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Grace loves a woman. Annie loves a man. Violet isn't quite sure. But you'll love them all...

Grace has what one might call a 'full and interesting life' which is code for not married and has no kids. Her life is the envy of her friends, who assume she doesn't want that kind of commitment. But all this time she has been waiting in secret for a love that will take her breath away, like the way a wave in a rough sea knocks you over...

When Grace meets a beautiful woman at a party, she falls suddenly and desperately in love. At the same party, lawyer Annie finds the man of her dreams - the only man she's ever met whose table manners are up to her mother's standards. And across the city, Violet, who is mostly afraid of everything, is making another discovery of her own: that for the first time in her life she has fallen for another girl.

A Love Story for Bewildered Girls is a hilarious and heart-warming tale of female friendship and first love in all its guises – a novel to remind us that whatever we think our happy ending should be, life can have other, sometimes far better, plans.

A Love Story for Bewildered Girls Details

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Roman Clodia says

For me, a betwixt and between kind of book: a step up from chick-lit but not weighty enough for literary fiction. I like that it takes gay characters and a woman with depression as 'normal', without making a thing of them, but there are no real breakout storylines or insights.

It's hard to believe that Annie should get herself into the situation she does, and one of the highlights is when she emerges as the ballsy character we expect her to be. By the end, female friendship reigns supreme - nice, if hardly novel.

A cute, girly read, then (I felt all the characters were emotionally younger than their given ages of around 30) but not one which will linger in my mind.

Thanks to Penguin for an ARC via NetGalley.

Pamela Sargent says

I had high expectations for this book but it didn't quite deliver. It was an interesting take on a love story and represented a wide range of LGBTQ characters and different personalities but no characters stood out for me and I felt like the narrative was lacking. It was also very difficult to get into and took me a few goes before I managed to stick with it! I'd be interested to see further offerings from this author as I did like her writing but this novel wasn't one of my favourites.

Note : A copy of this book was provided to me by Netgalley for review.

TracieB♠? says

Can i just say firstly, i want to read this again already!! WONDERFUL AND UPLIFTING!

This will be one of those books i smile fondly about when i hear/see/think about!

What a delightful story, i just adored it. It was Quirky and amusing and i just loved all the characters, nobody dominated the story as all 3 were very unique in their own way.

This book has one of those writing styles that you just get hooked in within the first few pages, that was it for me, goodbye housework, goodbye being an adult and having to do adulty things, i needed to read this and read it all now!

Cannot rate this highly enough and very deserving full 5 stars!... well done Emma Morgan can't wait to read more from you.

Little Green Teapot says

Firstly, this isn't necessarily the kind of book that I would normally read – I'm not really one for love stories – but I was drawn to this because of its LGBT+ characters and it seemed a little quirky which I liked.

I gave it 3 stars, ultimately, because I felt like there needed more going on for the characters to show themselves more. They weren't lacking in depth, but I feel that perhaps I would have got more from them if their situations were varied more.

That is not to say I did not enjoy it, I very much did. It was a breath of fresh air and I especially appreciated how subtly their lives intertwined without losing their own individual stories.

If you're looking for an enjoyable LGBT+ fiction focussed on love stories or a less traditional 'chick lit' then this really is a treat.

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Katie says

This is a love story, but a love story with twists – and one we don't get to read about often.

This is a love story about Grace, Annie, and Violet. It's a story about first time love – for all three characters – and how it doesn't always end up quite as we expect it to be. Grace falls in love at first sight with a girl at a party. At the same time, lawyer Annie meets a successful man she thinks she could settle down with. And elsewhere, Violet, who rents Annie's spare room, finds herself falling for a girl for the first time.

The three story strands eventually intersect about halfway through the novel – one excellent sentence shocks you into realisation at the end of a chapter – and we watch the fallout ensue. I enjoyed following the ups and downs of the three women's lives, friendships, and romances, and although the setting doesn't play a crucial role in the book, it was fun to read a story like this set somewhere besides London or New York (Grace, Annie, and Violet all live in Leeds).

A Love Story for Bewildered Girls is one about first loves and romance, but it's also one about the strength of female friendship, the importance of family, and knowing who you are and what you really want in life – regardless of what anyone else thinks. On the whole, Emma Morgan's first novel is an easy, enjoyable read, with an ending you won't be able to guess.

[Thanks to NetGalley and Viking for the digital galley; as always, all opinions are entirely my own.]

Sarah says

Was really unsure about this to begin with and was worried it would be as disappointing as The Cows. I was

very disappointed with the choice to call Violet's anxiety disorder "the fear" as this was something The Lido was heavily criticised for. Overall though I really loved all the characters, enjoyed their stories, and rejoiced over their endings. Would definitely recommend.
