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A little fake relationship never hurt anyone. . .

Kate Massie has big dreams-they just haven't worked out. Yet. In the meantime, she spends her days clerking for a judge and her nights fantasizing about her tall, dark, and sexy gym crush. So when she runs into him one night, she's shocked to realize he was her shy, nerdy junior-prom date. But that isn't where the surprises end . . .

James Abell needs a date to his sister's wedding. So when Kate agrees, he's relieved . . . until one little lie turns their wedding date into a full-blown fake relationship. Only it doesn't feel fake-not the toe-curling kisses and definitely not the electricity. Neither of them is looking for something real . . . but they just might fall for their own little white lie.

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Sultry Steamy Reading says

I received an ARC of this book from Xpresso Book Tours in exchange for an honest review and as part of the book's blog tour promotions.

If you follow my blog, then you know that I love erotic romances and dark erotica. I love those intense stories that really grip your heart and tear you to pieces. I don't always like tearjerkers, but I do love a good desperate, hopeless story. However, there are still days that I long for the uncomplicated, light-hearted feeling that contemporary romance novels provide.

The Wedding Date is just the right book to give me my fix of fun, easy romance. It's yet another faux relationship trope, but this trope is just a hit all the time it really doesn't matter to me how many similar books I've already read. I think my favorite character in the book is the hero. There was just a good amount of depth to him. That being said, the heroine was also a very enjoyable character to read.

I haven't read anything from this author before, but I definitely enjoyed this book, so I'm pretty sure I will be checking her out again in the future.

Cyndi Becker says

Kelly Eadon's debut, *The Wedding Date*, is an exceptional sweet and smart contemporary romance read. It's well written with a hero and heroine that are charming and slightly flawed. Though the premise isn't unique, the characters and story line are. There's plenty to anticipate and just enough angst to keep your attention. It starts 10 years after their lone date, a high school prom, things are about to get more complicated. Kate is my favorite type of heroines. She's strong yet vulnerable and faces adversity head on. Where I would have cracked, Kate thrives. Her no-nonsense approach is risky and smart, and she doesn't second guess herself. It's this confidence that attracts James.

This was just like trying a complicated court case. You never knew exactly what was going to happen until it happened, All you could do was prepare and keep your composure.

Eadon writes a charming and considerate man in James. He had me from the go. Due to some well-intentioned meddling, he's put in an awkward position with Kate. What I love about James is that he doesn't lose sight of what he wants with Kate and their chemistry is evident in their interactions. However, his life is complicated by an ex who just can't let go of him. But where I would usually find myself hating on this character, the ex, Brooke's situation made me sympathetic. Although it may be a case of too little too late, their history is long and the upstanding man he is handles this with thoughtfulness.

I loved watching these two fall for each other. I felt like I got Kate and James and my faith in them was well earned. As well, there's a great cast of secondary characters as Kates' friends & James' family add a genuineness to their growing involvement. Eadon takes a sticky situation and shapes it so that it showcase

her characters. The Wedding Date is a perfect read when you need a smart pick me up, feel good story.

4.5 Stars and my recommendation!

* I was gifted a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Bec_BookMagicReviews says

4.5 Stars

all Kate Massie wants is to work her way into her dream job as a lawyer prosecuting child abuse cases, but with the economy not doing so well, the only job she's managed to get is working as a clerk for a judge. However, it seems her dating life might be taking a turn for the better when she runs into the young man that once took her to the junior prom, James Abell. Except he's totally changed from the shy boy he was into a handsome, confident man.

What a delightful, fast-paced, riveting read Ms. Eadon has written, encompassing the fake relationship trope, a heroine determined to achieve her dream, and a hero desperately in need of a date to his sister's wedding to get his mother off his back. I really liked how this story started with what happens to the heroine in the elevator amongst her work colleagues. What a ringtone her phone has.

As for the dialogue, the secondary characters certainly know how to put the hero and the heroine on the spot. They want this couple to be happy, especially Jame's friends and they think the heroine is perfect for him, would fit in with his family and win over his mother. Then there's the playful banter between James and Kate as well as the main characters and different members of the Abell family. The competitiveness of James and his brothers made me smile or laugh, because it seems to bring fun to Kate's life just as much as the men's.

I really liked both the main characters as much as the secondary ones. The Abell family could be a bit much at times for Kate, but I liked how she fit in with them. They treated her like family, which was surprising the way everyone talked about his overbearing mother. Kate is strong, brave, independent. But what I liked most about her was her willingness to help James because he needed her. Not just because of his mother, but because of his ex; a woman that doesn't know how to let go. His ex seems to use him all the time; to help decrease her stress since she's shy and doesn't like crowds. Yet, now that Kate has come into his life, he realizes he can't continue to help her.

While James, he's kind and caring. He's tired of his mother constantly annoying him about his love life. What business is it of hers. He can find his own woman. Just not his ex. That is finally over, and there's no going back to her. Knowing his ex needs to find a way to help herself, instead of using people to help with her condition. Luckily, his ex surprises him with her decision to get help.

Overall, this was a really good book where the couple's intense chemistry, which was there from the moment they came face-to-face again, for the first time in years, spilled over onto the pages in hot sex scenes. Kate is uncertain whether she's ready for a relationship, considering her stay in town is only supposed to be temporary. Yet, spending time with James has her falling hard for him. He's everything she'd want in a man if she was looking for a chance at happy ever after.

Ms. Eadon wrapped this story up nicely, despite the fact that they both reacted badly when James discovered

the name of the heroine's ex-boyfriend. Apparently, her ex's father and James's dad are at odds due to business. However, the epilogue shows this couple are meant to be and that Kate is really good and happy at her new job. I would recommend *Wedding Date* by Kelly Eadon, if you enjoy the fake relationship trope, small town romances, or stories where a tight-knit family and the couple's friends want happiness for someone they care about, so they're determined to match-make.

Lindsey Milkowski says

Loved it!

Couldn't put it down. Loved the writing, it felt very natural and helped draw me into the story. Can't wait for more titles from Kelly Eadon.

Gabriella says

A perfectly entertaining summer read.

Danielle says

Of course when I read the blurb for this I said yup definitely have to read this and right away I fell in love with this story. The wedding date was cute, charming and adorably funny!

I'm going to start off with the characters. They were lovable, funny, and their personalities came out in each and every page. I really liked James and Kate and how they both liked one another but yet they weren't so certain about a relationship between them. I loved how we got dual povs and learned what made these two tick. They had great chemistry but they also had many laughs which kept me laughing.

I even liked the secondary characters. I'm telling you I couldn't find one person in this story that I didn't like. Kate had great friends and James had an awesome family. I was a little uncertain about James' ex but overall I liked the way Eadon had it turn out.

Even though the plot wasn't that original, I did like that the story just took off and that James and Kate actually knew each other from high school which gave it more of a realistic feel for there white lie.

The writing was fast paced and not once did I actually want to put this story down or start another one. It flowed really well and no major conflict really happened. I wouldn't want a major conflict for this book but maybe more of a medium size one. But overall I was pretty happy with the finished story.

I'm not sure if this will be a standalone book or if Eadon will end up turning this into a series or not but I can tell you I will definitely be keeping an eye out for upcoming books from her.

Home. Love. Books. says

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I really like fake romances, and I love stories that take place over the course of a wedding. Let's face it if you are looking for something that has a ton of drama, chances are, a wedding is where you will find some. I love family dynamics in a story, and let's face it, this story had some very interesting family dynamics, as well as some interesting ex-files going on as well.

So to begin with I liked that Kate and James had a bit of a history going into this romance, they went to prom together, but never dated, and it seems like were not involved with each other in any way outside of that one night at prom. Of course life has changed them both, college is done, Kate is a lawyer, and James has grown out of his awkward phase and is a much more self-assured man (plus he's hot). So when the two of them start seeing each other at the gym years later, there is definitely an attraction. Add in some meddling friends and you have James going to his sister's wedding with Kate as his girlfriend, even though she isn't.

Kate has some real hang ups about relationships, she doesn't seem to believe people are going to stick around. I get it, she's largely on her own, with her sister being her only family, but at the same time I really wished she wouldn't have been so against being too invested. And honestly it's not like she really acted on her hang ups, just jumped to conclusions when it was really warranted. Overall, I liked Kate as a character, she was interesting, but more than that, she held her own in a situation where she really could have gotten run down by James's family during.

Now as for James, well I liked him a lot more than I liked Kate. He's a really good stand up guy. I liked how he stuck around with Kate after she got injured, he stayed the night on the couch, made sure she didn't have to go to the hospital (she hates hospitals), was just in general a good stand up guy. Nothing says more about how stand up he is than how he acts with his ex. He was with this woman for a really long time, like almost a decade, and this girl has some serious issues (and personally I think she needed professional help long before the events of this book). She gives neediness a new name, but James does his best to help her even though they have parted ways.

My biggest issue with this book was that I didn't feel like the book took place over enough time for the characters to have developed such deep feelings as they did. It felt like the book was on fast forward, but maybe that's just me, I really kind of hate stories that have insta-love elements to them, and that's what this book felt like to me. It was a fast read for me, with pretty good pacing throughout. So if you like a good fake romance, then this one might be one you should check out.

Irene says

3.5 stars

The Wedding Date was a fun and enjoyable read.

I enjoyed the storyline, it was well written with great characters that you could easily connect with. I found both Kate and James engaging, fun, and they made it easy for me to fall in love with.

Kate and James had great chemistry and loved how this wasn't a case of instalove, sure they were attracted to each other from the get go but the deeper, longer lasting feelings took time to develop which I appreciated.

This is Kelly Eadon's debut novel, I was impressed with her writing and her characters. Looking forward to reading more from this talented author.

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Paula Phillips says

Kate had her whole life planned out and even though she never was in a long-term relationship especially since all the guys she seemed to date were jerks. That was until her life was thrown into a tailspin after completing Law school as her internship which had hopefully pathed the way for a good job ended up not existing as the company's funding and intern position were cut. Now she has moved back to her hometown and working as a clerk for a judge with the lookout of maybe one day a dream job. Her days are split between the office and the gym - her one outlet. There happens to be a new cute guy at the gym which is a bonus. As luck would turn out it is James Abell , a guy who Kate actually went with as a date to his junior prom when his original date cancelled. James likes Kate but is unsure how to proceed , but he is in luck as his sister is getting married and he needs a date to the wedding. Soon James and Kate end up in a fake relationship scenario, but the more time he spends with her - the closer they get and the lines of reality and fantasy become blurred especially more so that James's family love Kate and seeing as her parents died when she was younger - she misses that parental feeling. What will happen though when at the wedding , Kate and James discovers the truth about his ex ? Will this put a dent in their "fake" relationship especially now that there really are true feelings in place ?

Often a lot of contemporary romance books are so-so and they all can blend into one , but The Wedding Date was fast-paced and I really loved the character of Kate which made The Wedding Date one of those 5 starred sweet romance reads as in terms of a romance , that's what this book is and the author hasn't had to use sex to spice it up. Simply The Wedding Date is one of those lovely sweet reads that you can relax and feel wrapped up in a warm blanket and a cup of tea with all the feels.

Marisa says

This book was everything I was looking for it being. Kate and James had sizzle-worthy chemistry, the families were hilarious and I loved the personality of Kate. She's smart, relatable and not one to back down from a challenge.

Although these types of books can be predictable, this one still kept me wanting to quickly find out how the happily ever after was going to work out. I was still surprised at points to see where the story was going to take me and I had to laugh at the wedding shenanigans that James dealt with. This was just the book I needed and I will certainly read more by this author.

Warning: Contains some sexual references.

Who should read it? Folks looking for a nice rom-com style read!

Please note: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review courtesy of Xpresso Book Tours.

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Rê says

4 "Sweet fake relationship" Stars

ARC via NetGalley

Thank you, Forever Yours!

Don't judge a book by its cover, right? Except sometimes that works. Take the cover of "The Wedding Date" as an example. So sweet. Just like the story inside.

Kelly Eadon's debut brings us one of my favorite tropes: fake relationships. I'm a sucker for how two strangers (or sometimes friends) get to know each other and fall in love while pretending to be a couple. This is what happens to Kate and James, the main characters in "The Wedding Date".

Many years ago, Kate did a friend a favor and went with shy and nerdy James to junior-prom. Nothing happened between them back then and apparently they didn't talk much after that. Life went on. Kate went to law school, James became an engineer. Kate had a few relationships, but nothing too serious. James spent

nine years with his high school sweetheart but recently broke up with her. Now that she's back in town after losing the job opportunity of her dreams, Kate and James are finally on the same page: single and interested.

Nerdy James has changed and is now Kate's hot, sexy gym crush. He's no longer the shy boy from junior-prom. He wants Kate and he makes it clear from the start. Hello, flirty, sexy man! *swoons* Except before he gets to the "I like you, so go out with me" part, he's forced straight into a "pretend to be my girlfriend" phase.

That's because James' mother doesn't seem to have noticed her son left his teenage years behind a while ago. She's one of those moms that can't let her children make decisions for their lives without meddling. With one son happily married and a daughter soon to be, James is the only one left for her to "fix". Poor James doesn't know how to stop the woman without lying to her.

Good thing Kate is willing to play fake girlfriend, and that's what she ends up doing when she agrees to be James' plus-one to his little sister's wedding. What she wasn't counting on was falling for him. Not a problem, since he fell for her, too. And the whole thing was pretty great to watch.

Kate and James' story was incredibly sweet, and it wasn't only because they were obviously made for each other, but also because of James' family. Kate lost both her parents when she was very young, which means she hadn't had the chance to experience what being a part of a big family meant before she met James. The Bells took Kate in with opened arms and, although dysfunctional, they were pretty entertaining.

James' mother was a piece of work. There were many times I cringed seeing how she treated her grown-up children like they were little kids, but it was hard to dislike her when she showed us more than once that she had a great heart. The way she welcomed Kate and made sure she felt like part of the family (especially the gluten-free stuff in the end) was pretty amazing. Same for James' brother and sister-in-law. They were a fun couple and treated Kate like an old friend. All of those characters made this story extra sweet.

I have to mention the dog for a second because he was adorable. Plus, I'm a dog person, so bonus points for having one.

This book was low on the drama, which is refreshing considering how many contemporary romances use complicated plot choices and heavy backstories to keep the couple apart for as long as possible. Not a critique. I looooooove those, but every now and then it feels good to read something lighter.

So if you're looking for a cute and sweet romance story with good side characters and an interesting, fun and crazy family, I highly recommend "The Wedding Date".

Melissa (Mel's Bookshelf) says

This book was just what I needed! What a fabulous feel-good, sexy romance that I just got lost in, and finished in one fabulous sitting!

Kate runs into James at the gym and doesn't recognise him as the young shy guy who took her to junior prom. He has changed... Now a buff sexy hunk, Kate has trouble holding herself together in his presence. When a mutual friend sets them up on a fake date for James' sisters wedding, James and Kate must pretend to be a couple... But how long can they keep pretending??

What a wonderful little escape this book was! It was sweet, sexy, funny and lovely. Yes, the story has been done before, but that didn't matter at all because I still loved it!

The characters were great, they all had quite a bit of depth, the romance was sweet, and the hot moments were pretty hot! I loved all the secondary characters also, especially all of James family! I really liked Kate too!

Would I recommend The Wedding Date?

Absolutely for anyone (who is over 18) and who wants a cute romantic escape. I laughed, I swooned, I loved it!

Many thanks to the author Kelly Eadon and the publisher via Xpresso Book Tours for a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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Jane says

I received a complimentary copy for review/blog tour purposes.

What if I promise never to make you cry?

Contemporary romance has been my go-to genre for so long. So when I saw an opening for a blog tour this book, you betcha I clicked the button faster than you could say wassup.

Anyway, I adored this book so much. It was a sweet and humorous read. What really sold me with this book is how the characters were built, they were well developed.

Kate is a driven and strong woman. She has the characteristics that could attract men and James is no exception. James, on the other hand, was very caring and considerate, not to mention charming. It was fun to follow their relationship grow and develop.

The other supporting characters were a hilarious addition to this unconventional set-up, especially whenever they're all together.

Overall, I really liked this book. I think this is a great book. It doesn't have the most original plot line but it was written in a fun and unique way that rivals the other. But there's just one character that I really don't understand. This one's humorous with a touch of other emotions blended in.

Did I like the ending? Yes.

Is it a page turner? Yes, very much so.

Will I re-read it again? Of course.

Heather andrews says

I like those moments when men have the 'aha' about their women, "his chest swelled. She was one of the strongest people he knew. If he could do this relationship thing with anybody, it was her. "OK." If she wanted to know, he'd tell her and trust her with the truth." I enjoyed this book I liked James.

Angie Elle says

Thank you to FOREVER (GRAND CENTRAL PUBLISHING) and Netgalley for providing a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

3.5 stars

The Wedding Date was a sweet, enjoyable read. I've said it dozens of times; Contemporary Romance is hit or miss for me. But sometimes I think it's all about the timing, and this was a light read right on the heels of a heavier one for me. It was the perfect time to pick up this book. Having said that, I did have a few issues. First of all, any time you see something along the lines to 'I don't cry; I don't ever cry,' you can pretty much take it to the bank that there's an emotional breakdown with lots of tears on the way. This story was no different. Kate never cried, but tears pricked her eyes or she choked them back dozens of times. And James and Kate both had aversions to relationships, which we were told over and over and over and over again. I liked them, I just thought they lacked depth and I could have done without the constant reminders that their goals didn't include relationships right now. What I liked about this story was that James's family was crazy, but they all had good hearts. His mother was domineering and abrupt, but there was no doubt her motivation was love of her family. His brother might occasionally have too much to drink and have bit too much fun, but everyone took it in good stride. Also, James wasn't afraid of the dance floor. Not only could he dance, but he liked it. It was nice to see a hero so open to enjoying himself. **The Wedding Date** had its ups and downs, but it was a fun story overall. I'll be interested to read about Kate's roommate.

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