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A year's worth of novellas from twelve inspirational romance authors. Happily ever after guaranteed.

Can two romantic missteps ever make a lasting forever?

Sadie McAllister is fastidious to a fault---but that serves her well as a personal chef to her clients in Denver. But her earliest attempt at managing romance was a bust when Erik Davis declined her invitation to the school's eighth grade Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Having celebrated the big 3-0 by ending a relationship, Sadie is tired of romantic relationships-by-text. The only man she knows willing to put down his iPhone and have face-to-face conversations with her is Erik. It's time to put a 21st-century twist on the Sadie Hawkins' tradition of a woman going after her man. He may not be the hero of her romantic dreams, but she can propose to Erik and achieve some sort of happily ever after with her best friend.

Erik is good at two things: his freelance job and maintaining casual, no-one-gets-hurt relationships with women. What is Sadie thinking, proposing to him? This is marriage---not a middle school dance. Erik decides to show Sadie what romance looks like when the man takes the lead. And while he's at it, he'll prove just how wrong they are for each other. But when he realizes he's fallen for her, can Erik convince Sadie his just-for-fun dates were the prelude to "til death do us part"?

A November Bride Details

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Angie Arndt says

Lovely novella about best friends finding true love. Sadie's best friend, Erik, is between girlfriends. Even though they cry on each other's shoulders, she's never thought of him romantically. Or has she?

With each new story, Vogt ups her writing game. It's no surprise that her novel, *Somebody Like You*, written before this novella was picked by Publisher's Weekly (PW) as one of the best books of 2014. And *November Bride* is even better. I especially like how her characters grow richer and deeper as the story develops.

Read it to the end and these best friends will feel like your best friends.

Joy says

The last book in the "A Year Of Weddings" series and it goes out with a bang.

Okay, so over the past year I have been reading every single one of these novellas. Some are great and some are not so great. In fact, by the time I hit August I was a little tired of the series but pressed on nevertheless and this book was worth reading.

All Sadie wants to someone to love her. After a break up by text by her boyfriend, Sadie is left disoriented. What is wrong with her? This isn't the first text break up! So she makes a promise...no more dating.

Erik has been secretly in love with Sadie since high school. Problem is....he's friendzoned and Sadie knows he has commitment issues. Can convincing Sadie to go on three dates with him prove that he's the man she's been waiting for and that they are so much more than "just friends."

This friends to lovers story is really sweet and appropriate for all ages.

Karen Korb says

About The Book: I have been a huge fan of this series since the beginning. I have read and reviewed most of the stories. Some I liked more than others, but this one was spot on. I have read many things by Beth Vogt and love her writing style. This novella read like a full length story. Vogt packed a great deal of living and story into 120 pages. I loved the story line of two old friends trying to move to the next level....but fear stopping them. It is a short read so you can finish it in one reading with ease. I hope you will enjoy it!

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Melanie says

This was such a cute story! I've read it twice now and both times really enjoyed it. The characters were great and I loved that they were childhood friends.

The romance was a little rushed, at least it felt that way to me, but I still enjoyed it and loved the ending. So unique from others!

All in all, A November Bride was a sweet and quick novella. I recommend it if you enjoy contemporary romance.

I received a complimentary eBook copy of this book via NetGalley for my honest review. As always, all thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

Alysia says

Have I mentioned that I enjoy best friends discovering true love? Oh yes, I did mention that barely in an October bride :) Sadie and Erik are perfect for each other, and it does beg the question of why, exactly, it took them THAT long to re-discover love. But, it was fun and engaging (punny, huh? :)

Beth Erin says

Sweet novella! I enjoyed the unusual guy/girl best friends in this story. Sadie is sweet and compassionate despite her lingering low self-esteem. Eric has a string of girlfriends turned friends 17 years long. Both have other strong friendships as well and the importance of mature relationships shines through.

I borrowed the audiobook version from my local library and the narration was very good.

Susan Snodgrass says

I discovered Beth K Vogt's books a few years ago and she quickly became a favorite author of mine. With this offering, she makes a 100 page novella feel like an entire book! I don't know how she does this, but it was the same with her last novella, too!

Sadie and Erik have been best friends since 8th grade, but secretly each wishes they were more. Will they each overcome their fears and take a chance that God has more for them?

Sometimes we all allow fear to dominate, but God doesn't want us to struggle with fear; He desires for us to be happy and whole and not burdened by fear.

Beth also has a significant spiritual lesson here aside from dealing with fear. It ministered to me seriously.

I am looking forward to her next book.

Iola says

Sadie McAllister is a personal chef who dreams of TV stardom, but a chance conversation with one of her clients shows her that what she really wants is a family. Trouble is, she's thirty and just been dumped by text message. Again. None of her relationships seem to last longer than a couple of months. Mind you, her best friend, Erik Davis, seems to have the same issue. And now he's suggesting they date, obviously forgetting he turned her down when she asked him to the Sadie Hawkins dance seventeen years ago.

I recently reviewed Cupcakes, which had a similar plot to A November Bride: a chef heroine who has spent years cooking for her male best friend who is secretly in love with her. I didn't especially enjoy Cupcakes, because the central conflict (that they both loved each other but didn't want to ruin the friendship by admitting it) didn't work in a full-length novel. However, A November Bride is a novella, and it works, both because of the shorter format, and because the characters are a little more prepared to take risks.

It also helps that there were some scenes which were laugh-out-loud funny, especially their "chaperoned" date. But you'll have to read it yourself.

A November Bride is part of the Year of Weddings series of novellas, each from a different author. While each one can be read and enjoyed as a standalone story, several link back to other books by the author in question.

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Donna (More Than a Review) says

A November Bride is part of The Year of Weddings series. Sadie is a chef and has just been dumped by her boyfriend by text which seems to be a pattern for her. Erik is one of her best friends. Sadie and Erik have been friends since she asked him to the Sadie Hawkins dance at 13 years old. Erik has decided he wants to take their relationship to the next level and has asked her on a date. Their interactions are hilarious. Sadie has a very interesting job as a chef. I had never thought about other occupations for a chef and found this fascinating. Erik found some fun things to do for their dates which made for fun scenes. My favorite was when he cooked her breakfast and made sure they had a chaperon.

You can see my full review at More Than a Review dot com where I rate the level of sex, violence, language and drug/alcohol use in books.

Kathie (katmom) says

This was charming. It ties for my favorite novella in this series.

Sadie is a chef, and her creations pretty much made me drool. She's worried about her heart, after being shot

down in middle school. Even though she and the "shooter" became best friends...she's still worried about rejection. She really does want her own family, but after being dumped via text several times, she's not ready to put herself out there again.

Erik is her best friend. He's also the guy that turned her down for a dance back in school. I like a guy that can learn, and he FINALLY gets it through his mind just WHO he has been waiting for. It's Sadie! Have to laugh, no one but them are surprised. He now has to convince her, after her latest dumping, that she really belong with him.

I enjoyed their banter and the way they really do depend on God for guidance. This is inspirational, but Ms. Vogt doesn't beat you over the head with religion. It's brought into play naturally, which is how I live my own life with the Lord. I liked that very much.

I will definitely have to check out more of this author's works.

Thank you, Netgalley and Zondervan, for the opportunity to read this book.

Aerykah says

Very good! Can't tell y'all how much I truly enjoyed this story! :)

Becky says

The final novella in Zondervan's Year of Weddings series ends the collection as it began—with an incredibly romantic story of two friends becoming something more.

You know the phrase "you don't know what you've got till it's gone"? That could be Erik's motto in A November Bride. It's not until he's about to lose Sadie that he realizes that being her best friend isn't enough.

Erik and Sadie's story is incredibly sweet and romantic, and I enjoyed every minute I spent reading it. I also liked how author Beth Vogt included accountability in the story. I don't think I've ever before read a Christian romance that talked so openly about the importance of accountability in avoiding sexual temptation. It was included in a way that didn't come across as preachy and fit seamlessly into the novella.

A November Bride is a wonderful conclusion to the first Year of Weddings collection, and I eagerly anticipate reading the novellas in year two! 4-1/2 stars.

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Kathryn Cooper says

audio. short. cute. sweet. the couple have been friends since junior high. loved it!

Hannah says

Well... I loved it! Such a fun idea for a story...a personal chef and her longtime best friend for MCs, and a fresh, unusual delivery of the romance. I especially loved the idea for the wedding party at the end!

Andrea Cox says

A November Bride is one novella I was super excited to get an early copy of. I'm so thankful to Beth Vogt and her publisher for allowing me to read it before its release date, via netgalley.com. This is my honest review.

A November Bride is the final installment of the first Year of Brides novella series. It's the only one I've been able to read so far, but after LOVING it, I guarantee you I'll be finding a copy of the others when my budget permits. Fun, spunky, creative, and hilarious all describe Beth K. Vogt's witty tale of romance that includes one of her "favorite" things: doors marked NEVER. I'm sure Sadie and Erik thought a romance was behind a NEVER-type door. But if you pick up a copy of A November Bride for yourself, you'll see just how wrong they were. Their journey from best friends to territory neither expected to test out is one exciting ride that kept me laughing from beginning to end.

I was already a fan of Beth's (since her very first fictional novel, *Wish You Were Here*, which is still my favorite), but this one, though much shorter than her others, brought something new to the table. It held more of a lighthearted tone throughout, whereas her others tend to touch on very deep topics at times—another reason I love her! She challenges you to dig deep along with the characters, pushing you to grow as a person as they do as characters. Even in this light romance, though, I found myself catching glimpses of a deeper and wider truth, that, even when life doesn't seem to be happening any way I thought it would, I can still hold on to hope in Jesus Christ. He knows exactly where He's leading me, and if I grasp the hope He's offering and cling to Him, He will bless me in ways I could never have imagined on my own. His dreams for me are much greater than the ones I've made for myself. All I have to do is hold tight to Him in prayer and wait for that divine timing of His. Sound easy? Not so much. But the best things in life are worth fighting—and waiting—for.
