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If you're going to step on people on your way to the top, you might as well do it in stilettos . . .

. . . Or so she's been told. Lucy Butler, former wallflower, lands her dream job working for her idol, world-famous fashion photographer Stefano Lepres. But in a world where getting doused in coffee for not getting the order right is the new normal, she isn't getting any closer to her ideal of being behind the camera herself. Then a superstar actress generously takes Lucy under her wing and teaches her the ways of the rich and famous—treating her to racks of designer clothes and introducing her to a life of private planes and penthouse suites. Soon Lucy is dating a rock star, attending the hottest Hollywood parties, and dressing the part.

Lost in the luxury, she loses sight of the things that once mattered most. It's going to take a hard blow from the high life to send Lucy back to the real life she always wanted.

From an industry insider—and featuring wardrobes personally selected by celebrity stylist Robert Verdi—this is a novel that will keep you guessing and introduce you to a world you know exists; you've just never seen it unretouched.

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Joy says

I received this book through the goodreads firstreads giveaway program. This book is definitely light reading. Is there a book genre about materialism? Whatever it is called, this book fits in that category. Another fresh face gets a job in the biz and gets sucked in, tossing her friends and values aside, all for some coke and new wardrobe. Of course, she comes to her senses, and finally get recognized for her own talent. Fine for a light vacation read, not a lot of substance, lots of annoying people. Almost like a preteen's fantasy about how her life will turn out.

Ashley says

I won this book from goodreads. I had a hard time putting it down, and really enjoyed the "real" side of Celebrity lifestyle. Lucy had a big dream and went for it, the only downside was she got caught up in all the crazy parties and drama. Not going into too many details i would recommend this book to anyone who likes fashion, celebrity gossip, or wants a FUN quick read. Totally held my interest throughout the whole book!

Lianna says

I knew this book would be classic 'chick-lit' (which I've strayed away from and only pick up on occasion now) from the title and cover image but I had high hopes that it would lean more towards the gems like "The Devil Wears Prada", however, most disappointingly, it seems closer to the bottom of the barrel. The story is disjointed and outrageous and while the main character, Lucy, is a heroine I could find myself rooting for in different circumstances; in this book I just find her annoying, cowardly and almost impossible to relate to.

Not only were the characters over-blown, caricatures of those who may fill their shoes in real-life but the plot line itself seemed to have no clear destination and just meandered around aimlessly.

I am the type of person who has to see every book I start through to the end - no matter how I feel about it - but this one was of those few that I just couldn't finish. I wound up putting it down with roughly 80 pages left. I had high hopes for this one, and I'm sad to say my expectations were not met.

Amity says

It's chick lit, which I enjoy, but it's also bad. It follows the same pattern of *The Devil Wears Prada* and any number of books where the heroine wants to be a journalist/photographer/teacher/something noble and ends up sucked into the glamorous world of fashion/make-up/music. She'll lose her focus, until reality hits her in the face in a most dramatic way.

Lauren Weisberger did this well in Prada and Everyone Worth Knowing. Kingsley doesn't. I had to stop reading every few chapters because it just got so corny. Of course Lucy's going to do coke. Of course she's going to turn her back on her best friend. Of course she'll hang out with famous actresses who really are just buying her friendship.

It's not even one of those books I'll read again because it's fun & light. Boring & predictable. And not recommended.

cloudyskye says

A fast and easy read. Reminded me a lot of "The devil wears Prada". Here comes a small spoiler: I'd have liked to read more about how she and James finally got together. They had parted with him totally humiliated (I felt so sorry for him!), and then "one year later" they are suddenly an item. Left me feeling a bit cheated because that should have been quite a delicious little scene.

Jocelyn Elbaum says

I've read some of Allie Kingsley's posts on hellogiggles.com and was so excited to read this book. The book lived up to my expectations! After getting the dream job of a lifetime working for her mentor, Lucy quickly finds out that everything isn't always what it seems. She tries to find her way and do everything that is asked of her by her crazy bipolar boss (including hanging out with fabulous celebrities and doing drugs for the first time). Kingsley turned what could have been a sad and depressing story of dreams being crushed into a cute, witty and funny book. I found myself literally laughing out loud in the subway (which was a little embarrassing). I really didn't want to put the book down. I would definitely recommend you read this book.

Lauren says

I really enjoyed this book! I loved Lucy! You are really pulling for her during all her struggles in the book. You really come to love and relate to her. While most of us have never been that close to celebrities, we do tend to idolize them way too much. This book shows us that not all celebrities are what they seem to be!

What a great fist novel by this author. Cannot WAIT to read more by her!

Lulufrances says

Actual rating 3.5

If you know one of my other blogs (cue shameless selfpromotion:

www.lulufrances-photography.blogspot.com) you might know that I'm passionate about photography and indeed intend to become a (fashion) photographer.

So after reading that promising blurb and the book winning my personal award for the best title ever, I just

had to get my hands on it!

And it is what it looks like - an easy, fast-paced read focussing on all the aspects that are mentioned in the blurb and no real surprises.

I was slightly disappointed that there wasn't more about actual photography and the photography business in it.

I mean, don't get me wrong, especially in the first half of the book we follow Lucy around when she starts interning for Stefano Lepres and catch a glimpse of photo shoots but also then it mainly focuses on the bitchy diva Stefano Lepres.

Ughh that man! He would have needed a slap a few times; behaving like a bratty celebrity the way his clients should have done...

And Lucy was so freaking naive and compromising at times - girl - learn about the industry you're getting into!

Also, references to "The Devil wears Prada" are bound to come to mind.

Anyway, around halfway through, Lucy leaves Stefano and from then on the book basically depicts the seemingly beautiful, but shallow-in-real Hollywood life.

Many many drugs, some starlets, a lot of paparazzi, in-clubs, rock stars, designers, private planes...

Yes, it was all rather clichée, and yes, I've read several books before that deal with the aspects of Hollywood (especially thinking of the Jen Calonita series here) so this book hardly contained any surprises.

In fact, it was rather easy to predict.

However, I still fairly enjoyed it as it was really fast-paced, as mentioned above, even though it was rather like reading a tabloid (not that I do) than a book and I wished it had a few more photography scenes (but you know, that's just me haha)!

Michelle says

Chick lit on meth. It rises high above its genre. Loved the fun fantastic style.

However, this book should have a disclaimer: starts with irrelevant faux dream. Terrible terrible. The telling accessory of an insecure editor. The last dash of bright blue eyeshadow before running out the door that in some lights pushes the look from hot to whore. The only place I've seen it accepted is in 60% of made for Bollywood books. The beginning rambled for a bit, trying to jam a bunch of background details which the reader didn't require. But once the flow of the story started rolling into Hollywood the plot took off famously. I was really impressed by her strong brand of humor which had me laughing out loud continuously and still reading even as I was smashed against a prickly dim sum smelling neck on the train.

The cover and back cover summary make it a readily marketable product to fans of The Devil Wears Prada and Princess Diaries. But the twists are a little too twisted. And seasoned readers will sniff out its memoir-esk undertones and the road to nowhere red herring details thrown in to protect the author. This book screams reality TV in a Hello Kitty lunch box. I wonder if the appeal could of been broadened with a more daring approach?

One certainty, Kingsley is a sure-footed stellar humor writer. And the lack-luster love scenes were more than made up for by the roller coaster coke fueled embarrassing and emotional. And as darling as she is, it's riveting to see her get eaten alive and spit out because you know she'll always come out on top with a sunny innocence intact. That said, I'm way excited for her next book on getting lost in Paris! Prepare to see her spit out with a special distaste reserved for the cheery wide-eyed American tourist.

Samantha Plotkin says

[My only main complaint is with Lucy ending up with James. Their relationship was never dev

Laurie Davis says

If you like chick lit, you'll adore this book. It's so much more addicting than the average novel in this genre -- the drama feels real and it shows the darker side of Hollywood (from an author who's been there) without losing the light entertainment factor. I'm still left thinking, "Oh my Dior!" and can't wait for Allie's next release.

Tiffany (About to Read) says

The Liar, The Bitch, and the Wardrobe had an ok start, but man is it addicting! We start off with a very innocent, but determined and ambitious main character named Lucy. I liked Lucy from the very beginning. This girl knows exactly what she wants and she is going to get it—nothing will stand in her way.

As Lucy deals with her nightmare boss, I couldn't help but think of Miranda Priestly from The Devil Wears Prada. As hard as it is to believe though, Stefano was probably worse. Much like Andy in The Devil Wears Prada, Lucy is sucked into a world of glitz and glamour. Lucy's world, however, is much more seedy.

As Lucy gets more and more into the Hollywood scene, we see a lot drama, fabulous parties, a bit of romance, and a lot of drugs. As cool and glamorous as Hollywood is, it was also really sad. The things that exist beyond all the bright lights and flashing cameras is really sad and even tragic in some cases.

The Liar, The Bitch, and the Wardrobe has all the addicting qualities of Gossip Girl and tabloid magazines combined with the high fashion and glamour of The Devil Wears Prada. As you read Allie Kingsley's novel, you just can't help but ask yourself "is this what it's really like?" This is a must read for fans of Lauren Conrad's L.A. Candy series, as well as Gossip Girl.

Nicole says

1.5 Rating

First, I just have to get something off of my chest. I like the cover. Correction I LOVE the cover. From the illustration of the girl to the title. Like come on, such a creative title, **The Liar, The Bitch and the Wardrobe** ... Okay enough of my obsession with the cover. Sadly I didn't like this book at all (besides the cover of course). I felt that the plot was a copy cat of The Devils Wears Prada. Or maybe because I felt like I read this type of book a million times. Plot?? Lower class girl wishes to work / be in the "it world" or to have fame & fortune. Poof! Suddenly she has her dream wish. She goes to all the parties, shops for expensive, designer clothes, back stabs her best friends in the back...yada ya plot. And she soon comes to realize that

fame isn't everything, if it means losing the things that really matter to you in life, which is real friends, family, and of course being yourself. Yeah, how many glamor stories have you not read about this?? For a creative cover, I'll be super, dubber nice and throw in a .5!

Rebecca says

The Liar, The Bitch and the Wardrobe fell into my hands and I was immediately excited. I'd read some of Allie Kingsley's musings online, and I knew she just "gets it." The first several chapters made me fall in love with the Lucy character. She was so relatable, and even when she started making bad decisions, you understood why, and you never once felt like she was a bad person. To be swept up in the glamour of Hollywood is, at the very least, a secret dream of every girl (and most boys!), so to be in the middle of it with Lucy felt very real.

In the middle of the book, Lucy meets and befriends a major starlet, and not only does the portrayal of fame shed a light on the underbelly of a life lived in the spotlight, but Lucy learns so much about her own life and the way she portrays herself. I truly learned things that I could easily apply to my own life.

You can easily tell Kingsley writes from a very truthful place, and although I didn't always agree with Lucy's decisions I very much appreciated the honesty of it all. Besides- anyone who leads a perfect, mistake-free life is no one I want to read about.

The trials and tribulations of Lucy get more tense and exciting with every turn of the page, and I found myself unable to put it down at all for the last 100 pages or so. If you are NOT someone who enjoys having fun and living vicariously through a young woman in the apex of her youth, this is probably not for you. If you enjoy light-hearted reads that turn dark every now and again, The Liar, The Bitch and the Wardrobe is a must read.

Briana says

As a twenty-one year old that plans to move to Los Angeles soon, it wasn't hard to put myself in Lucy's shoes and relate to her instantly. She's your typical average girl that doesn't see herself as anything special, but is actually much more than she gives herself credit for. It only takes quite a few bad decisions and mistakes as she's swept up in the frenzy that is hollywood, for her to realize it.

This book was fun, as expected, but also had another layer to it so many other similar novels seem to lack, which definitely separates it from the bunch. It possesses The Devil Wears Prada and LA Candy-like drama, as well as some added substance that made it a little more worthwhile to me.

The Liar, the Bitch and the Wardrobe is a charming and hilarious debut, perfect for fans of books that provide the glamor and pitfalls of hollywood life, and the cutthroat ways of those determined to rise to the top. It'd make a great beach read, and I'd also recommend it to Lauren Conrad fangirls that are in search of something a little more mature.

Will surely be looking forward to more by Allie Kingsley!

