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*A hilarious new rom-com from USA Today best-selling author Carmen Jenner.*

Poppy Porter's ex is getting married ... to her ex-best friend. To land her dream job of partner in the most prestigious firm on the Upper East Side, Poppy must now pull double shifts as their wedding planner and maid of honor. And the icing on a truly craptastic cake? Leo Nass. Handsome, infuriating, womanizer, and ... the best man. Despite their longstanding loathing, Poppy doesn't see Leo coming. Literally.

One ruined cake.

One archnemesis.

One hour to save the wedding.

Can they put their hatred aside long enough to save Poppy's job and Bridezilla's head from exploding?

Piece of cake, right?

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# From Reader Review Cake for online ebook

## Paige says

4 "Pop Tart" Stars

This book was absolutely delightful! It was silly, sexy and sassy. Cake was a feel good rom com that I didn't put down once I started. Poppy and Leo have the hate/love relationship down pat and the cover is perfect for this book.

Poppy is not loving life right now. After getting dumped by her long time boyfriend, she now has the privilege of planning his wedding to her (ex)best friend. And while she isn't totally heart broken over their split because she knew it was time, she is a little miffed that he moved on so quickly and that he moved on with her childhood friend no less. Not only that but now she has to spend time with her arch-nemesis, her exes best friend Leo. His manwhore ways annoy her as does his rich lifestyle. Yet when she least expects it, she has to depend on him to help get her out of a literally sticky situation. And the fact that she finds herself thinking about Leo in ways she never expected is another surprise she's not ready to deal with until she no longer can deny it.

This story had me giggling all the way through. I loved the lighthearted feel to it. Some dramatic push and pull but for the most part it was just really fun. I loved the love/hate between Leo and Poppy. I honestly am still not exactly sure why she had such dramatic hatred toward him, but in the end their hate to love romance was just what I needed.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book. A is for Alpha B is for Books.

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## Shabby -BookBistroBlog says

Poppy Porter loves Magnolia Cupcakes

*This is Pop Tart. She's anal-retentive, OCD, wedding obsessed, and a believer in true love, love at first sight, and . . . fate.*

And Leo "Nass the Ass", is a man-whore, who's done half of Manhattan and rigorously working his way through the other half. He loves needling her for her obsession with these sugary delights.

They meet in NYC, he manages to distract her enough that she falls on the street and her cupcakes are smooshed. He meets her at the wedding and they fall on the Cake. And he stalks her again till her German Chocolate Pecan cake is destroyed.

Oh in between they steal a 1000\$ cake too.

So I say the story about Poppy and Leo and their love for Cake. So much so that they use it as sex food too.

And then there's her ex, marrying her ex BFF, his ex marries Leo.

Battle of the sexes, with Cake thrown in And it's hilarious and funny and dirty, nasty, filthy sexy !!

Win-Win !!

4 "Poppykins" stars

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## ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ Janeane ☆ says

ARC received for an honest review

See that there ^^?

That was me as I read Cake - because, you know, you can't read a book called Cake without eating cake. It's a law or something.

Firstly, I love love love love LOVE this cover. I am not usually a big on paying attention to covers, but I adore this one more and more every time I look at it.

This book was everything. I laughed, I cried, I yelled at my kindle, I may or may have not wanted to climb into the book and nut punch someone - or someones!

Right from the start, Cake is silly, sexy, fun and I could not put it down. Poppy and Leo are all sorts of adorable. They say fighting if foreplay, and OMG this pair love to fight.

My heart hurt for Poppy throughout this book. I am telling you now, I would never be as understanding as she is with things. I would be ripping people's balls off and shoving them down their throats! But, maybe that is just me???

I freaking adored Leo "Nass The Ass". I am like Poppy - I didn't know whether I wanted to kill him or kiss him (well, you know that I really wanted to kiss him lol)

Gah, I know this isn't doing the book justice!

So buy it, Read it. Love it!

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**JewelsyGoolsy says**

As a romance with swoons, I wasn't swooning. But as an entertaining, comical and funny story, this was certainly enjoyable.

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## **Escape into a Booksite says**

### **\*5 "Buzz Buzz" Stars\***

*ARC kindly received in exchange for an honest review.*

This was my first Carmen Jenner book, and oh boy, it certainly will not be my last. I have been recommended Carmens books by a friend for the last few months, so finally getting to read one was awesome.

I loved this book! I was hooked from the very beginning, that prologue sure draws you in. Also, this book is so hilarious. I was grinning like a fool at my kindle so often its ridiculous.

Both of the main characters in this are absolutely wonderful. Leo is full of charm and witt, he's damned hilarious, and Poppy is a very strong female lead. The banter between the two of them is awesome and was one of my favourite things about the storyline. It was constant, and just plain normal for both of them.

The situation that Poppy ends up in, is one that most females would run like hell from. I know I sure would. But, she takes her job seriously, and stands up to be strong, even in the face of all the humiliation thats sure to rain down on her. And as such, all the hilarity starts.

I really wanted to punch Claire in the face. And Chase, god help me. I couldn't stand either of them. But I guess thats part of what makes the story so good. It makes you feel things.

For the most part, this is an uplifting story. It has its horrible moments, especially given the situation, but because its a romcom, its all written in such a way that you just roll with the punches and enjoy every moment.

The book rolls on smoothly and is well written. I loved following the journey between Leo and Poppy, and there really are some awesome scenes in this book. This was a fantastic romcom and I can't wait to read more from Carmen.

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## **Kristine GPI Bookblog says**

HOLY MOLY!!! When an authors tagline line is what's a happily ever after without a little torture? you come to expect stories full of angst, heartache and most definitely not smooth sailing. You hope for those belly flutters and warm fuzzies to accompany the aforementioned torture, but it wouldn't be remiss of us to not expect it. When Ms Jenner first announced CAKE I did a little happy dance because word on the street was SPOILER ALERT: NO ONE DIES.

Can you hear my excitement through my review because OMGGGGGG an honest to goodness happy book from one of my favourite authors.... well slap my butt and call me Sally because I am utterly obsessed with rom com's right now, I crave that fun, sexy, light banter and in my honest opinion no one does witty banter like Carmen Jenner.

"You see, the groom, Chase Vanderbilt, is my ex. The bride, Claire Schaefer? My ex-best friend."

Poppy Porter is that instantly loveable heroine I crave, she's sassy, strong and has that self deprecating humour I easily relate to. She's had a full on year, her career in on track, but her personal life is anything but stable. Less than two years ago she was living the exact life she planned, but when she's dumped by her fiancé the life she imagined takes a considerable shift in direction. One bonus of single life is no longer having to tolerate her now ex fiancé's best friend Leo Nass.

Leo Nass has had his fair share of women to warm his bed, he's crass, a womaniser and seems to derive an obscene amount of joy from ruffling Poppy's feathers. He's always been a thorn in Poppy's side, after all Poppy's engagement might never had ended if Nass didn't stick his nose in. She's determined to believe the worse in him but there may be more to Nass the Ass than Poppy ever imagined.

"I hate you. You talked him out of marrying me."

"Word to the wise, Pop Tart. If a man can be talked out of marrying you after a couple of brewskies and a handful of stripper dollars, he's not the man for you."

This is well and truly the story I craved from Carmen Jenner, it's got everything I love about her writing, strong characters, ridiculously funny run ins, story development that serves to draw the reader into the world created as well all the heat and heart I have come to expect. What I absolutely adored though was Jenner's ability to prove that rom com's can have depth without unnecessary drama or death. There's an inherent beauty to Carmen's prose and CAKE has that in spades. Hands down my favourite cover from her collection of work, and without a doubt a new favourite recommendation for a story that absolutely stole my heart and had me laughing and swooning in equal measure.

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## **Carmen Jenner says**

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**Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

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**Susan says**

**“I did almost kill a man tonight over a cake.” - Poppy**

**38%**

**“You sleep in Grumpy Cat pajamas?”**

**“So?”**

**“Oh, baby. You really are a crazy cat lady.”**

**“Don’t call me baby; I’m not your baby. And so I like cats. So what?...”**

**39%**

**“Tell me, Pop Tart, is your pussy this unhappy, too?” He fingers the print of Grumpy Cat right over my nipple. I gasp before I can help it. The sound just slips out. Leo’s eyes darken with lust.**

**“Right now? Yeah, because some asshole doesn’t know what personal space means....”**

**42%**

**“Well, now that I’m pussy free, I thought you might show me your grumpy cat. Someone has to take care of this.” He grabs his junk, and I can’t help it. I glance down at it and swallow hard.**

**“In your dreams, asshole.”**

**“Oh, but I think it will be in your dreams...”**

**51%**

**“I unzip my fly, as if I’m really going to take out the beast and just flop it down on the table.**

**This time she does react the way I expect. She throws a cushion at me. “That is literally the last thing I want to see.”**

**“Oh come on, you’re not even the slightest bit curious?” I ask. “I’ve thought about your grumpy cat a lot.”**

**“Sure you have.”**

**“I have.”**

**52%**

**“Are you still going to this wedding, or can I eat your cake?” I mean for that to come out nothing like it sounds, but of course because apparently I’m now a teenage horn bag, it comes out low and sounds just like cake is a metaphor for her grumpy cat.”**

I opened my review with some of the delightful saucy banter between our hero, Leo Nass and our heroine Poppy Porter. I do not read Rom-Com regularly, but I am open to any well-done book in the romance genre. "Cake" is a well written delight of a hot summertime fun read. It's entertainment value is equal to any romantic comedy movie and that speaks volumes for this writer who is actually new to me.

I now have another writer that I can add to my list when I need to search for lighter fare between the dark, complex and heavy themed writing I am wont to read. The darker, suspenseful, more challenging and erudite romances are more my jam. Sometimes though...I need a break from living in my head. A state of being brought on by some of these reads I need a happy romance...the stuff of women's modern-day fairy tales.

I think some of us have this romance "bone" or "gene" that we are born with and we need to give it its dose of HEAs for the sake of our mental health and pure relaxation. It seems when everything in life goes wrong...a romance like this always ends right-side up!!!Ahhhh!!!

Carmen Jenner writes fluidly and effortlessly with engaging description and likeable characters. There were surprise plot points and twists. I loved the overall shape of the story with the prolonged climax and super messy denouement. Sounds like I'm describing sex...Ha-Ha!!! And... Ms. Jenner is funny. Her humor was spot on...it was sexy, flirty and splendidly sarcastic.

The read is not one dimensional while it was romantic and fun, Poppy did have some pain to process through as her best friend/ former best friend allegedly began a relationship with her ex fiancé. Poppy and her ex were together for years. Her best friend and ex were together only for a few months and now they were getting married. Poppy not only had to assist in planning the destination wedding, but also was asked to be the maid of honor.



Leo Nass is her "frenemy" and also the best man in the wedding. The sparks fly whenever these two get together and it is delightful to read. The reader can feel the "tug and pull" dynamic of their relationship. Leo is described as a beautiful, genetically gifted, consummate ladies' man who lives the life in the fast lane. His reputation as a master manwhore proceeds him as a rule.

Poppy is both attracted and repelled at the same time. I love that she is stubborn. I love that she is skeptical. She is also generous with her time and her forgiveness. Oh... and she loves all kinds of cake. For that matter, Leo does as well.

There is quite a lot of story, laughs, ooh and...hot, hot, hotness. Don't forget the hotness!!! It happens and it is as delicious as the cake!!! ?

So grab "Cake"; grab a cold glass of your favorite beverage...iced tea, wine, a Frappuccino etc... and be prepared to laugh...cry for laughing; and have your heart and spirits lifted...gotta feed that "romance bone" with which you were born. You might even crave a cupcake or a piece of cake after you finish. Maybe even share it with that special someone?

This was first BR with crew at **Some Like It Hot** !!!  
It was the **July BOTM**!!!

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### **Jo - \*\*\*.★Reading Is My Bliss★.\*\*\* says**

This may be a romantic comedy but the plot sounds more like a nightmare. Imagine this... your best friend, who you have known your whole life, sleeps with your boyfriend, he leaves you for her and they are now in love and getting married. Just to add to that.... she wants you to be the head bridesmaid and you will also be helping plan the wedding of your dreams for them. Sounds wonderful right?

As if that isn't stressful enough, the best man is someone that Poppy despises, Leo Nass. The man whoring best friend of her ex. The wedding has to be pulled together in a matter of weeks so Poppy & Leo will be spending quite a bit of time together organising things. Poppy is feeling quite vulnerable right now and her body seems to be turning against her every time that Leo is around.

***"No, Poppy! Do not fall for his man whoring ways. This is how they get you, with twinkling gazes and megawatt smiles and then . . . KABOOM. Pregnant from a single glance. I will not fall prey to the man whore. This vagina will stay closed to the likes of him . . . forever."***

I loved all the banter and texting between Leo and Poppy, they were dancing around their attraction to each other and it was very entertaining to read. So many laugh out loud moments!

***"Me: My clitoris and I are on very friendly terms, thank you."***

***Leo: Really? What's her name? Ariel? Belle? No. I know, Sleeping Beauty, because you're just dying for Prince Charming to come and kiss it, and wake it up. You'll have to introduce me sometime."***

Therefore it was kind of inevitable that these two would end up getting up close and personal, in the naked kind of way. Leo could see how much it was hurting Poppy to plan what should have been her own wedding for someone else. She is not in love with her ex anymore but it still hurts all the same. Leo always seems to lighten the mood somehow.....

*“Hey, it’s not my fault you went all Psycho on me and stood outside the shower to watch. Should I be worried about that bulge in your pants?” “Oh, it’s definitely not a knife. More like a sword, a broadsword. Of the meat variety.”*

This was fun, light and romantic comedy at its best. A great book to read over a weekend and so entertaining!

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## **Amy says**

“To look at Leo Nass is to look at a god, but any-like impression is ruined the second he opens his mouth.”

Carmen Jenner is known for her gritty, heartfelt second chance romances. She has written everything from Biker Romances to Angry romances that give you all the feels. So, when I heard that she was going to be writing a romantic comedy, I couldn’t wait to see what she would bring to the table...

Cake is a hilarious romantic comedy. From the moment I picked up this book, I was sucked into Leo and Poppy’s story. I fell in love with their banter and couldn’t wait for their interactions. Their banter is some of the funniest and best that I’ve encountered. Their push and pull was perfection. The “hate” and dislike between the two of them led to some delicious and intense sexual tension. And I for one could not wait to see these two explore it.

Cake is well written and has one entertaining story-line. I can’t even imagine being in some of the situations Poppy found herself in. If this were a movie, I would be hiding my face and peaking through my fingers, saying I can’t watch, I can’t watch! But, you know you can’t look away, even if you tried. Poppy’s best friend and her ex were the absolute worst, I can’t even with them. They totally had me raging. Poppy was a way better person than me, because I would have dropped those two like a bad habit.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book. It was a quick, fun and enjoyable read. I enjoyed meeting these characters and loved spending the day getting lost in their story. Carmen Jenner hit it out of the park with this romantic comedy and I look forward to seeing what she has in store for us next.

\*I was provided an ARC copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review\*

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## **Jennifer Kyle says**

### **4.5 Stars**

Carmen Jenner thank you for such a fun time with this rom com! Poppy Porter our cat loving, cake eating,

heroine is trying to navigate being dumped by her fiancée while being the maid of honor in his wedding and the wedding planner. Things go from bad to worse but for readers so very interesting when her ex's best friend and our heroine's archnemesis enters the story... Leo Nass the Ass.

*"To look at Leo Nass is to look at a god, but any-like impression is ruined the second he opens his mouth."*

The banter between Leo and Poppy is phenomenal...

*"Leo: You don't want me dead, Pop Tart. You just want me.*

*I scoff at my phone.*

*Me: You're right. I want you...I chuckle to myself to let him stew for a bit.*

*Me:...to go away.*

*Leo: You say that, and yet you're still responding."*

The sexual tension grows and grows as these two have to remain in one another's orbit during all the wedding festivities.

Carmen Jenner did a fantastic job with this rom-com and to top the laughs and love off there's cake. A whole lot of cake!

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## **Nerdy Dirty & Flirty says**

-4 stars, Jennifer

If all frenemies were as hot as Leo Nash... I'd need at least 3 please.

Another great story from the fabulous Carmen Jenner.

Poppy is preparing to stand beside her (ex) best friend on her wedding day... only problem is her (ex) best friend is marrying Poppy's ex fiancé. That's all one big mess, so let's focus on Poppy's career as a wedding planner... wait... that's a mess too... Never mind. Let's just focus on cake. Poppy loves cake... but... that's another mess. Okay... So, this story is one big mess. But, Lord, what a great mess it is thanks to "Nash the ass".

Leo Nash can make your knickers wet and make you want to beat him with a tire iron all at one time. He's just my type. Poppy was a little on the annoying side with her stuffy attitude and willingness to play Chase and Claire's fool, but she wasn't totally a write off. I only wanted to shake her a little. Mostly she made me laugh. I just wish there was more to the story. I would have loved to read about Leo and Poppy's relationship throughout their whole life. I would have loved for this to be a slow burn. Instead, I felt like I was left out of a good portion of their story. I wanted to understand what Poppy ever saw in Chase and how her and Claire's friendship was before this. It might only be because I love Carmen Jenner's writing so much... but I just want more... so much more... always more.

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### **~\*\*Anna\*\*~ A Romance Reader says**

I really enjoyed this book! It was so fun and sexy.

Poppy and Leo have known each other since they were teens. Poppy was engaged to Chase, Leo's best friend, but that relationship ended and he then started dating her best friend. Now they are getting married and Poppy, who is a wedding planner, is not only planning the wedding but is also the maid of honor. Leo, is the best man so they get to see each other often.

I loved the banter between Poppy and Leo! They think they hate each other, but we know better. They have so much chemistry together and you can feel the sexual tension at every turn. I think they've actually liked each other all along but they don't want to accept that.

This book was so much fun! It had some hilarious scenes that had me laughing so hard! Leo and Poppy are perfect for each other and I was rooting for them all along!

If you like rom-coms or a good enemies to lovers story, then this book is for you. This was my first book by this author but it won't be my last.

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### **Mikaia says**

**\*\*\* 4 Pretty amazing with frosting stars\*\*\***

It's been such a long time since I read a 4 star worthy- enemies to lovers trope. I'm so glad I came across this in my updates. It's a perfect laugh out loud mood lifter.

**Are you looking for a rom-com? Are you looking for a couple that hates each others guts which makes for great foreplay? Are you looking for witty comebacks & hilarious banter where the leads are constantly one-upping each other?**

Are you looking for bridesmaid/best man romance?

Here you have it folks. Go for this book. It's well written, it's got a cheeky Male lead who's 100% book

boyfriend material, it's got a Female lead who takes no prisoners. It's got everything you want in a Rom-Com & more. It's got *sex with cake involved*, you can imagine...

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