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Devlin, Caroline and Maggie. Women in their prime. They have it all. Careers. Success. Marriage. They are the envy of their peers. But at what price?

Just when Devlin has everything she has ever dreamed of, a callous betrayal shows her that there's no room for friendship and loyalty in business. Can she be as tough as she needs to be in a world of deceit and double-dealing, where honesty and integrity are rare commodities?

Caroline, fed up being a victim, is no longer shy, unsure and needy. She's about to take a step that will change her life. Then tragedy strikes, and her plans change completely. But when one door closes...another opens.

And Maggie, alone, unsupported and unhappy in her marriage, has to make a choice that will put her children's needs before her own. Has she the strength to do what she has to do?

City Lives is the story of three women who have one great certainty in their lives. Their friendship. The enduring bonds of loyalty and love will carry them through the worst of times and the best of times.

City Lives Details

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From Reader Review City Lives for online ebook

Nicki says

Though this is my least favorite series by Patricia Scanlan, this third and final novel is my favorite of the three. She definitely improved greatly as an author over time, and there's a few contradictions and plots that that don't overlap properly over the three, but for the most part this was an enjoyable light read.

It was very predictable and I could see what was going to happen with Alma and also Matthew a mile off.

However, Patricia has a way with chick lit and I still found I wanted to keep reading on and see it unfold!

Three and a half stars.

Sharon Reeves says

I read this book before reading the other 2, so in the wrong order. A comfortable read.

Judy Spare says

Enjoyed the way the story unfolded.

Eimsley says

Shocking. Terrible. So many inaccuracies about ireland it's embarrassing

Tania Easton says

another 1 to the set. good read.

Joolz says

Fancied a bit of Chick Lit (not like me at all!!) and borrowed this from our Exchange Book Shelf we have at work (you borrow, read, put back for someone else). Very easy reading, quite believable characters, yet run of the mill, could be watching Holly Oaks for similar lol. Still enjoyed its few twists and turns, the kind of book you buy for reading on the beach, and for times when you dont want anything too heavy!

Bev Taylor says

a friendship to last a life time

meet devlin - a single mother who lost her daughter in a car accident. now she is happily married to luke running city girl, a veru successful beauty business. luke is a property developer and they want for nothing - plus she is pregnant!

caroline is married to richard. h/e they have split once and then got back together again. he is a lawyer and a homosexual and is still ruled with a rod of iron by his mother. she works for devlin

maggie is married - unhappily - to terry who once beat her and has had an affair, plus various asides. they have 3 children and in her 'spare'time she is writing her third novel

all of them r insecure and they r each faced by their hardest challenges and they must reach deep into their strengths to carry on

wonderful characterization that i likened to a box of chocolates. some of your favourites that will not share, others u love but r willing to share them and others u take one bite and spit out. also, they were so insecure - at times unbelievably so, u felt like shaking them - it was like the box came w/o the paper cases

sit down and lose yourself in it with just a few questions -

surely devlin would have been recognised at powerscourt springs; who discovered richard's body; no name for the baby

yes, a stretch that they each reached the crossroads of their lives at the same time but i guess that its writer's licence and how else would the story get told?!

4.5 stars

bev

Helen says

I liked this book, I realise it has inaccuracies but it got my reading mojo back.

Michele says

3rd in the series, again as before

Sandra says

Love this tiilogy

Lainy says

Time taken to read - on and off over 4 days

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Blurb from Goodreads

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'A page-turner for romantics'Ireland on Sunday

My Review

This is book two of a trilogy, if you haven't read the first one I would recommend it however you could get away with reading this as a standalone. I think you would enjoy it more though having the background info.

Three very different women, Devlin is a successful business woman with her own chain of beauty salons, married and in love she has everything she could want from life. Caroline, married to a man with his own demons and over bearing mother. When they agree to divorce and pursue happiness, Caroline's Mother in Law has other plans. And Maggie, a now well known author, a husband with more than a roving eye, young babies and the struggle between her own happiness and that of her children. The trio have already overcome so much together, now taking scary steps in each of their own lives to achieve what we all want, happiness.

I do like Scanlan's writing, it is like slipping into an episode of one of your favourite sitcoms, the writing flows and you're quickly drawn into the world created and following the ladies recent adventures. I think within the characters there will be someone each reader can identify with, even though they have fame or money they still experience the same woes as everyone else. I will buy the third part of this series as I want to know what is next for the ladies, a perfect read for round the pool or just to switch off from your own every day, 3/5 for me this time.

Nicole Gust says

By the time you read this, the 3rd book in the series, it was pretty much repetition...

Noemia says

Nice story set in Ireland, good reading....

JenniferB says

Light novel, easy to read and a good story.
