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**All she wants is a perfect Christmas Eve wedding...**

It's been on Anna's wish-list since she was a little girl, dreaming of a far happier family life than she'd ever experienced.

But now – only two weeks before her big day – her perfect husband-to-be drops a bombshell...

Only nothing's going to stop Anna's plans – not even the pesky inconvenience of discovering her groom already has a wife!

## **Married By Christmas Details**

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## From Reader Review Married By Christmas for online ebook

### **Meghan says**

DNF around 20%?

My first book that caused me to create a DNF shelf.

I don't mind chick lit. They kind of rely on you ignoring real world things, and I am a sucker for a good story. And if this was about a woman freaking out because her fiancé was previously married and didn't realize it, that's one thing. But freaking out because she couldn't have a wedding on Christmas Day? (Eve? I can't tell.)

Guess what honey. YOU CAN HAVE THE WEDDING WITHOUT BEING OFFICIALLY MARRIED. Just don't sign the paper!

No, I'm sorry, I couldn't.

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### **Moon Love says**

I don't think I can honestly give the book 4 stars. I definitely think it falls more in the 3.5 range. While the story line wasn't avant garde, it was entertaining. There were a handful of spelling and grammatical error which surprised me but weren't too horrifying. Scarlett Bailey writes enjoyable stories. If you're looking for an fun-ish read with some laughs and a holiday setting, try this book.

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### **Sherri Hayes says**

DNF

I read about 20% of this book, and realized I was skimming more than I was reading. Its not a bad story, but it is very wordy. I ended up skipping to the last chapter to see if it would end the way I thought it would, and even that last chapter seemed to drag.

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### **Jane says**

Anna the girl left by her mother at age nine is a perfect characterization of an excessive compulsive person with her list, organization and excessive planning of every detail of her life. Not an easy person to live with but under all the excessive behavior is a nice person wanting out of her self-imposed obsessions. She started planning her perfect wedding as a child and goes to the other side of the Atlantic to reach her goal of the perfect Christmas wedding and goal of being *Married By Christmas*.

The big problem with all her plans is she has the wrong bridegroom, who is already married. The future rock

star enters the crazy trip to New York City, and the fun begins as Anna unravels, forgets her lists and feels free for the first time.

The twist at the actual wedding made way for the happy ending for all in this funny story about a perfect Christmas wedding.

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### **Nelly says**

Gillade verkligen den här boken, verkligen en typisk chicklit. I loved it!

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### **Jennifer Callanan says**

After reading the first few chapters I was more confused and disenchanted with the story than I was interested in what would happen. I mean really. Female A gets engaged to Male A. Female B, best friend of Female A, admits to the readers that she is in love with Male A. Male A ends up being already married to Female C. Female A agrees to still marry Male A as long as they can get an annulment/divorce before the wedding on Christmas Eve. Like really?!?!?! Can this get anymore confusing. I was sitting on my couch looking at my kindle and asking myself, 'Who am I supposed to be rooting for at this point? Who do I care about living happily ever after?'. The simple answer is that I didn't care, I was already fed up with these characters. I continued reading, but I never became real impressed with the story or became real emotionally involved. The author lost my interest when I became emotionally detached from the story and that is a big no no. My recommendation is to skip it.

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### **Rea Cobb says**

Scarlett Bailey is back again this Christmas with her second release and after she swiped first place last year with The Night Before Christmas I was really looking forward to this book.

The countdown to her winter wedding has begun...

Anna Carter wants the perfect Christmas Eve wedding. It's been on her 'to-do' list since she was a little girl stuck living in a children's home and dreaming of a far happier family life than she'd ever experienced. Now she's found the perfect Georgian country manor as a venue, to which she will be taken in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. She's got a show-stopping designer ivory-beaded wedding dress. And she's even found her groom. Three years ahead of schedule, funny, sexy, handsome journalist, Tom, had swept her off her feet.

Only, now, two weeks before the wedding, Tom drops a bombshell that threatens to ruin everything. But nothing is going to stop Anna's plans - not even the pesky inconvenience of discovering her perfect husband-to-be already has a wife...

What I love most about Scarlett Bailey is she manages to create such loveable and full bodied characters who stay with you even when you finish reading the book. Anna is a loveable character who you warm to from the start of the book after reading about her upbringing and although she feels like a delicate character at the beginning of the book as the story progresses and she goes on her journey we begin to see another side of

her, a fun side where she begins to let her hair down and begins to find her true self. I also loved Liv, your heart goes out to her when you discover her well kept secret, it is a shame that we don't get to see more of her character especially alongside her best friend Anna just to see the friends interacting and having fun together.

The storyline is very easy to fall into and is very exciting, never quite knowing if Anna's dream wedding will take place. I love the setting Scarlett creates in New York it is some where I have never been but she writes with such excitement and energy the place feels so alive I am now eager to visit although not looking for a missing ex wife I hope!

The only thing this book was lacking for me is the festivity, I was hoping for a more Christmassy feel to it but I am a bit over enthusiastic when it comes to Christmas, and I think we were spoilt with last years The Night Before Christmas which was overflowing with festivity.

Another great read by Scarlett Bailey which would make a great little stocking filler!

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### **Siew Ee says**

A quick-read, entertaining, occasionally funny chick-lit romance fiction. The premise is not original, but the story has good elements, and the cast of characters is likeable and easy to relate to. For such novels, there are usually no surprises or suspense, and you read it to see how the characters arrive at their happy ending by the end of the book. For me, the ending fell just a little flat because it was not convincing or realistic enough. Perhaps, if more page time were devoted to the emotional development concerning Liz and Tom (whom I happen to like better than the other couple), I would have enjoyed the book considerably more.

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### **thao vi says**

1 star.

why would anyone want tom when he really has no redeeming qualities?  
spoilers.

ummm...why would you marry a man as crappy as Tom?

1) he doesn't tell his fiance that he's still married from a person he married in Vegas (that he used to love...)

2) he doesn't go chase after Anna when she flies to NY to find his ex to sign the annulment papers

3) he leads Liz on when he's with Anna and quite frankly Liz is kind of a shite friend. when they are in NY instead of trying to find Anna she tries to get tom's mind off Anna and professes that she likes/loves him (has feelings for him).

4) tom jilts Anna at the alter, in front of the congregation tells them he's in love with Liz and hooks up with Liz. he didn't have the decency to tell Anna he's changed his mind BEFORE she was at the alter

5) Anna just let's it happen, all breezy.

yeah.

what makes a book great is likeable characters. if the writing isn't that great but the characters are likeable then it's a little more palatable than unlikeable shallow characters.

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### **Honeypie says**

#### **'This is the time of the year when good things are meant to happen.'**

I finished this book last night, and when I was starting on my review a few minutes ago, I didn't feel quite like it. But after documenting some quotable quotes, and I was given a bit of a glimpse of how the story went again, I kind of fell in love with it... again. I'm not sure though if I would feel the same, if I read it in electronic format. There is always something much more to reading, when you're holding an actual book.

Married By Christmas is about Anna's dream of having a Christmas Wedding. But two weeks before her big day, she learns that her fiancé has a wife already! And so she travels to New York, on an impulse, to look for this wife and get her to sign the divorce papers so she can get married, as originally planned!

I like Anna's character. I kind of see myself with her character. Not the boobs. (Never the boobs, hay. Haha!) She's this "freaky organizer" who seem to have a list of anything, even a list of lists! And I love reading about her! She's OC, but not unreasonable. She's great, and real! (Yes, I'm really justifying her. Hahaha!)

The romance was not wow, but it's okay. It has enough scenes to make me feel like having butterflies in my stomach. :D

Unlike the earlier book of Scarlett Bailey, where I love the friendship between the characters, in the book, I like the takeaways that of knowing who you are, and how to take on life. It's quite a little like a personal discovery, and that is why I find myself enjoying it much more than I initially thought.

I like Scarlett Bailey! Now, I need to read of Rowan Coleman! :)

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### **Heather says**

Despite the title have "Christmas" in it, there was very little in the story about Christmas itself! Did this prove a problem? No!

The story was full of likeable characters, glimpses of what you wanted the ending to be (Not giving that away here!!), it did keep you guessing right up until the last moment!

I really enjoy Scarlett Bailey's way of telling stories, and engaging the reader to be part of what is going on, not just an outsider looking in.

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### **Michelle says**

i loved this book. Anna is a brilliant character I'm so glad she got her happy ending

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## **Beckyloohoo ??????? aka Mrs. Acheron ??????? says**

I truly had a love/hate relationship with this book. There were times I really enjoyed it, and times I put it away and started doing laundry. The primary source of my irritation was the main character Anna. She grated on my nerves with her OCD to have the perfect wedding on the perfect day and Lord help anyone foolish enough to want to change anything. Except she discovers something that might ruin it all - her soon to be husband is already married. So she does what any psycho-bride would do. She heads to NY to track down Tom's first wife and force an annulment out of her. Why does Anna go and not Tom? Because Tom had no spine. He was Irritation #2 for me. I really had to struggle to get through the first half of this book.

By the second half it did improve (enter Miles, my favorite character). It had some funny lines and tender moments. But I still found myself holding a grudge against Anna for the making me suffer through the beginning. Don't even get me started on Anna making a choice between having a really great life, or a really great wedding. The ending was predictable but good, and came just in time to save me from deleting this book from my Nook.

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## **Bookevin says**

Review originally on I Heart.. Chick Lit.

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I never got the chance to read Scarlett Bailey's debut novel, *The Night Before Christmas*, but I envied the reviewers who got to read it last year and saying how good it was, so I decided to try and see if I could get a copy and thankfully, the author agreed! Since Scarlett's books, so far two of them, are mainly about Christmas, (secretly, I think she's Lady Santa, she's only active and out and about during the festive season), I thought it was fabulous, warm - what Christmas should be - but in a form of a sparkly, RED book!

Before I go into discussing about what a lovely book it is, can we take a minute to appreciate the gorgeous, Christmassy cover of the book? I know it's wrong to "judge a book by its cover", but come on, who wouldn't pick up a book with an outstanding, attractive cover which screams, "BUY ME!"? Kudos to the design team for whipping up something so beautiful and festive, perfect for Christmas! (Like, duh.)

First of all, what I really like Scarlett's book is that, she has a real, genuine flair for words and her passion to write, not many authors give me this feeling. The way she writes, with a significant flow, allows me to understand, that she enjoys writing as much as her readers enjoy reading. Maybe it was my over-analysing, as I'm a literature student, but by reading *Married By Christmas* I know for one: she loves to write and she loves Christmas.

*Married By Christmas* is about Anna Carter, a perfectionist, a crazed-list maker who can't stand things not going her way. What I loved about Anna is how organised the lady is! Jeez, making lists of list, determined to get things going her way! And ta-da, her boyfriend proposes, yay! Only to unleash the bridezilla she is, which was such a treat to read about. Especially her custom-made, sparkly, snowflake wedding gown. Scarlett writes with such clear, well-observed detail, even describes the minute, intricate snowflake design of the wedding dress, capturing the beauty of it. Many have tried writing in such a way, only managed to do

half the job.

I won't reveal what Anna does, whether she does a completely crazy, out-of-the-world attempt to save her wedding, upon discovering her fiance's AWOL wife or cries her sorry heart out. I'll leave it to you to discover what Scarlett has cleverly written with careful plotting. I admit, I was caught up in the story that I deprived sleep for a few days just to race to the ending, but that was really tiring, demanding school schedule, classes and assignments and impending examinations. However, I got the chance to finish reading it last night, at 2!, to tell you what a wonderful book it is. If you believe, the magic of Christmas would sweep you along and you'd be so caught up by Anna's complicated predicament!

Honestly, if I want to, I'd gush endlessly about how I loved the setting and the characters and the hunt for a particular someone, all to save her one and only Christmas wedding. But do not take this story lightly, don't think of it as a light, fun and fluffy chick lit, which you could easily read and feel happy about it, because *Married by Christmas* is really, really deep. In the façade, you might think it's about an control-freak, perfectionist turning into a bridezilla to walk down on the aisle in her Christmas-inspired dress and live happily ever after. No, it deals with loss, crushed hopes and believing yourself and opening up to new things you never thought you'd want to.

All in all, if I have to pick the best Christmas read this year, *Married by Christmas* would be the top contender to bag the title. I really enjoyed reading Scarlett's orchestra of words, bringing beautiful harmony to the Christmas spirit, and the plot was really what you'd want to read about, to light up the feeling of dull, wintry snowy days. Although it doesn't snow here in Malaysia, but I could literally feel the heartwarming atmosphere Christmas could offer.

Rating : 5/5

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### **JenniferJ says**

Loved this wonderful story but never could bring myself to feel sympathetic to Anna. She was just to whiny and self absorbed for me to like her. So what if she had issues as a child...alot of kids have had issues and come out just fine and not used their pasts as a crutch to try to make the world bow at their feet and just give them everything they want because they "have to have to have to" stick to a life's planned list!

Now her best friend Liv I have all the compassion for because she constantly put up with Anna's crap even to the extent of giving up her own happiness to basically hand over her own crush and Anna was either to dumb or to self absorbed to realize it!

Don't even get me started on Tom...I just think he should go home to his mommy. I had a sort of love/loathe relationship going on with him.

Read it! It was a great story! Yes I couldn't stand Anna but that sometimes makes a good story for me when it has those people in it that you can't help disliking. LOL

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