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There's a new fashion designer in town, and "Fashion Don'ts" have never been more in style!

Sami Granger is fresh off the bus from the Midwest when some crazy person in the bus terminal warns her that life in New York City won't be what she always dreamed of. But Sami's determined to make it in an industry that is notoriously hard to break in to. Nothing she ever learned in her small town can prepare her for her first job working for a hot-shot designer: He steals her designs!

Now the only place that will hire Sami is a trashy lingerie store that she's too embarrassed to tell her old-fashioned father about. Will a visit from her father land Sami on the catwalk, or out on the sidewalk?

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PurplyCookie says

In this improbable, but charming, hip fairy tale, Sami Granger, 18 and fresh off the bus, sets out to conquer the world of high fashion in New York City. Clutching her portfolio, she survives rejection from the showrooms of 7th Avenue and a murder in her dive of a hotel.

Then her so-called boyfriend, who is also her new boss, steals her designs, and poor Sami is reduced to the embarrassment of working in a naughty lingerie shop in the East Village. Nothing in tiny Elk Lake, MN, prepared her for this.

Highly unrealistic but a cute romance story, it'll be a quick fun read to help pass the time for readers. Teen girls will enjoy the vicarious thrills of this ultra-chic journey through NYC: the clothes, the boyfriends, the models, the photo ops, and the clubs. Krulik imbues her tale with spirit, good characterizations, and a few genuine New York gems. When she's not name-dropping fashion designers, celebs, and hot night spots, she gives glimpses of the enduring wonders of the Big Apple: the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the artsy funkiness of SoHo and the East Village.

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Reviewed By Purplycookie

Lauren says

I feel a little guilty giving this three stars, because it a far-fetched, simply written, shallow romance. But, I enjoyed it. It kept me awake on a very long road trip, even though it was predictable and silly. It is only fun, light reading and that's all it was meant to be, so I would enjoy it for what it is- a simple, fun rom-com with no real plot or substance that will entertain and amuse for a short bit, and then be completely forgotten.

R.J. Gonzales says

A cute little read that follows the journey of young mid-westerner Sami Granger that leaves to New York to follow her dreams of becoming a fashion designer. However, after finding that the "City of dreams" isn't quite what she thought it would be like, adamant Sami is determined to accomplish her dreams. Even taking a job designing clothes at a lingerie shop won't keep her down.

This short read is a perfect beach read, or one to curl up to by a fireplace.

Kai says

Got this book from a friend and read it when I was in College (Ate Nitz, I think I got this from you?). I think these series are the first ones I've read that exposed me to chick-lits.

Jessica says

Seeing as the backs of these Romantic Comedies usually provide too much or not accurate enough information, I try not to read them until I've read the book. I did that with this one, and now see that the entire plot was on the back of the book. Only, for some odd reason, our heroine's hunk (Vin, for those of you wondering) on the front cover is NOT mentioned.

Okay, so you're undoubtedly thinking, get to the book already, but here's my point: The hunk of the front cover is hardly in the book at all. And look at him, for a cartoon drawing, he's hot. Instead, we have to endure our heroine's disease, I mean, desire for jerks that steal her designs or use her for publicity. Yes, we get two jerk boyfriends in this book that take up the vast majority of the 300+ pages. Vin, the hot guy we all know is going to end up with Sami, (Like that's a big spoiler, as this is a supposedly fluffy romance novel.)

Wait, where was I? Oh yes. Vin was hardly in the book at all. Instead of the passionate kisses a reader expects and wants to read from this type of book, we get Sami trying to make it in the fashion industry, two jerks, and that's about it.

Don't get me wrong, it's a cute little story, but gosh (SPOILER) she doesn't get together with Vin until page three hundred and nine in a three hundred and twenty six page book, and then they kiss shortly once, maybe they have sex in his apartment, and we see they're still together in the epilogue. Sami doesn't even talk to him though in the epilogue, they just live together, but he's not really in the epilogue! (END SPOILER).

Anyway, just don't read this one with hopes of romance, passion, or any general things you think you're going to get.

Kay, I'm done ranting.

Tiffany says

Sami grew up in the small town of Elk Lake Minnesota and has always designed clothes. She decides to move to New York and make it big as a fashion designer. The main love interest for Sami is a vital part of the story but isn't mentioned often in the novel. I was disappointed in the novel because I believe even though she grew up in a small town that she still should have had some common sense and not to have been duped majorly once and strung along the second time. I think life in a big city or not can teach us someone's true intentions toward us especially when it is so apparent. It could have been a cuter story than it was so I was disappointed.

Kate says

Simon Pulse Romantic Comedies are always a fun read. These books are not necessarily the best written novels but the stories are always fun and you know you will get a happy ending. I think some adult romances could take a note from these books b/c they are characterized well which is much of the battle in writing any novel since you want your characters, for the most part, to be endearing and relatable.

Cathleen Ash says

Sami leaves everything behind: her angry father, her brother and his pregnant wife (Sami's best friend Cecilia), and the small town that's not even on the map. She's destined for great things, she knows it, as she steps off the bus in New York City with her suitcase and portfolio of clothing designs. Yeah, it's scary. Yeah, it's hard to do, but she's so excited about becoming a real designer, there's no stopping her! Well, then again, after the first day of pounding the pavement and realizing none of the design houses are where they're supposed to be, of getting turned down each and every time, she's a little disheartened. She doesn't give up, even when people are not what they seem, and others might be a bit more than they seem!

Catalina Sennett says

Another cute romcom. Predictable? Yes. Still cute? Yes.

I was a little relieved to read a story about an older girl who moves away to pursue her career than another little teen high school true love thing. I mean those are cute too, but it was a breath of fresh air to hear from an older girlie.

So Sami moves from Elk Lake, to NYC for a fashion design job. We all know how easy it is to make it in the big apple huh? Haha. Anyways she gets there and everything is so easy for her it seems. She finds an apartment with a really cool girl, the first one she looks at. And they become bffs. I mean if that were me I would probably get stuck with some creepy perv. But yeah, she gets a job right away at Ted Fromme fashions as a receptionist. That doesn't turn out so well so she starts work at a lingerie store. And that is where she makes it big, designing her own pjs. And the romance? well the guy was there all along. Sami was just too dumb and blind to see him. I mean he made her a freakin desk with his own hands gosh damn it. Hulloo!!!

Sandy says

Another of those Simon Pulse romantic comedies. This one is about an aspiring fashion designer who leaves her small town for New York to make it big! There were some glaring inconsistencies here, like how a girl who knows every single designer in NY doesn't know Starbucks, and it was a fairly predictable story too. Girl meets boy, boy steals designs, girl swears off guys, girl makes it big. Yada yada.

Siera says

This book was fine, just like the others, but honestly it disappointed even a little more. I felt as though the plot was far fetched, so the characters had to be more realistic than usual to balance it out. However, I didn't really get to know the characters at all. Or at least, whenever there was a characteristic that was repeated, I didn't like it. It felt like one of those stories where the character just happens to have every conflict iron itself out right at the end of the book. Before then (like literally within five, ten, fifteen pages from the ending) the character had been rude to her old friends, totally oblivious to Dashing Prince Charming, dating jerks, ignoring her father because he was so angry that she'd left, missing the impossible home she couldn't return to, working in a trashy lingerie store, and basically just struggling to get by as a lowly fashion designer hopeful living with a lowly model hopeful. Then bada bing bada boo, she's suddenly famous, as is her friend, her father reconsiders and realizes he'd been wrong all along, she is rich enough to open a store back in her hometown, which can now be run by the friends she's been ignoring, also happens to have enough money to travel back and forth whenever she wants, and her perfect boy just happened to be a carpenter/runway designer, her model friends gets to be the new face of the new fashion industry, and everyone lives happily ever after.

Whaaaaa??

Of course, it still was a fun read, but I would have loved to love the characters as much as the sappily perfect ending they all got.

Sharon says

In this light and charming easy read by Nancy E. Krulik, Sami Granger is a fresh out-of-small-towner who moved to the big apple to pursue her ambitious dream of being a fashion designer. Her lack of experience and naivety soon landed her in the ditch when her so called 'boss' who also happens to be her crush NOT only stole her design ideas but also her heart. Sami vowed to never trust a man and locked away her ambition of being a designer. Instead of the high flying career she thought she'd find herself in, Sami's only 'break' was when she was offered a job in a lingerie shop. However, a visit from a customer soon propelled Sami into a whirlwind roller coaster ride down fashion lane with her at the front seat!

Geli says

I thought this was a very cute story but at times it was a little predictable as to what would happen. But that didnt take away from the story. Although its very obvious who she would end up with the in between parts were very interesting and funny. If you're looking for something quick and funny to read this is definitely it!

Sophie says

I liked this book. It wasn't the best i have ever read. It is most entertaining and quite amusing but I think that this book has no real spice, it has no quick changes. The only change is when the main character's boyfriend steals her designs, and that we already know from the resume. I would recommend this easy light read to anyone who is in a mood for non violent or fun books

Nicole says

I picked this book up because it had the same style cover as some of the other romantic comedies I like. But, this one just fell short. First off, it was told by a third person narrator, which is usually fine, but in this case was distracting. There would be times where something was described awkwardly and gave you an extra reminder that you were reading from 3rd person and made you feel disconnected. Also, you would occasionally hear conversations that the main character wasn't there to hear. The whole thing felt like a cheesy, made for tv disney movie with dorky dialog, a naive main character, and predictable, unbelievable story lines.
