but he knows she deserves better than him. But when he goes undercover in a strip club for a case, he finds himself in the path — and in the lap — of the woman he can't stop thinking about. And when someone knocks out the maid of honor, Cole is forced to ask Angie for help with his case. He needs to get close to the bridal party and she's his only hope of doing so.

Though Angie doesn't want to get her heart broken again, she can't say no to Cole. But the longer they're around one another, the less either is able to deny the sizzling chemistry between them...

It may take a strip club, an insane bridal party, and some smoking-hot sex, but true love gets a second chance in ***The Bridesmaid's Best Man***. Angie and Cole's story is fast-paced and fun, thanks to Susanna Carr's superb storytelling.

Angie is an outstanding heroine. She's more comfortable in track pants and playing basketball than she is wearing stilettos and hitting the spa. It broke my heart that people constantly wear down her self-esteem by suggesting that she's unfeminine. Her breakup with Cole is the last straw in this area (she mistakenly believes her dominant attitude in the bedroom drove him away) and one of my favorite things about ***The Bridesmaid's Best Man*** was watching Angie find her confidence again. Cole, in turn, is a former cop with a scarred heart and a sexy swagger. What's most appealing about him is that he finds Angie hot-as-hell just as she is and he doesn't try to change her. Though the two of them fit great together, it's not an easy road to happily ever after. Cole's childhood has left him feeling unlovable and because of this, he pushes Angie away, even though he cares for her. I do wish Ms. Carr had shown some parts of their first romance in flashbacks, but even with just staying in the present, I really enjoyed watching Angie and Cole find their way back to one another.

Wedding drama and a bit of mystery involving someone trying to bump off bridesmaids adds further spark to ***The Bridesmaid's Best Man***. Even though I cringed along with Angie in some parts, I liked this plotline just as much as I did the romance. I wouldn't wish that wedding on anyone, but it sure made for one heck of a



story.

*The Bridesmaid's Best Man* is a sensual, engaging story with a heroine and hero who are sure to capture your heart. If you like second chance romances, Angie and Cole's book is for you.

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## Sophia says

A Bridezilla, a series of seeming accidents, backstabbing bridesmaids, and an ex who suddenly reappears at the bachelorette party sounded all sorts of fun to me so I leaped at the chance to read this one.

The story opens with Angie Lawson reluctantly attending the bachelorette party of her best friend's bride to be and just wishing it was all over. The cutting words because she doesn't fit in with all the girly girls, two of the bridesmaids can't stand each other's guts, and the bride's moods and dictates driving everyone crazy and the strip club is so not Angie's thing. Then she can't believe her eyes. The ex that broke her heart and left her over a year ago making it clear that her confident, aggressive bedroom manner and her less than feminine looks and behavior drove him away, is one of the strippers and he has his sights set on a lap dance with Angie.

Cole Foster is undercover trying to dig up information on one of the bridesmaids. He has had them under surveillance so he is well aware that Angie is part of the group. He needs to be close to the wedding party and Angie is the only way he can do it though if he was honest, he just wants to be close to Angie again. She's the only woman he'll ever love, but he can't be with her because once she got to know the real him, she'd dump him anyway.

Angie reluctantly agrees to help Cole and as she feared, it stirs up her tamped down emotions again. She still loves him, but it's not enough and Cole still hesitates to trust Angie with the truth about his past. Meanwhile, deadly accidents are happening within the wedding party and Angie may be on that list as well.

Okay. That is the word I would use for this story. I couldn't get into it. It wasn't awful, but it wasn't very engaging for me either. There was some humor to it all though the antics generally fell on the heavy-handed side for me.

The group of characters did not endear themselves to me. Cole and Angie were both pretty insecure and made a habit out of misreading words and motives. I just didn't get into them. I will say that I was a bit intrigued by Cole since he is one of those rare beta heroes. I didn't hold that against him and actually don't mind that type personality for a change. Angie's dominant nature wasn't a problem either. It was just the back and forth stuff that got old.

Then there were Angie's so called friends. Her best friend let his awful bride (he lost points right there marrying that beastly woman) rip Angie a new one when he knew she didn't deserve it. That's one of the most distracting things about the story- that wedding. It totally upstaged the romance plot much of the time. I was so distracted by the thought of anyone marrying the nightmare bride, Brittany and I honestly couldn't figure out why all those people jumped through the fiery hoops over alligator infested waters for her. By all rights, she should have been left alone with her signature pink bubblegum Brittini drink to hopefully get plastered and mellow.

All in all, it's an okay read that had its funny moments, its sexy times and offered a second chance romance

for two tentative people.

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## **Claire says**

I received The Bridesmaid's Best Man as part of a Goodreads giveaway.

Angie Lawson, unenthusiastic bridesmaid at her best (male) friend's wedding once again finds herself in the company of Cole, "the one who got away," a cop-turned-PI who is investigating one of her fellow bridesmaids. As the wedding date draws nearer, mysterious misfortunes begin to befall the bridal party just as Cole and Angie rediscover the attraction that drew them together in the first place.

Wasn't really impressed with this one. The rest of the bridal party was really just too mean/catty to be believed, and Cole had some serious emotional hang-ups that IMHO rendered him too pathetic to even function in society, much less be in a healthy romantic relationship. To seriously take on all the blame for your parents abandoning you, thinking they weren't at fault at all? It was inferred that Angie was masculine and unattractive--long dark hair, dark eyes, and a personal trainer's body. Yeah, sounds like a real gremlin.

I'd recommend skipping this one.

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