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Ashley31 says

I was expecting a great read having read two other books by the author (both of which I very much enjoyed) but unfortunately this was a bit of a disappointment. It was funny in places but overall I didn't feel this was up to the standard of the other books.

Charlotte says

Just think that this book was so predictable what would happen at the end it make me not really want to finish and this took me a whole while to finish I don't know if I would read another one of Matt Dunn's work in a hurry

Sharon says

Friggin hilarious there's not many books I would read a second time but this one I would. Found myself chuckling at some inappropriate moments & getting some odd looks from my dear hubby along the way. I think if you are a parent you will understand this book fully.

Amanda says

Along with the rise of chick lit, there has been an increase in the books written from a male perspective, of which Mike Gayle is one of the major contributors. This was the first book I have read by Matt Dunn, and I have to confess to being fairly disappointed.

The crux of this is that, no matter how funny the book was - and it definitely raised a few chuckles, including a rather amusing scene in a Gap changing room - I disliked the main character of Will. This is a man who has treated previous girlfriends abominably, who has brought a certificate off ebay so that he can set himself up as a life coach, and who decides that he wants to have a baby, regardless of who he might hurt to get to that end result.

The book suffers from this, because you don't actually want Will to achieve his goal, because you feel as though he would be a far from adequate father.

There are also some massive clichés in the book, including a visit from Will's father and realising that the girl he ends up with already has a child (something that is signposted so heavily that you are almost insulted!)

I did, however, like the characters of Barbara and Tom, who manage to dispense well-meaning advice to the prospective father, and provide a realistic picture of what life is like when a child (or children) come along to

disrupt things.

So, not altogether bad but very disposable fiction I'd say, and not a book that I would pick up again.

Javeria Khalid petiwala says

I just recently finished reading this book. Lets be candid; the main reason I bought this book to read was firstly because I was tired of reading serious, feminist books and autobiographies and wanted to read something light, enjoyable and heartfelt. Secondly, because its summary portrayed and promised a story which was funny, from a man's view point (something I had hardly ever read as my choice of books revolved more around the viewpoints of a heroine) and of his journey to find the perfect mate.

However, halfway across it, I was just exasperated to finish it and get to the end of it. The entire story was about a despo who resorts to different means to get his hands on that perfect one. However, it turned out to be very rushed, haphazard and through out the book, nothing new or exciting was happening which would lead me to want to read it more. The character could have had some great punch lines and an engaging personality but he was as confused as the book itself.

Overall, I feel that it was a disappointment and the writer could have done a MUCH better job out of the story; could have made it more engaging and more funny than what he presently did with it.

Michelle says

It is funny to read chick-lit from a guys point of view. I quite liked how much I laughed while reading this book.

Jyv says

Mildly amusing, but predictable.

Kath says

Shallow and only mildly amusing but sweet in parts.

Leah says

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I first read about Matt Dunn when I read his second novel "The Ex-Boyfriends Handbook" and I found it hilarious and a really good read – so good in fact I've read it twice. From Here to Paternity didn't have as many laugh-out-loud moments as Ex-Boyfriends Handbook but was still a good read. My favourite scene was in the Starbucks when Will had the twins, that was really funny.

It was an odd premise for a novel: a man with a biological clock. Not only that but it was ticking – loudly. So Will goes from one extreme (internet dating) to the next (putting himself on Ebay and going on national TV). Also a funny point is his job: a lifecoach with no qualifications but his knowledge of life. I wonder how many other lifecoaches have the "qualifications" Will does....

I liked Will's character and I liked that Matt wrote him different from most men. Here was a man who WANTED to be a dad, who WANTED to be a part of a family and usually when we read novels it's the other way around.

The supporting characters were also great, Emma, the girl who works in Starbucks with a secret, Tom & Barbara, best friends, and Jen, his receptionist. I loved reading about Tom and Barbara's relationship and felt they were good friends to Will and they all gelled together well. I loved Emma and was rooting for her and Will, and I was surprised when we found out what her secret actually was.

It was interesting to see just how far Will would go to become a dad and to see just how desperate he was. Will Will fulfil his quest or is it all one big lesson and what he's looking for isn't just to become a dad but to actually find love?

Rating: 4/5

Claudis Gedankenwelt says

ich habs nicht fertig gelesen und bei seite 138 aufgehört :(

Wal.li says

Baby vielleicht

Bald hat Will sein dreißigstes Lebensjahr vollendet, er ist beruflich erfolgreich als Lebensberater tätig. Allerdings scheint es so als würden die guten Ratschläge, die er seinen Klienten gibt, bei ihm nicht wirken. Eine richtig feste Beziehung hat er nicht und so ist er etwas neidisch auf seinen besten Freund Tom, der gemeinsam mit seiner Frau Barbara zwei aufgeweckte Kinder hat. Nun, wenn es mit den Frauen nicht so richtig klappt, wird Will das Pferd eben von hinten aufziehen. Er sucht nach einer Mutter für sein künftiges Kind.

Will, dessen Vater die Familie verlassen hat als er noch nicht einmal ein Jahr war, möchte seinem Kind etwas Besseres bieten. Eine sichere Familienbank sozusagen. Aber wie an das Kind kommen, wenn sich einfach keine Mutter finden lässt. Auf alle möglichen Gedanken kommt Will, angefangen von einer Anzeige übers Internet bis hin zu Blind Dates. Eher von mäßigem Erfolg gekrönt sind Wills Versuche und manchmal sehr zur Belustigung seines befreundeten Pärchens Tom und Barbara gibt er zum Besten, was er auf der Suche nach der idealen Mutter für sein künftiges Kind alles erlebt.

Gleich mit den ersten Sätzen wird die Ankunft des neuen Erdenbürgers gefeiert. Und als Will gegenüber von Tom mit seinem Plan herausrückt, löst das gleich ein Schmunzeln aus. Das ist doch mal eine Idee, der künftige Vater auf der Suche nach einer Mutter für sein geplantes Kind. Zwar bekommt den Eindruck, die gesuchte Mutter wird nur als Muttertier betrachtet und denkt, dass diese Art der Herangehensweise doch etwas verkopft ist. Wäre da nicht der witzige Tom, der seine Leiden als Familienvater beklagt und doch immer wieder betont, dass er dieses Leben um nichts in der Welt missen möchte, man könnte ein wenig an Wills Art verzweifeln. Erst nach und nach kapiert Will, dass ein paar Gefühle, die man zulässt, vielleicht eher zum Ziel führen als jeder Plan. Ob das Glück dabei möglicherweise bereits vor seiner Nase zu finden wäre, bleibt jedem überlassen zu entdecken. Mit der langsamen Entwicklung der Handlung entwickelt man auch große Sympathie für Will und verfolgt gerne, ob ihm irgendwann das Glück hold ist.

Lizzee says

Oh my gosh; it was such a funny read I really enjoyed it. It was nice to read something along these lines from a man's point of view and it's just a none stop laugh.

Ksenia Grekova says

nothing better if the purpose of reading is easy relaxing. Made me giggling all way through. Very lovely, look forward to the next one!

Mrs Justine J Royal says

A witty insight into relationships and what makes a family

Matt Dunn has captured the essence of what makes a mum a mum and a dad a dad. I can relate to both sides now my children are older and I reflection differing relationships in our family

Dave Holwill says

You know what you're getting when you pick up a Matt Dunn, a mildly unlikeable protagonist meets a girl, learns something about life and gets a happily ever after while negotiating some mildly amusing misunderstandings and gags.

I still maintain that that's a good thing.
