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## Cheryl says

I have not read any of the other books in this series. However after reading s book I will be checking them out. I love the town of Black Dog Bay and the people in it. I really did not know how much I was going to be in love with this book. I could not stop reading it. I found myself chuckling and smiling throughout the book with all of the funny moments. It was not the chemistry that sucked me into Brighton and Jake's world but the witty banter between them.

Brighton really let loose and was a fun loving lady. This was refreshing as I thought she was going to be the stuffy old lady in the suit. Then there is Jake. Yeah, he may be rich but he has a heart of gold. Put this book on your must read list.

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## Obsidian says

What in the world happened with this series? I loved, loved, loved, the first two books. I was so happy and excited to buy this new one. And then I started it and wow. I went from crazy happy to just um okay this is not really that great but maybe it picks up, to just straight up hate reading it to say that I finished it. My overall feeling was one of straight up disappointment.

We have a hero, Jake Sorenson long time readers know as the hot guy who helps out the sad and newly women in Black Dog Bay with getting over their exes by getting under him, and heroine, Brighton Smith.

Brighton's perfect world comes crashing down when her fiancée demands the engagement ring back after a car ride to work (for that alone I would have punched the guy in the face) and after a blast from her past calls her, decides to go to Black Dog Bay to visit her old friend from college. When Brighton's ex calls her to let her know that he just got married to a woman he just met, she gets drunk and gets even by running off to get married to Jake Sorenson.

So the plot is pretty much Brighton doing everything she can to get past Jake's walls with her constantly saying how she just plans on staying married to him for two weeks (how long her vacation time is) with the understanding that they will divorce and or get an annulment. Only problem is, is that Brighton finds herself carrying for Jake and falling for him while having wild passionate sex (that by the way we never get to read about, we either get the before or after no actual sex scenes) and we have Jake with all of the personality of beige wallpaper so one wonders what the heck did Brighton see in him.

I don't know. I get that most contemporary romances are going to just have hero + heroine together in the end with some obstacles thrown in along the way. But seriously, this book from beginning to end makes no sense. It was super frustrating.

Brighton we know came from an unstable childhood because her aging hippie mother didn't get money and now that Brighton is older, she gave up her dream to be a jeweler designer to become an actuary. Instead of Brighton embracing the time off that she in Black Dog Bay by working with Lila (New Uses for Old Boyfriends) she keeps going on and on about things being temporary and just acting put upon the whole time. She drove me crazy. You marry a guy who you know for not even 24 hours, you can't just sit and moan

about how he is not opening up to you. We also don't see any changes with regards to Brighton and her mom at all. Instead it looks like she will keep bailing her out for the rest of her life.

Jake had an interesting backstory and honestly I think that Beth Kendrick would have been better served to make him the sole focus of this book. Why in the world was this book told from Brighton's point of view? Readers know Jake and it would have been awesome to get to know what made him tick. Instead we had a whole cloak and dagger thing going on with regards to his past (and which makes everyone around him seem like the most self interested people ever) and I found myself getting more intrigued by him. He still has the personality of beige wallpaper when he has interactions with Brighton, but I like to think based on his past there was a flashy lavender stripe in the wallpaper barely visible unless you stood up close. What I thought made Jake suck more is his open acknowledgement of why he let someone from his past lead him around by his nose. It was not cute or attractive. I can see why he was referred to as John Gatsby from *The Great Gatsby* at that point.

The secondary characters were just bad in this one. I mean I loved Lila and Malcolm in *New Uses for Old Boyfriends* and still loved them here, but Lila feels paper thin and not even like the same woman she was in book #2. We get a reappearance by Summer (Cure for the Common Breakup) and man oh man I hated her in this one. She acted like a jerky valley girl. We also get some new characters introduced and can I just say they were pretty terrible.

The writing is the same from the previous two books. I think just the dull characters and lack of progression within the book is what tripped me up. I got tired of reading about how hot Jake was or the Jake Sorenson smolder. Reading about how they both liked to drink orange Gatorade (disgusting) after having sex was not a cute little tidbit I had to keep reading over and over again. In fact the whole book felt repetitive. There is no real obstacles here except emotional ones.

The ending will make some readers go awww. It did not make me go awww.

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### **Tandie says**

This was booooooring. I think I only finished it because the audiobook was playing while I was wrapping Christmas presents. Definitely not my cuppa.

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### **Stephanie says**

Chick Lit at it's finest! I really enjoyed this book. I liked the characters a lot and the development of the romance. It was definitely a different take on the fake relationship/marriage of convenience trope. It doesn't exactly fit either of those, but it's similar and I loved it.

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### **Marlene says**

Brighton, leaving nothing to chance, has her life planned out. That is, until her fiancé dumps her and, on a

whim, marries someone else. Needing some time off, she makes her way to Black Dog Bay, a place that jilted lovers flock to. While there, she meets rich and sexy Jake Sorensen and, to spite her ex-fiance, marries him at a drive through chapel. Brighton knows that she's making frivolous decisions, but she doesn't care. She has spent her whole life playing by the book. She's ready to let loose and have some fun! But when Brighton finds out some truths about Jake, she's unsure if she should jump ship or see where this adventure takes her.

What I've always loved about Beth Kendrick's books is that they have a feel-good vibe to them. You just can't pick up one of Beth's books and not leave satisfied with how the story read. With a fun story and a cast of characters you won't soon forget, Put a Ring On It has everything you need for a fantastic read. So if you're looking for a fun book that's all that and a bag of dog treats, this is the one for you.

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### **Lone Tree Reviews says**

Put A Ring On It is about one women's journey to find herself again. Brighton Smith is not having a good day when her fiance decides that he no longer wants to get married in the car taking Brighton to work, so she decided to take some time off and go to a town that has jilted lovers going to called Black Dog Bay. When Brighton meets up with her long lost friend and meets the handsome Jake Sorenson, a phone call from her now ex-fiance says he is now married to someone he barely knows, sends Brighton & Jake on this journey of discovering what true love is really like and what really matters!

I found this book to be a quick read but full of romance, dogs and secrets. I never read anything by Beth Kendrick before but now I want to go read the other books in this series and anything else she has written. You can never go wrong with a book that has a dog on the cover and with a sweet romantic story inside!

Thank You to Beth Kendrick for hoping that this series doesn't end anytime soon.

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### **Samantha March says**

I received a review copy

I do love me some Beth Kendrick novels! So far I've really enjoyed her titles from the Black Dog Bay Series, and was looking forward to adding Put a Ring on It to my reading list. I was more than pleased to get reacquainted with the characters from Cure For the Common Breakup and New Uses For Old Boyfriends, including the much talked about and very well known Jake Sorensen. When I realized how big of role Jake would have in this book, I got pretty excited, because, well, he was an excitable kind of guy to me! Brighton and Jake seem like total opposites, but their story actually worked. While I had a blast reading about their "relationship" I did sometimes get a bit bored with the constant back and forth and running away from one another. It happened just a time too many to really hold my interest, but luckily, there is a lot more going on in the book besides just the two of them, of course! Like I said earlier, it was a lot of fun to catch up the

characters from the past novels, and see how their stories were playing out. I think you could consider this a stand-alone, but I loved the other two books so much that I definitely recommend them. This one wasn't totally up to par to me compared to the first two, but still a great addition to the series!

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## **Melissa says**

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Giveaway for US readers included in this review. Ends 11/15.

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## **OpenBookSociety.com says**

<http://openbooksociety.com/article/pu...>

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Black Dog Bay, Book #3

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Review:

In *Put A Ring On It*, Beth Kendrick takes us back to Black Dog Bay, Delaware. Black Dog Bay is more than just a picturesque Delaware beach town. It is where recently divorced, dumped or cheated on people go to recover. Brighton Smith, the main character, is unaware of its popularity and its magical legend – the appearance of the mystical Black Dog when things are finally right. No for Brighton, insurance actuary, type A personality with a capital A, 10 year planner, no she only knows a dear friend Kira, has recently moved there. Kira's call and casual invitation to come for a weekend could not have happened at a better time. Brighton's fiancée Colin has just broken off their engagement over "zipper merging" among other things. So Brighton decides to be spontaneous for once and plays hooky from work to head to Black Dog Bay for the weekend.

What started as a free weekend to relax and be carefree turns into a horse of a different color when Brighton receives a call from her recently ex'd Colin. He has gotten married to someone he doesn't even know and even used her ring. Brighton decides to let loose and ends up on a private jet with town heartthrob Jake Sorenson. They imbibe a bit too much, but manage to make it to Vegas to get married. And so begins every woman's dream, marrying an extremely hot man who is not only nice, but very wealthy. They decide Brighton should have "2 screwed up weeks". While in town she finds herself drawn to the Naked Finger jewelers and back to a time when she was truly carefree and happy – working with jewelry and design.

Black Dog Bay has all the gossip you would expect in a small town. That leads to funny and at times awkward situations. *Put A Ring On It* is humorous and heart wrenching, entertaining and sentimental. Beth Kendrick has built an amazing and enjoyable town in Black Dog Bay and I was happy to return in this 3rd installment. Each of the books is truly a stand-alone read, but the continuity is delightful. A wonderful romance, filled with tension, however not one bit of tasteless frivolity. It is a truly enjoyable read that is more than just a basic romance novel. It draws the reader in as the characters explore who they are and what they truly want.

\*OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review as part of their ongoing blog tour\*

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### **Chris C - A Midlife Wife says**

I really enjoyed the first two books in this series so when this one showed up for review, I was anxious to dive into it. I love the premise of the book. Brighton is steady and has a plan for her life. Everything is on a schedule and nothing is left to chance. Until her fiancé dumps her and marries someone else. So why not do that same thing? Have fun and enjoy life, right?

She did great with her choice in a man. The problem is she thinks it's all a joke and just for fun... but Jake has other ideas and a few secrets that pop up too.

While I was looking for the same connection I got with the other two stories, I really missed something in this book. The connection between these two seemed off. Brighton was more interested in hanging out with the girls than dealing with her decision and even trying to make it work with Jake. I really wanted more in terms of their future life and love. But it wasn't until the end where you do get the answer.

The humor and wit between the cast and the storyline premise is contagious and a strong part of all of the books by Beth Kendrick. For that I enjoyed reading this new release but I really wanted more in a romance aspect and not as much in the girlfriend stuff. What was enjoyed was the tie-in's to the other stories. But not to worry! There is plenty of info to keep you on track with this as a stand alone read.

All in all, the book is a lovely addition to the Black Dog Bay series with plenty of possibilities for more to come.

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### **Ruth says**

Black Dog Bay Delaware is the place to go after a rough break-up or divorce. On her way to work, Brighton is blind-sided when her fiancé asks for his ring back and dumps her. She calls her old friend, Kira who is a therapist in Black Dog Bay and is invited down for the weekend. Brighton is a button-downed, type A personality who is an actuary with an insurance company. It doesn't get much more boring and dry than that. But like all the other heartbroken women who come to town, her heart goes pit-a-pat and her life gets turned upside down when she meets Jake Sorenson. He has wealth and smoldering good looks while she is just a "regular gal". Is he ever attracted to someone who isn't a platinum blonde bimbo? Can he become emotionally involved with someone?

This is a lighthearted romp which is Book 2 in the Black Dog Series. Legend has it that magical romances can happen in this town and when they do, a black dog is sighted. Will Brighton get to see the Black Dog? I was definitely in the mood for a light, fluffy fun read. I suppose if you weren't in the right mind set, you could become annoyed by the characters in the story and wonder why they just don't talk to each other to clarify these misunderstandings. Suspend belief a little, let yourself go, and just enjoy.

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### **DeB MaRtEnS says**

How does one compare Chicklit to Historical Nonfiction, or Literally Fiction? Well, I don't. I consider writing within its genre, what is therefore expected of a book as a result and then consider where my opinion fits together. I really enjoyed this classic and almost silly Chicklit plot, when the crappiest of circumstances are met with ditzy, blustery romantic impulse, all "When Harry Met Sally", and hopeless to boot. Well, when you read Beth Kendrick's novels you expect excellent froth, perhaps even bubbles of the champagne variety of which there are many in this luscious fantasy with the perfect man, inestimable wealth and an inscrutable past. The third in her Black Dog Bay series, I found it to be one which tried the least but delivered the most. Just the light escape I needed! 4.5 stars.

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### **Chloe says**

I feel like the series is starting to go down hill a little. This one was still good, but probably more like a 3.5. Brighton is a girl who works for an insurance company and plays life very safe. However, when her fiance leaves her for someone else, she decides to do something crazy. She goes to Black Dog Bay and meets and marries the town rebound guy, Jake Sorenson. Jake doesn't date- let alone marry- people, so she wonders why he agrees to do this, but their relationship forges ahead. He's got more money than he knows what to do



with, but Brighton tries to remain very independent and guarded. As the story goes on, they actually start falling for each other until one day, his ex wife shows up! He said he's never been married so Brighton is shocked and devastated. Come to find out, he had gotten married really young and the marriage was annulled, but now her family has lost their fortunes so she is back in town and needs someone to comfort her and take care of her. Brighton ends her relationship with Jake and is furious. Even though she entered into the marriage out of spite, she is crushed to learn that he did the same. He still has feelings for the first girl and he wants to take care of her. Unlike Brighton, she needs him, and I think he likes that.

In the end, Brighton and Jake can't stay apart and they get married. Jake provides the first girl with a job and plenty of creature comforts and so she's happy too. A little weird, but okay! This romance is equally as far fetched as the first one (mayor who keeps to himself and doesn't date, instantly falls in love with the new girl in town), but these aren't meant to be deep literary works.

The title is based on the fact that Brighton has a gift for jewelry design so she leaves her job to stay in Black Dog Bay and work at the jewelry store.

I'd recommend this book, but maybe don't binge the series like I did because they get a little silly and repetitive.

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### **Olivia Farr says**

"Put a Ring on it" is the perfect summer romantic comedy I was hoping for! After having a fight with her fiancé and subsequently being dumped, Brighton takes a last minute weekend trip to visit an old friend in Black Dog Bay. This trip turns into a serious venture when Brighton finds out her ex-fiancé married a woman he just met. She retaliates by marrying a very sexy bachelor, Jake. Predictable gooeyness ensues.

I absolutely adored this book and found myself laughing and sighing along with their relationship. It's totally predictable and the characters are simple, but it's delightful to have such a fun, light PG-13 (nothing is described) read to enjoy from time to time. Despite being part of a series, it worked wonderfully as a stand-alone book. I'll definitely be seeking out the others though, as I just loved the writing style- easy and delightful! I will definitely be reading this one again!

Please note that I received a copy of this book from goodreads giveaways.

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### **Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says**

Every once in awhile we need those super cute, super fun reads that melt our hearts and leave us with a huge smile on our faces when we are done, Put A Ring On It, is one such read.

Set in a fictional town that is every bit as fun as the characters, this is one series that had me within the very first chapters.

Right away I was intrigued by the small town that is all about heartbreak and while this is the third book in the series but my first, it wasn't hard to pick right up in the series and be entertained. These read as a stand alone so no worries about feeling lost or confused, that wasn't the case for me at all.

And I loved this read. It made me remember all over again why I use to crave this slow burning, slow building romances set in a small town that is every bit as lovable as the characters are.

I gobbled this up and was ready for more. I will definitely be picking the other books up in the series soon because it really was, just that much fun.

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