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Thirteen years ago Amy Crane ran away from everyone and everything she knew, ending up in an unfamiliar city with no obvious past and no idea of her future. Now, though, that past has just arrived on her doorstep, in the shape of an old music cassette that Amy hasn't seen since she was at university.

Digging out her long-neglected Walkman, Amy listens to the lyrics that soundtracked her student days. As long-buried memories are wrenched from the places in her mind where she's kept them safely locked away for over a decade, Amy is suddenly tired of hiding.

It's time to confront everything about her life. Time to find all the friends she left behind in England, when her heart got broken and the life she was building for herself got completely shattered. Time to make sense of all the feelings she's been bottling up for all this time. And most of all, it's time to discover why Jack has sent her tape back to her now, after all these years...

With her mantra, New life, New job, New home, playing on a continuous loop in her head, Amy gears herself up with yet another a bucked-sized cup of coffee, as she goes forth to lay the ghost of first love to rest...

Another Cup of Coffee Details

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Bev says

Interesting story, that proves we always want what we can't have. Enjoyed the exploration of very different friendships.

Jessica T-O says

many years ago Amy has given everything up, all her life, because of a break up. She lived since in Scotland and returns now to London, after receiving a tape and a letter from her former boy friend. Now she has to find a new flat and a new job and reconnect with her friends.

There are quite some characters in the book, but none I could really quite connect with. For me personally some background information was missing. Her parents are mentioned, but it is never explained, what happened in the many years she was not around, did they meet or was she completely isolated in Scotland. I felt there were some important information missing about Amy, but as well about the other characters. Information I waited for through the whole book and then was disappointed, because it never came up or was not explained. That's why the book was not my cup of coffee.

Emmamollis says

Jenny writes with with a style that captures the reader instantly. Immediately I felt that I knew her characters and was part of their story. I should have known Jenny's debut novel would be stunning, her erotica alter ego writes just as seductively!

Jenny weaves her story through an ever more intricate group of friends new and old, blending their stories to build conflict and tension in just the right places making the novel one that you can't put down. I found the story utterly believable whilst entertaining enough to keep me up way after I should have been in bed.

The plot is both funny and tear jerking, a classic combination in my eyes. The only novel I've ever read which makes my own caffeine habits seem acceptable!

Well done Jenny! Can't wait for Romancing Robin Hood.

Diane K says

I really enjoyed this book. Jenny Kane wrote so you felt drawn to the character. Everybody, in a way, has friends like in the book and can easily relate to their problems and achievements. I look forward to her upcoming books.

Kristin L. says

This is a wonderful contemporary romance from author Jenny Kane. The characters are a mixed bag, to be certain, but all very three-dimensional and likeable. I could easily see myself at Pickwick's having a cup of coffee with Amy and Kit! After reading this story, they are like comfortable friends to me.

The author skillfully weaves a tale of friends, the couples that they are, and their past histories that come boiling to the top. She has a great handle of writing dialogue that really lets the personality of the characters shine through. Their banter is realistic and fun to read. I loved how I could just imagine how they sounded. (I am American, and of course have a fascination with British accents!) The story is more about their interactions and relationships with each other and with the curve-balls that life throws at them, with the undercurrent of romance. I was very happy that Amy got her happily ever after, although I would have liked that for Jack as well. I look forward to reading Jenny Kane's story, *Another Cup of Christmas*, and a chance to read more stories centered around what sounds like the best coffee house in London.

Susan says

Have you ever been with a bunch of people you don't know very well and don't really like and all they talk about are things that they did together 10 years ago when you didn't know them at all? They laugh and tease each other, and maybe get a bit upset about these past events. Since you really don't care about these trivial things that happened so long ago to these unpleasant people you spend the time making your grocery list in your head so you don't die of boredom. That is essentially my experience of this book. A bunch of boring, self-centered, unlikable people whining about their relationships from 10 years ago. Yawn! Just get over it people! I did read this right to the end because I was hoping something interesting would happen but I was disappointed. It was a cute enough with a warm, fuzzy ending but I couldn't work up anything other than apathy for this story. I needed more than one cup of coffee just to stay awake! I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads. Thank you!

BestChickLit.com says

Reading *Another Cup of Coffee* is almost like being a fly-on-the-wall of the lives of the book's main characters. Kane makes use of her clear writing skills by having the reader shadow Amy's, Jack's and Kit's lives as they try to make sense of the changes that begin to form an iron grip around their relationships.

A simple tape is all it takes to shake Amy out of her self-imposed solitude and casts the first stone in a sea of change for all involved. I found her an incredibly complex character and it's very telling how an event can have some people bouncing back after a broken heart, whilst for others, it can alter the direction of their entire life. Jack, himself, is not so complicated. His eternal confusion over his feelings leads to a self-absorbed character that hurts the people he loves the most, albeit unintentionally. I did like him though and found myself willing him to make the right choices.

Kit was my favourite throughout. She really reminded me of a well-known writer but my lips remain sealed

on whom! Although her emotions were as much of a jumbled mess as the other two, she seemed more rounded and open to the changes happening around her. The dynamics of the friendship-triangle, along with the old and new friends surrounding the trio, had a nice comfortable feeling to it. Throughout the book you are aware that feelings run extremely deep but the friends will always have each other's backs, no matter what. As the story moves on, you, as the reader, are privy to the realisations and resolutions that begin to form and take place, which lead to a very satisfying conclusion.

I did develop a borderline caffeine addiction whilst reading this but, thanks to the great storyline, it's totally worth it!

Reviewed by Charlotte Foreman on behalf of BestChickLit.com

Veronica says

Very enjoyable story. Took a while to get into it, but then it just flowed. A well earned 5 stars.

Debi Hursh says

"I received this book as a review copy in return for an honest review"

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What a wonderful first book for Jenny! The characters seem so real. It was as if I have known these characters and actually lived their story right along with them. She sure does know how to draw in a reader. I can't wait for Jenny's next story to come out. I am sure she is going to be a star!

Rosy Painter says

Good quick read but a few spelling mistakes/extra words in the Kindle version

Karen Mace says

An ode to mix tapes! Oh how I miss them!! And in this book it just shows you how the power of a song from way back when can stir up the emotions and set you on a different path when you least expect it!

And this is what happens to Amy who is in her mid thirties, living in Scotland, feeling lonely, stuck in a dull job with no local friends, until she receives a mix tape from her old friend Jack, who she'd not heard from in years. And it just makes her look back on her time with him and their other friends and has her wondering 'what if'.

And so she moves down South to see if her she can find her happy place again, reconnect with old friends and find out what she's been missing out on. It's a scary move for her but something she needs to do and soon finds friends and old feelings are difficult to shake off.

We also get to see the story from the point of view of Jack, who has recently come out but has always seemed to struggle with his sexuality. And his friendship with Kit, a wife and mother who writes steamy erotic fiction, is also another complex aspect of his life.

There are a number of characters in this book who annoyed the heck out of me at times, but that made it feel more relatable! Not everyone is going to be 'your cup of tea (or coffee!)', and they will often do things that annoy you or perplex you, but it's their decision and you can only be there to pick up the pieces or support them whatever they decide to do. It brings into focus the fact that many people are unhappy with how their lives are turning out, they just go with the flow until it is often too late and it takes a big leap of faith to change things and to try and get more out of life - be that changing jobs or trying to reconnect with old friends.

I loved the mix of personalities of this group of friends - they don't live in each others' pockets, it's not all rainbows and laughs, but when faced with a drama they are there to support those who need it no matter what. Many of them have very jealous personalities which can come across as quite petty at times, but that mirrors real life! Nobody's perfect.... are they?! The timeline also jumps around quite a bit which does keep you on your toes!

The songs mentioned throughout were a great blend and often had me grabbing an old CD or looking online to listen to them again as it really helped connect more with the story! An engaging and grown up piece of fiction.

Sarah Clark says

Lovely book, nice story, good characters. Liked the music references and the coffee thread was very well woven. Really enjoyed it!

Erika says

A rather enjoyable book... It did take a bit of getting used to as the writing style wasn't what I was used to in a book but I loved it! It was something you can relate to about life and feelings, how you express them or rather don't!

Laura Wilkinson says

Great, light-hearted read for fans of contemporary romance. Central male character Jack is infuriating, but compelling as a result - you want to see how he'll behave next - and Amy is sweet (perhaps a little too sweet for my taste) but writer of erotica Kit makes up for Amy's timidity!

Heather says

A really enjoyable read, the music theme that ran through the story worked really well and added to the

ambiance of the book.

A great debut with really likeable characters.
