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It's Ex-Wives versus Next Wives in this latest novel from bestselling author Jane Moore—a sexy tale of modern (re)marriage, packed with razor-sharp wit and high-stakes drama.

It's Alison's wedding and she and her groom, Luca, have just exchanged vows and are preparing to cap off their perfect day at the reception. But before the champagne even hits the crystal stemware, Luca's first wife storms in and makes it clear that she intends to remain very much a part of his life. When the fuss has died down, Alison finds an ally in Fiona, who confides that a few women she knows have recently started something called the Second Wives Club—a group of female friends who get together to bitch and gossip about the drama that inevitably unfolds when you marry someone else's husband.

The club's founding members include Julia, a stunning self-proclaimed trophy wife whose husband insists on remaining uncomfortably close to his former spouse; Susan, whose live-in boyfriend is the classic widower who can't let go of his beloved ex's memory; and, of course, Fiona, whose cross to bear is the teenage stepson from hell and an ex who's bent on sabotaging her relationship. Fortunately, the Club gives them a place to vent, and together they contend with malicious rumors, scheming divorce lawyers, and ex-wives intent on revenge—until they decide that it's time to stop settling for second best . . . and then the fun really begins.

Told with Moore's signature wit, wisdom, and sass, *The Second Wives Club* proves that second wives can be every bit as winning as the girl next door—and offers a dishy, unputdownable look at the modern marital love triangle.

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From Reader Review The Second Wives Club for online ebook

Kathy S says

A quick easy read. A pleasant change from the cynical, revenge seeking women found in many chick lit books. There was strong elements of 'goodness' in the 4 women which I found refreshing.

Laura Candela says

Kind of entertaining but killed off some brain cells

Cari Schaeffer says

I took away a star because of the multiple use of the "f" word, which I always hate. Plus there are some overt sex scenes, but those aren't too smutty. I just skipped a few sentences.

Overall, I liked the book. I am not a second wife, nor have I ever been in a position to be one and I am grateful. I think the author did a good job in giving the second wife perspective through several different characters/scenarios. That situation is a tough one to be in, for all parties involved. I think the most difficult position is for the children. Step-parents really walk a tight rope in terms of the other woman's children and how to (or if) parent them.

I would read it again.

Tiffany says

OK

Viri Sánchez says

The drama caught me. I am a slow reader, but by the end I could not put it down. Great read.

Marisa says

Let me start by saying, I really enjoy when a cheater is cheated on, and feels all the terrible complex feelings of being betrayed by the one person you should be able to trust. I know some don't deserve being treated badly but those relationships should come to an end before the need to bring others into the relationship in order for them to leave. With that said, sorry for the melodrama, hehehe just voicing an opinion.

Back to the book, I really didn't think I would like it as much as I did, don't get me wrong I enjoyed some characters more than others, and enjoyed when some had gotten what they deserved. I liked Fiona and David, and his dedication to his first child from his first marriage, and how Fiona understood his commitment to his teenage son even if she didn't much like his attitude toward her, but their marriage came together after David's first marriage was already over.

Susan and Nick, I have to admit I didn't much like Nick's attitude or lack of when it came to Saint Susan, she did everything for the relationship and he just took advantage until she was almost gone, that woke him up to be better.

The ones I enjoyed having their worlds crumble were the ones that opened went after and cheated with and had them leave their first wives with no thought of who or what they were interfering with and in some cases destroying in the end it's always the children that are the most affected. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, highly recommend to read.

Shannon Cruz says

Had every intention of reading this as a normal, run of the mill chick lit book, just a guilty pleasure, and I was pleasantly surprised. Yes, it's chick lit, but it's written very well. The characters had depth and intrigue. It was emotional and funny and I most certainly can relate to the premise of this book. I will be picking up more of Jane Moore's novels!

Mary Thomas says

Complete waste of my time. Dismal shallow women and selfish men. But hey it's a happy ending all round.

Dalesha R says

Loved it!!!!

Gina says

Ugh. I was a huge fan of Olivia Goldsmith's *First Wives Club* and even though this is written by a different author, thought it might be a fun tale of the other side of the coin. I couldn't have been more wrong. Four vapid, self-absorbed women who, each in their own way, cut a married man from the herd and roped him in through deceit and sexual conquest, get together once a month to kvetch about the first wives and whine. This read like a bad soap opera with none of the women experiencing any real growth or moments of self-realization. The razor sharp wit described in the blurb is non-existent. The only time I laughed was when one of the protagonists got hit by a car. And that was because I was thrilled to see at least one of these catty broads got knocked down. A miserable read.

Crysta says

I picked this up off the sidewalk because it looked funny, but it wasn't. It made me angry and sad and I have to hope that the author doesn't really think that that's how marriages, even bad ones, go. Or for that matter how people, even "bad" ones think, speak, and act.

Sarah says

I usually don't read these types of books, mostly because they can't keep my interest for long. Especially when they're about couples. I've never been a romantic type, and having kids is NOT my thing, there Julia and I are in complete agreement.

But despite Julia's adamant lack of maternal instincts, it's a book about adult women wanting kids.

Sometimes I find myself thinking they've got a point (their partners are complete imbecils, it would have been nice if one of them at least had a decent guy without all the asshole tendencies and no compassion), but most of the time I just sigh in frustration.

Books like these really do make me want to stay single. Less drama all around.

Dannielle Lindsay-Rohr says

Must read for second wives

Funny, thoughtful, easy to read book. I could totally relate to several of the characters in this book. Sooooo good.

Therese Bergwall says

3.5. Läst på svenska: Ex-häxorna

Marcy says

I wanted to rate this somewhere between a 3 and a 4. This was a pretty fast read and an enjoyable one (at least, when I wasn't wanting to punch husbands on behalf of women who were taking too much crap from them).

It was interesting that I read this so closely after finishing "Stepmonster" because a lot of issues discussed in that book came up in this one, and quite naturally, not in any sort of forced way. I suppose that makes sense in a book about second wives, many of whom are dealing with issues tied to children that came from first marriages and so fit the stepmother role as well -- one couple faced trouble as a teenaged son from a first marriage tried to drive a wedge in the new union on behalf of his slighted mother; one couple dealt with

problems because the husband's attempts to prioritize his sons from the previous marriage meant prioritizing their mother over his new wife as well; and one couple had problems revolving around the fact that the ghost of the first mother, if not literally then at least figuratively, was haunting their relationship as the second wife stepped in to aid in raising the daughter of her and the widow she left behind. Seriously, if the publication dates hadn't made it impossible, I'd have guessed that Jane Moore picked up a copy of "Stepmonster," picked some highlights, and threw them in her novel in a big melting pot of, to varying degrees, toxic (second) marriages.

There were many, many moments that I really felt for the difficulties faced by Fiona, Alison, and Susan; the only woman I couldn't really feel for was Julia, who pretty much seemed like a gold-digging homewrecker. About two thirds of the way in, we get some insight to make her more likeable despite all this, to kind of justify the behaviors that she had, but even so, she was a bit much for me. I had little sympathy when (view spoiler).

Nearing the end it was starting to look like there was a good chance that the only marriage that was going to "work out" was (view spoiler) I thought it made for an, if not unrealistic, at least a terribly pessimistic approach to second marriages to show the other marriages breakdown (or at least begin to) over, in two cases, the desire to have children and to go to somewhat extreme lengths to get them (or not), and in in two cases (yes, one marriage featured both of these), husbands that made it clear that everything and everyone came after the children from the first marriage every time, current wives included. (view spoiler)

People I wanted to punch while reading this book: Jake, David, Luca, Julia, Nick. Not necessarily in that order.

People I wanted to hang out with in real life while reading this book: Fiona, Susan.

Lines/quotes I liked:

There was Uncle Mauro, who still pointed at the planes flying overhead from the Nazi invasion, and his second cousin Maria, who, to put it kindly, was knitting with only one needle.

"Funny, isn't it?" mused Fiona. "We spend the first two years of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk, then the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up. I now know why some animals eat their young."
