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It's revenge—sweet and hot—in the first book of this sexy and wickedly funny series by international bestselling author Tara Brown.

For the young, rich, and beautiful, summertime in the Hamptons means one thing: Fling Club. Only this time, Cherry Kennedy won't be selecting a boy for a fleeting romance. Nope, this season, Cherry is out for revenge. Her target? The Fling Club founder and society darling who slept with Cherry's now-very-*ex*-boyfriend. And all Cherry needs is the perfect guy for her plan...

Ashley Jardine can't afford to refuse. He scored almost a full ride to MIT. But that *almost* still costs a lot. And this is *so* much money for a little game of revenge and a chance—albeit short—to live the high life. Here, rich girls rule the shore, and *everyone* has a role to play. Only nothing in the job description warned Ashley that the redhead who's running the scheme would be so crazy. And cute. Or that he wouldn't be able to stop thinking about her.

Now, everything is going according to plan—until an unexpected attraction raises the stakes. It's enough to turn the perfect payback into absolute heartbreak.

Fling Club Details

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From Reader Review Fling Club for online ebook

Tina (As Told By Tina) says

DNF At 7% this one wasn't for me.

Nicole Reads says

Well, this book was totally unexpected.

To be honest, I based my decision on reading this book just because of the cover at first because seriously, have you seen it? It's fun, gorgeous and simply amazing. But then, I read the blurb, and was intrigued by it.

And you know what? I loved it. It had a little bit of everything, from Mean Girls type of drama, to the most romantic and touching moments, and in between sexy banter and funny scenes. There were little twists and a few big twists in the story that kept making it more and more interesting.

I loved the whole revenge idea, but the book is also an expression of a girl who hasn't quite found out who she really is or who she wants to be in life. Cherry is such a sweet girl but has let herself fall into a web of not so good people. After she is the one taking the bullet, she decides she no longer wants to be that girl. And here comes Ashley. He is such a delight since the beginning. He is charming and completely irresistible, as Cherry found out real soon. Together they make of a touching and fun romance.

Fun, a bit angsty and a brilliant exposure on personal growth.

Romance Readers Retreat says

From the start of this book I thought I may enjoy it though the description of the Fling Club sounded ridiculous to me. However as the story progressed the eye rolling began.

I'll add now I've always enjoyed this authors work and was looking forward to a new book from her but this just wasn't for me in the subject matter, it is New Adult and I can't fault the writing, I just couldn't relate.

Fling Club is a New Adult read very much in the tone of Mean Girls meets one of those ridiculously wealthy brats reality shows. The characters are just too immature and brattish for me and I wanted to throttle each of them.

The basis of this story is the lead character Cherry sets off to gain revenge on her best friend and co founder of Fling Club after finding her in bed with her boyfriend, very much egged on by her brother. To do so she hires a hard up student, Ashley, to play the part of a fling for the summer frolic in the Hamptons. Poor Ashley is the only character I liked in this book.

Anyway if you are a fan of Mean Girls type drama then you will love this book.

Melanie (mells_view) says

Ok. So here's the positive. If you're looking for an over the top dramatic revenge plot story, that takes place during the summer in the Hampton's, where a couple who isn't meant to fall in love does, and where so many secrets and lies between a group of friends are uncovered your head will spin... then Fling Club, is a story you should buy as soon as it's available! This story is a bit problematic for me for many reasons, but I pushed through and when I got to the end the moral is good. Hurt people, hurt people. And if you don't realize that you're acting out from your hurt, then you just end up hurting more people. You've got to let yourself heal, and not retaliate.

Sadly I can't rate this book any higher than a three, because even though the characters were unlikeable with purpose (growth), I still just didn't like very many of them. I also wasn't pulled in by the falling for a dude you've hired to ruin a friend plot. I know that's a plot so many people love, and I thought I was going to be into it. It just didn't work for ME in this instance. I honestly think that other readers will enjoy this story though.

If you ENJOY drama on the level of Gossip Girl and Pretty Little Liars, minus all the death, then this story is a good one for you.

Kate (beautifulbookland) says

This book is problematic; the slut-shaming is plentiful, there's a typical mean girl, the love interest is an asshole, and the main character's personality is as flat as a pancake.

But to make it even more ridiculous? This 'Fling Club'. This secret club (THEY LITERALLY BURN A PRINTOUT OF THE RULES SO NOBODY FINDS OUT - which is, incidentally, the only time this book made me laugh because I can legit remember doing this in primary school whenever my friendship group decided to make an uber cool club. But these girls are about twenty years old and it's a bit embarrassing really) basically means that the members choose a man for a summer fling, parading him around at social events. It was created by a rich teenage girl and everybody takes it completely seriously; the parents literally don't get on the leader's bad side in case their daughter gets kicked out of the club.

Maybe it's because I'm not rich (understatement - I have £2.50 in my bank account, which is an all time low to be honest) or maybe it's because I'm English and don't understand American culture, but I just don't get why this club is so important.

But it is, and instead of just not fucking going to the meetings and that, our main character Cherry, along with her brother and sister, decide to take down the club and its owner - Cait - after she finds Cait sleeping with her boyfriend. Cherry's eyes are finally Opened after her discovery, and she kicks off a search for a cute, middle-class boy to...expose Cait? I didn't really understand that part, but I know he gets paid a totally mental amount of money for his troubles.

I ASLO know that the cute, middle-class boy? He's a total dick, and I wanted to drop kick him off a cliff.

Because this dude? This Ashley? He *hates* rich people. When he meets Cherry, he's literally disappointed to find out that she's rich. But her brother? Her brother who is also rich? He's fine. He's cool, he's a Bro, and Ashley wastes no time in joining Cherry's brother - Andy - in looking down their noses at Cherry, the spoiled little rich girl.

Ashley regularly judges Cherry, all the while having a total Bromance with her brother. There's this one part where Cherry lists reasons for eating well - one of which being cancer - and Ashley interrupts her and condescends to her about how she doesn't eat well to avoid getting cancer, she eats well for vanity reasons.

And then, when Cherry gets angry at him for skinny shaming her (and basically just being a huge Judging Judy), he gets up and storms off.

If you can't take it mate, you probably shouldn't dish it out. Just a thought.

There literally wasn't a single character I liked in this book. Cherry was okay, but that's only because I felt sorry for her being constantly put down by everyone.

So, yeah, this book wasn't for me.

I received a free copy via NetGalley in exchange for a honest review

Grey says

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Unfortunately, it was a case of this book wasn't for me. The tag line spelled it out for me... revenge—sweet and hot—in the first book of this sexy and wickedly funny series. I was hoping for a hit out of the park. But for me, it didn't really read that way. The revenge part was definitely there...and well deserved. Not so much sweet. Hot... maybe to some. There was just a lot of over the top drama, slut shaming and spoiled stereotypes. *eek, I'm going to hide in the blankie fort* I did really enjoy the younger sister. She seemed real. And the writing flowed well. I didn't categorically dismiss the book... it just didn't grab my attention and keep it all the time.

Amber says

Another phenomenal book from Tara Brown. Fling Club is Mean Girls on Spring Break in the Hamptons, College style lol I really loved this story I could see the drama play out in my mind. I think Fling Club would make a good book to movie adaptation because Tara's words were so vivid. Once I started this story, there was no putting it down, there was so much drama unfolding at each turn of the page, I had to know more. The twists and turns it took from the middle to the end, majority I did not see coming, I love a book that isn't so predictable and Tara Brown brought us that with Fling Club. I loved that she brought us romance, humor, drama and so much more. I'm definitely calling dibs on Ashley, loved his character and definitely my fave out of them all. Although, I wouldn't mind reading Andy's or Ella's story, I feel like those two have more to tell us. I can't wait to see what else is in store for the Serendipity series.

Carol***BeautyandtheBeastlyBooks says

ARC received in exchange of an honest opinion

It's a testament of a good book when you're into 55% of it and you message the author to say it's the best thing she's ever written.

I've been a huge fan of Tara for years now and we became friends here on Goodreads many years ago. But despite all that I've never been one to sugarcoat my feelings for a book.

The Fling Club is different from any book I've read. It has a lot of elements I love in books, but the plotline is refreshing and different. I always say Tara is the Queen of Plot Twists, she has a knack for changing up a story in a way you wouldn't expect, so she's good at plotlines. This time though, I can see this one was thought throughly (not that her other books weren't) and she wrapped the whole story up in such a perfect way.

In her usual fashion the book has some plot twists, but this time it is not the focus. The Fling Club is more than a romance, it's more than Cherry and Ashley's story (which I LOVED, but we'll get to that soon). This is also a story about friendships and finding yourself.

Cherry is a senior at college, who is also a spoiled and privileged girl. And through an elaborate scheme to get even at someone, she'll discover more than she bargained for, mostly about her own self. Ashley...oh my! Don't let Eli hear this, but I think he's my favorite book boyfriend Tara wrote so far. He's nerdy and funny, gorgeous, sexy and very very real. He's exactly what Cherry needs, but didn't expect at all.

The Fling Club is The OC meets Gossip Girl meets Cruel Intentions meets Tara Brown's genius mind. We're talking about a world so f***ed up, but that could be any elite's neighborhood around the world. The beauty of it is that it's a book quintessentially relatable. Even if you're not rich, or if you haven't been through what these characters have. Everyone is more than they seem to be, for better or worse.

It was so easy to read this book that I never wanted it to end. It felt like hugging a friend. It's one of those stories that are so well built and well written that you forget you're reading it and feel like you're experiencing it.

Even if you're not rich and spoiled, this book will make you relate to it and you'll feel connected. It'll remind you of being young and in doubt and clueless about what to do with life. In one end we have Ashley who is so sure of himself and secure in his decisions and what he wants to do with his life and in the other end we have Cherry, who isn't sure of anything anymore, besides maybe how blind she had been about what was all around her. And these two opposites will not only attract, but remind us that life is not black and white. There's more to everyone and their attitudes and mistakes. Some might not be excused, though.

I absolutely loved Cherry because despite her thinking Ashley was the real one, I think she is quite real. She owned up to her mistakes, she's not always secure and we all have moments of self-doubt and insecurities. She's flawed and she doesn't make excuses for it. She's unabashedly herself. A little spoiled, a lot real and human after all.

Then we have Ashley...I fell in love with him the moment he sees the raspberry buns. He seems like my perfect guy. He's gorgeous and smart and nerdy and super honest. He calls people, specially Cherry, on her bulls**t. And I love that. I would love if he could be real because that's a guy I'd love to date. I love his interactions with his family. I love everything about him, because although he seems perfect for me (and Cherry), he's a normal guy, living his life and trying. Which is the most we can do.

I truly think Tara has found herself (not that she was ever lost) with this book. Her voice was never so strong and her writing is out of this world with this one. Everything fits perfectly. Everything is wrapped around so well that you smile when it's approaching the end. I hate seeing a good book end, but this time I felt so satisfied with the ending. It just fitted.

It's hard to explain the feeling of a book accomplishing it all. And The Fling Club did that for me. I could see the effort and work behind every page but it read and felt effortless. The story and the writing just flowed. Even though I could see how much work Tara put into this story, it didn't seem like a work at all, it felt natural, because, just like Ashley and Cherry, it feels very very real.

Congratulations Tara. You've done a marvellous job with this one and I can't wait to read the next book in this series!

D says

My first Tara Brown book. What the heck took me so long?

FLING CLUB was funny, sweet, smart, socially evil and a truly great read. Brown tied in the real life expectations of being young, in college and navigating friendships, the "it" crowd, love and above all else being 'you.'

Amid all the realness of the book, Brown did a fantastic job of making the story swoon worthy, a little angsty and heartfelt. Cherry's character was one that almost every single young woman could relate to on their way to becoming a strong independent woman after college. Ashley was a fabulous book boyfriend. Confident, sexy in a non-typical book boyfriend way.

What I loved most about this book is that author Tara Brown didn't synonymously write vulnerability as naivety. The characters were profoundly affected by their actions but they weren't naive to think otherwise. They were however, vulnerable and at the root of it all wanted the same thing as their peers and what they thought others did too. I loved that in all their vulnerability the characters, both protagonists and antagonists, they were strong and resilient.

FLING CLUB was a wonderful story of emotional growth, resilience, change and becoming your own person.

D 5/5

Mg ♥ The Bookishmedialite says

"She made my world brighter, and I clearly made hers more real."

I don't usually read reviews before starting a new book, but since this was going to be my first experience with Tara Brown, I decided to read them. There were not what I was expecting, they made me feel unsure whether to read the book or not, but at the end, I decided to give it a try... and OH BOY, it was so GOOD! The perfect mix of funny, sweet, and hawt—with just the right amount of angst to keep me glued to my kindle. I enjoyed it immensely.

Ashley and Cherry were so adorable together—their chemistry was totally off the charts funny and sexy, although it was not just their chemistry what hooked me in, but how the story progressed with them trying to fight the pull they felt toward each other, which was inevitable from the start.

In this club, you have to follow the rules. But what happens when reality hit you hard, and you decide to burn them all.

Fling Club was a total page-turner. The story and writing just flowed, and once I started reading it, I didn't want to stop. I not only fell in love with the main characters but with the amazing secondary characters as well. Here's hoping Ella gets her own book!

A socially evil read full of revenge, emotional growth and the art of becoming your own person.

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Nina says

Thanks again to Skyscape for sending me an ARC of this book via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Every year Cherry spends her summer in the Hamptons and every year her summer revolves around the “Fling Club”. The point of the club is that its female members get to choose a guy for a fleeting romance each summer who will then accompany them to functions and other events of their choice. This year is supposed to be Cherry’s last summer in the club but instead of just finding a guy for a short summer romance, she’s out for revenge this time around. Revenge on the club’s founder who slept with her ex-boyfriend. Cherry has a plan but for that plan to work she still needs to find the perfect guy and Ashley, a nerd from MIT, seems like the right candidate. But what happens when after some time, Cherry and Ashley realize they’re more than just business partners and the plan unravels?

The plot of “Fling Club” unfortunately was very predictable. The first third of the novel was actually alright and I was very interested in seeing where the story would go, but then everything just started going downhill from there. All the plot twists were pretty unoriginal and none of them surprised me. Especially the last 10% after a certain bigger plot twist were incredibly boring and I had to force myself to even finish the book despite only having a few pages left to read. There was also lots of slut shaming in this book and overall, the story was just overly dramatic and too much for me. I have to say though that for the most part, this was a

very quick read and I flew through the majority of the book.

As for the characters, the two MCs Cherry and Ashley were okay characters, but I have to say that neither of them left a lasting impression and I ultimately didn't really care about them. The same goes for most of the other characters except for Cherry's younger sister Ella, who seemed like a very interesting character and quite unlike all the other flat characters in this book. I definitely would've loved to still read a little more about her.

The writing style was fine and didn't bother me too much. It was a little repetitive at times but while I've definitely read books from author's whose writing style is a lot more to my liking than Brown's, I've also definitely seen worse before.

Overall, this was a pretty disappointing read but I'm still giving it two out of five stars because of the promising first third of the novel and because of Ella. If you're looking for a very dramatic revenge summer romance novel though, this is definitely a book you might enjoy a lot more than I did. But in my opinion, it was simply a very unoriginal and boring novel.

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Audri says

Originally posted on the blog Fiction and Frosting

I'm not really comfortable writing reviews like this one. But since reviews need to reflect honesty, I'm keeping this short to stop myself from ranting. There were so many things that I tried to look aside, but it did not work.

The first few chapters were full of hate that I actually felt stressed reading it. STRESSED. No one should be allowed to feel that when people read for leisure.

The synopsis really intrigued me. The story itself was a slow build up, and I wouldn't really mind it if the characters were somewhat interesting. The Kennedy siblings were full of vengeance and the love interest was a sexist, body-shaming, rude "nerd".

Ashley Jardine was hired to be part of a revenge plot on a "mean girl" who started Fling Club. I should've liked him. I mean, a robotics engineering student at MIT plus very hot? A dream come true. But when it came to his POV, I wanted to barf!

"She represented everything I disliked in a girl and a human."

And yet, he lusted over Cherry, the main character, since he saw her. *rolls eyes* He kept insulting Cherry, but at the same time be attracted to her? Now I'm confused if they're young adults or a bunch of kindergartners.

"All girls are the same. Hung up on what someone else tells you you're supposed to be. If I were a girl, I'd eat nothing but pizza and ice cream and stare at my gorgeous body in the mirror while telling everyone else to stick it."

I mean, come on, Cherry already feels bad about herself from all the bullying she gets from her family and her so-called friend, but yes! Let's enter another dry character and make him the possible love interest! Hooray!

The only character I enjoyed was the one I was actually supposed to hate— Cait. She made at least a third towards the end more interesting. I wanted to read more about the Fling Club and its history and the drive that pushed Cait to boundaries to actually do it. I did get my answers, but it was a little too late.

Although there were a lot of things I couldn't agree on, I still wasn't able to put this book down. I wanted to know if it got better, but sadly for me, it didn't. This is my first book by Tara Brown. Would I read more of her works? Weirdly enough, yes.

Cheryl says

In regards to this book, the humor is what kept me engaged and reading this book. It is funny that there were several references to Cruel Intentions as that is the vibes I got from this book. Cherry and her brother are the main leads but they don't sleep with each other. Whereas, Ashley is in the role that Reese Witherspoon played. You can't feel bad for Ashley as he knew from the start what he was getting himself into with offering to play a part.

Yet, as much as I liked the humor, it was the characters that I didn't care for. I found most of them to be self-absorbed and unappealing. This did include Cherry to a point as well. Ashley is the only one I liked right from the moment I met him. Overall, I would classify Fling Club as a light hearted chick lit book.

Carvanz says

After finding her best friend in bed with her boyfriend, Cheery sets out to plot the perfect revenge. For years this particular friend has ruled the Hamptons as well as the group of girls in the Fling Club. But with the help of her siblings, Cheery sets out to bring her down not realizing how deep the betrayals run.

Ashley needs money to help out his family and is desperate for a summer job. When he responds to a post looking for someone who can turn their back on their moral values in a quest for vengeance, he replies and opens the door for a summer unlike any he ever expected.

Cheery was a complicated character, trying to find herself and who she really was after years of living up to her friend's social standards. She was a hot mess and there were times I wanted to smack her on the head to snap her out of her second guessing. There was a lot of back and forth with what she wanted and thought and sometimes it was a bit repetitive. Ultimately, I did like her and loved that she found the strength within to take the steps needed to end the abuse in a manner I never predicted when starting this book.

As for Ashley, a nerdy hero who didn't quite fulfill all my nerdy requirements - it was more on paper than in real actions - was definitely the light in the story. A bit judgmental at times, with reason, he was also quick to admit to his shortcomings and looked beyond the surface at what lay beneath Cheery's fake smiles. He brought a touch of humor to the story that was desperately needed at times. And his own strength in the face of adversity endeared him to me even more so than his personality.

This is a relatively fast paced read but I still found myself skimming some when thoughts were repeated. Cheery's siblings were freaking awesome but I couldn't find myself trusting any of the other secondary characters in her circle of acquaintances and that became a bit tiring. However, Ashley stole the spotlight here and along with him the steam level increased.

While I am not a fan of the "mean girls" storyline, I was curious to see how everything would play out in the end and I was satisfied by the ending.

I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book provided by NetGalley. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Dual POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers (view spoiler)

mybookcraze says

I didn't like this book it wasn't for me mostly because it was just super slow for me. If the pace was faster I probably would have liked it better. The plot was weird I thought I would be into it but it didn't happen that way.
