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Sixteen-year-old Giovanna Petrizzo finds it hard enough to fit in. Three years since her family moved to Texas, she's still the newcomer compared to everyone around her. It doesn't help matters when her twin brother, Dante, takes on the mayor's son by running for class president. The least she could expect, though, would be for her boyfriend, Jesse, to support their cause. But Jesse's apparent defection triggers Giovanna's rash emotional side, and before she knows it, she's turned Jesse from the boy of her dreams to the ex-boyfriend she dreams of winning back.

In her trademark style, Janette Rallison delivers a laugh-out-loud romantic comedy that only leaves readers wanting more.

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## **From Reader Review How to Take the Ex Out of Ex-Boyfriend for online ebook**

### **Tanja says**

I laughed out loud reading this book. Rallison has a great connection to what it feels like to be a teenager. I felt like she kept the story real and it was not filled with beverly hills 90210 type drama.

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### **Heidi says**

4.5 (Just because I felt the ending seemed a bit hurried....)

I loved this light, fun, read by Janette Rallison. I read it in one night because I couldn't put it down. It had me laughing and smiling throughout the entire book. A great, clean, YA read.

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### **Carie says**

I really liked this book in the end, but I spent a lot of time being seriously irritated on Giovanna's behalf. I could relate to why she was so angry and I didn't really feel like she was being overly emotional--just supportive of her brother and expecting her boyfriend to do what he'd told her he'd do. Most of the time I just thought Jesse should have handled things differently with a bit more explanation/repentance and less "well that's just the way it's going to be so live with it and don't question anything." Sure, things turned out in the end and all made sense, but I really did spend a large part of the book wondering why she wanted to get back with such a jerk. I kept trying to figure out how the author was going to redeem Jesse and explain his appalling behavior--and the reasons did end up surprising me! I really do like Rallison's writing--it's always cute and amusing. I'd probably give this book 3.5, if I could.

\*\*Spoilers\*\*: (view spoiler).

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### **Esther says**

I'm ambivalent towards this book which is not what I want from my bubble gum reads (something easy and sweet to entertain for a few minutes or hours and then spit it out, in the case of gum, and forget about it in the case of books). The writing was pretty good for a bubble gum read, it was laugh out loud funny in many parts and had the love interest component too.

The main problem with the book was it sent up too many red therapy flags that I couldn't ignore. Codependence (or low differentiation) was promoted, emotions or being "emotional" was viewed negatively and the main character learned that if she trusted the wise, all-knowing, non-emotional guys in her life and not expect them to trust her in return she would be better off and get her happy ending. I just couldn't overlook so many unhealthy concepts especially for girls/women.

And the book is kind of misnamed...it's not really about trying to get your ex back.

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### ♥ Aly ♥ says

[Gi was dating Jesse until her brother Dante decided that he wanted to run for student body president. That then ended their relationship because Jesse said that he was going to support the other candidate. Gi helped her brother get on the ballot. Meanwhile, her friend was setting her up on blind dates. Finally, she found out that her brother decided that he d

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### Nancy says

Love it. Love it. Love it. Even though Janette Rallison isn't nearly as well known (say, like Meg Cabot) I'm starting to believe that I prefer her books over Cabot. There's just something so satisfying about finishing one of Rallison's books that I just want to go online and write a good review for it. So. Here I am.

Giovanna thinks she has the best boyfriend ever. Sure, he might hang out with a few jerks as friends, but that's okay. Until Giovanna's twin brother, Dante, decides to run against the mayor's son for student council president. When asked which side Giovanna's boyfriend would take, Jesse becomes the enemy's campaign manager. Angered by his decision, Giovanna breaks up with up. It's only later, as the election progresses that Giovanna realizes how irrational she'd been, and now she wants her ex-boyfriend back.

One of my favorite things about this book is the title. I am a firm believer about book titles being the eye-catcher. I mean, if I came upon something called, like, The Case of the Highlighter, I'd just be like: Huh, okay, moving on... All the books written by Janette Rallison has good titles. Catchy, silly, and a bit long, but that's good, especially since it gets the good point across.

Another thing I loved was the storyline. Although the ending wasn't a shocker or anything, I thought the whole "Taking the Ex out of Ex-Boyfriend" idea was a genius, especially followed up by this spunky heroine and her equally amusing (ex) boyfriend. Really, I still can't get over how well written this book was. I can already see myself re-reading this book a few years from now. Hah.

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### Bonnie says

This was an easy breezy read. Not great, but fun and fluffy. I did surprise myself by finishing it in one sitting.

It was all a little ridiculous, of course. And Jesse (the ex-boyfriend Giovanna eventually decides she wants to un-ex) was not nearly as nice as I thought he should be. He was a bit of a jerk, actually. I mean, blacklisting Giovanna from getting another date? Constantly smirking in her presence? Using Blond Bimbo #2 to make her jealous (or at least never dispelling Giovanna's jealousy by insisting she's just a friend)? Patronizing Giovanna by not telling her the real reason he's campaigning for his jerk of a friend instead of her brother (who also happens to be *Jesse's* friend)? I dunno, I feel like Giovanna could do better. Especially since she keeps insisting that Jesse is *so* amazing, despite his apparent lack of loyalty to her brother.

Also, Dante is a jerk of a brother. He doesn't deserve Giovanna as his sister. I thought he'd learn a lesson about this in the end, but nope.

Still, an amusing read and a great break from finals studying.

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### **Kathy \* Bookworm Nation says**

I couldn't decide on something to read last night and finally decided to revisit this favorite of mine. I love the opening line: "I bet you Cinderella didn't get along with Prince Charming's friends." Because, when you think about it, that's probably true.

Anyway, I've read this a few times now and I enjoyed it just as much this time around. Giovanna was a fun character; she broke up with her perfect boyfriend Jesse when he chose his friends over her and her twin brother. She probably should have trusted him, but I also think Jesse could have handled the situation a lot better as well. It did seem like Dante and Jesse were a little clueless and blamed Giovanna for being too "emotional" when they were in the wrong. In order to try and get over Jesse, Giovanna goes on a series of blind dates. They were pretty funny, especially that last one. Wow, talk about embarrassing. Jesse and Giovanna still have some fun interactions throughout the story, and while it's obvious Jesse is a little jealous, I would have liked to see him actually miss Giovanna a little more. I guess he was confident in how everything would work out, but a little groveling on his part would have been nice (Granted, I like his reasons for doing what he did, but I still think he could have gone about it better). I'm not sure if he really ever considered them broken-up.

Overall, this is a fun, lighthearted read.

#### Content

Romance: Squeaky clean

Other: Side characters get drunk at a party, but is shown in a negative light.

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### **Patty says**

I've had this book on my bookshelf since 2007/2008 and decided it was time to finally pick it up. *How to Take the Ex Out of Ex-Boyfriend* was a light, quick, drama filled read that had me laughing at times.

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### **Sandra says**

*"I bet you Cinderella didn't get along with Prince Charming's friends. Oh sure, the knights and barons probably put up with her on account that she was pretty and had such dainty feet and all, but you know every duchess and countess in the kingdom hated her guts. That's how women are when someone encroaches on their turf."*

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I hate people who think they're better than everybody else because they're rich.

I am not stereotyping here okay.

I said I hate people who think they're better because they're rich not just plain rich people.

Having money doesn't give you leverage.

It has its perks but then again you are NOT better than everyone else.

Money could buy you tons of things but not real friends.

Why do I hate those types of people? Because I know a few of them and they make my blood boil.

**How to take the Ex Out of Ex-Boyfriend** is a cute and amusing read.

I loved how Ms. Rallison tackled not only how Giovanna wanted to get her ex-boyfriend Jesse back but also other stuff like family, friendship and other stuff like that.

I liked how it wasn't entirely the typical YA romance novel with the whole book just about Giovanna and Jesse and their relationship.

*Giovanna broke up with her boyfriend Jesse and now she wants him back.*

*Why'd she break up with him?*

*Giovanna is known to be very emotional and because of one emotional outburst she broke up with Jesse just because he chose to support Wilson instead of her brother Dante as a student council president.*

I loved everything about this book starting from the title to its last page.

As I mentioned earlier it was cute and amusing.

This is my first book of Ms. Rallison and definitely won't be the last.

The title of the book is definitely what made me want to read it.

“How to take the Ex Out of Ex-Boyfriend”

Catchy right?

It's a good thing that its content actually lived up to its pretty cover and appealing title.

Let me start by saying that I am quite emotional myself so I could relate to how Giovanna took how Jesse made the decision of campaigning for Wilson instead of her brother.

I love Jesse and all but still all this drama should have been prevented if he just explained in the first place why he had to do it but if that happens then there wouldn't be this book right?

Another issue for me was Giovanna's lack of trust on her boyfriend.

I mean weren't they supposed to be in love?

And being in love means trusting each others decision to be what would be best for the two of you.

Giovanna has trust issues which I could also relate to.

I think Giovanna and me had tons in common which was one of the reasons why I liked this book.

This book was very light and fast read although I wasn't able to finish it as fast I would have done if I didn't have work but it is a very fast read.

If you are looking for a book that doesn't have sex, kissing or curses or in other words “clean” read then this is definitely one of them.

There were times that I found the plot a little boring but it then gets better.

The ending was well a little predictable but I still enjoyed it.

This book was humorous with a lesson to teach.

Trust, Communication and Love is essentially the three things that would make a relationship work and for me Giovanna and Jesse failed on two of them but were able to fix their issues in the end.

## **The ending?**

*Cinderella got her prince back and they lived happily ever after.*

I give this book **4 stars**

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## **Erin DuBrock says**

I liked the concept of this story. In the beginning I was really drawn to Giovanna and Dante. I also thought that Jesse was completely swoon worthy and that stuck through most of the book. I did find myself lapsing a few times though, like I got annoyed with some of the things that Giovanna would say or do and Jesse was nearly too perfectly perfect really. BUT, overall it was a very cute read.

Rallison has a way with words that make you want to curl up with a book all evening long, which is exactly what I did. The way that she opened chapters had me itching for more. The best paragraph in the whole book has to be the 1st one, which I have to share because I loved it so much.

"I bet you Cinderella didn't get along with Prince Charming's friends. Oh sure, the knights and barons probably put up with her on account that she was pretty and had such dainty feet and all, but you should know every duchess and contess in the kingdom hated her guts."

That alone made me laugh and think, that can be so true! I loved the way that Rallison wrote and I can't wait to read more from her. If your in the mood for a little rivalry and like a protagonist that has a knack for getting herself caught in awkward situations, then this would be a perfect book for you to cuddle up to one evening.

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## **Audra says**

I read this book because I have met the author through my writer's organization and I have never read one of her young adult books. I thought this was adorable! I chuckled all the way through it. I read this during a stressful week and it was just the light-hearted escape I needed. And every bit of it was CLEAN! I hear all her books are clean and funny. If I had a teenage, or pre-teen daughter, I would encourage something by Janette Rallison over the Twilight series any day of the week. I think adults would enjoy it too.

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## **Dayla says**

### **Short Review also appeared on my blog: Book Addict 24-7**

*How to Take the Ex Out of Ex-Boyfriend* by Janette Rallison was an incredibly light and fluffy read--which is exactly what I needed! Was it the best book I've ever read? No, but it was a lot of fun.

I will admit that I went into this book kind of knowing what to expect, but I was still surprised by how it didn't focus on what I thought it would. The title is a loose indicator of what this book is about and I enjoyed the easy-going and predictable nature of the storyline. Some of the characters, however, were a bit too much,

especially the step-mom. For a moment, I thought I was reading a *Cinderella* retelling. It got to the point where her meanness became a bit overdramatic.

Also, the dialogue was very high school for me. I mean, there are contemporary teen reads that have teenagers who talk and you can hear the author's voice in each word, and then you have books like this one where the author obviously strived to have characters that sounded nothing like her. This isn't a dig at teenagers, I was one once too and I used to talk like this and scheme like this. This book was fun, but not perfect.

I did not see the twist at the end coming--I thought it would be a cheesy way of ending things--but it was actually a pretty nice way of tying up all loose ends. That's another good thing I liked about Rallison's novel: she finishes her story with enough openness that the characters aren't defined by the conclusion of the story, but gives enough closure for the reader that s/he's not raked with curiosity long after the final sentence.

I would recommend this to anyone who is looking for a light read after reading a heavy novel. There's enough humor and predictability to make this a great way of shedding off the pretentiousness of whatever heavy book you've just read. I was laughing out loud at various parts and if you're looking for something very light, then this might be the book that will have you laughing, too.

Happy reading!

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### **Laura says**

Giovanna is surprised when her twin brother, Dante decides to run for class president, but she is even more shocked when her boyfriend, Jesse (who is also a friend of Dante) says he is going to support the opposing side. In a fit of conflicting emotions, Giovanna dumps Jesse because she feels it is the only right thing to do, with him turning on her and Dante. But later she realizes that that might have been a little rash and wants to win him back, but she also wants to help her brother win class president.

I loved this book. I pretty much love anything Janette Rallison writes. This book made me laugh out loud Several Times. Just when you thought that Giovanna couldn't possibly be in a worst situation, Janette would add a whole new layer and you would be left spell-bound, wondering how Giovanna would ever pull through. Janette always had a little plot twist up her sleeve, something you never saw coming and then you'd go, "no WAY!" and laugh hysterically. A book I would recommend to all my friends.

\*Taken from my book reviews blog: <http://reviewsatmse.blogspot.com/2008...>

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### **Hamster says**

I try to avoid YA contemporary. Mostly because it's usually full of swearing and sex talk. Not to mention no one has any superpowers.

Instead the characters are

pregnant/struggling with sexual orientation/depressed/orphaned/abused/homicidal/suicidal.

Since this book has none of the above, I think it needs its own genre:

REAL LIFE BUT BETTER

And by better, I mean hilarious (and nobody dies or contracts a terminal illness!) I read this aloud to my wife, and every few pages I had difficulty controlling my laughter enough to get the words out. Fresh, uplifting, and optimistic. Why would anyone read the other kind?

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