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Think you're having a rough week? Bella's stepdad, a semi-pro wrestler, just signed the entire family up for a reality TV show. Bella's first thought: Kill. Me. Now.

Living in Truman, Oklahoma wasn't 100% miserable for Bella. Sure, she misses Manhattan, couture clothes, and her dad. But she was making new friends at Truman High and almost enjoying her work at the school newspaper. Then the whole stepdad-wrestler-reality-show issue hit and her life is now being splashed across weekly tabloids and broadcast news.

As if having a camera crew following her around isn't bad enough, Bella soon discovers a conspiracy against the Truman High prom queen candidates. And the closer she gets to the answer, the more danger she's in.

As her relationship with Luke teeters between friendship and romance, Bella's ex-boyfriend Hunter reappears and vies for Bella's attention. Denying allegations of a love triangle, working to solve the prom queen mystery, and trying to keep her cool on national television finally motivate Bella to start talking--and listening--to God more.

But what comes next has Bella once again screaming: ***I'M. SO. SURE.***

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From Reader Review I'm So Sure for online ebook

Jade West says

AMAZING THE BEST I HAVE READ, MADE ME TEAR UP AND SQUEAL AND FREAK OUT AND YELL AND FORGET GRAMMER AND USE AND INSTED OF COMMAS!!!!

Bella just can't get a break. right after being downgraded from NYC's most promised lady to a newbie in Oklahoma, she almost dies and her step-dad is part of a reality TV show. Money is going haywire and she needs a job, well falling in poop, getting peed on, starting a food fight, and being attacked by Maxi pads she learns that working is hard. And the drama of her ex-boyfriend coming up (thought I kind of guessed the ending for him). Everything is hectic, and I couldn't get enough. Luckily I have the next book beside me and I'll get back to you in a few days! But overall all I can say is that this book is worth my 5 star rating, and that means I live for this book, and read fan fiction on it. Unlike cheesy stories, Bella doesn't completely change which I find realistic. Recommend to almost anyone. I may find people like Bella obnoxious, but I can't help but pity her when the hospital staff sends her Christmas cards XD

Kaori says

I'm not sure why I'm still reading this series but its an OK light girly read. again, not what I usually read and probably wouldn't bother with book 2 or 3 if I hadn't gotten the trilogy in one big book.

Olivia says

Ahhh, even better the second time around...The humor and mystery in this book is spot on?

Ally says

I'm So Sure is an amusing story containing the many wild adventures of Bella Kirkwood. She is the classic Lois Lane. The difference? She also is Jimmy Olsen, but that is not the point here. She can take pictures instead of having another red-haired boy be a photographer. That is indeed one step up from being Lois Lane. However, she may or may not be breaking laws or as Lois Lane puts it, "Committing a felony." And yes, I am a fan of Superman: The Animated Series. I watched that when I was a kid. And I did swoon over Bruce Wayne like what Lois Lane did in World's Finest Part I, II, and III. Big fangirl.

Her Superman? Well, that would be Clark Kent, hiding behind glasses and the whole disguise that shouldn't fool a single person. I don't know how anyone doesn't see the big blue boy behind those round pairs. Anyway, Luke is Clark Kent. And yes, he does wear glasses, which makes this story a bit more cheesy, especially since Bella mentioned Clark Kent. Luke does appear as Superman whenever Bella is in trouble. Though not quite literally. He is perhaps invincible as him, because he still managed to protect Bella in times of her greatest need. It is totally adorable. Except for that little problem with bipolar personality. Oh! And his girlfriend, who goes to Harvard and is one year older than him, but that isn't really the issue here. Nah, it is just the girlfriend who has more confidence and seemingly more smarts than Bella.

Still, they are both wonderful characters. Their chemistry together makes me always wonder if they are ever going to get together and make rabbits.

I'm So Sure is a Christian novel. That means that there are a few characters who are going to pray, but that doesn't bother me very much. Honestly, it makes Bella very adorable. I remember those kids in Sunday School. "Thank you, God, for giving me a mouth. I will take very good care of it. Thank you, Father, for giving me food." It is very adorable, though not adorable as those nine-year olds. I wished she prayed for Luke to be manly.

Overall, I think I'm So Sure is a wonderful, delightful read, especially when you need to relax a little bit. The plot is exciting, and you will be trying to figure out the hitman who is bent to ruin all of the candidates for Prom Queen.

Rating: Four out of Five

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Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Jaglvr for TeensReadToo.com

"I'm so sure." The title pretty much sums up Bella Kirkwood's life in, of all places, Truman, Oklahoma. The first book in the series, SO NOT HAPPENING, introduces the reader to Bella and the circumstances that find her transplanted from Manhattan to Truman. Now, in I'M SO SURE, Bella has settled into a routine and is finding life, actually, surprisingly, not so bad.

That is until she is accosted by stalking photographers in the park when she has an almost moment with Luke Sullivan, her editor at the school paper. When she arrives home she's horrified to find out that the camera crew was from World Wrestling Television. Apparently, her stepfather is going to be one of the ten hopeful wrestlers on a new reality TV show. The winner of "Pile Driver of Dreams" gains a place in their professional wrestling ranks.

To add insult to injury, her cheating ex-boyfriend, Hunter, calls out of the blue and wants to see her. He's in Tulsa with his father. He apologizes to her, and is fascinated by her faith and forgiveness. He hints at an obscure illness but doesn't give more details, and Bella doesn't want to pry. Luke warns Bella to be cautious around Hunter, but Bella likes the new Hunter before her.

And if all that wasn't enough, Bella has to get a job. Her school paper advisor thinks she's the perfect writer for a column on teens working. The problem is the only sure place hiring is the feminine hygiene plant. There is NO WAY she's taking a job there.

With all of these situations in Bella's life, the reader can be prepared for a hilarious journey that finds her smack dab in the middle of another mystery and cameras catching her at the most embarrassing moments. I'M SO SURE was even more entertaining than the first book in the series.

Don't be put off if you think this is just "Christian Fiction." It's a story for everyone. Ms. Jones doesn't preach at all. Bella does look to God for guidance and reassurance in her daily life, but she is far from perfect, and

there is something in Bella that everyone can relate to.

I'm already anticipating the third book in the series, SO OVER MY HEAD. But I have to wait until May 2010 to see what else Bella can get into! And please, Ms. Jones, make sure Ruthie is in the story! She was the spunkiest character in the book!!!

Hannah Rodes says

I'm so Sure by Jenny B. Jones

So, for some reason I picked up this book, even though I disliked the first book greatly, but I'm glad I picked it up. Comparing "So not Happening" to "I'm so Sure", is like comparing.....uh....asparagus to a latte. ("I'm so Sure" being the latte.)

The Characters.

Bella was still Bella, but without as much arrogant, bratty, stereotype rich girl attitude. She was actually likable. All the characters in "I'm so Sure" were fifty times more likable for that matter. I loved the good ol' original characters, and I loved the new characters.

The Plot

The plot was very intriguing, keeping me glued to the pages. I laughed, I whined, I growled, I gasped, I squealed.... pretty much I was fangirling throughout the whole book. I'm in, very much like with this one. My biggest complaint for "I'm so Sure" is that there was a love triangle. Well, two....ish. I call that a love diamond. But that didn't bother me very much, it seems like all contemporary novels have them.

My Overall Thoughts.

"I'm so Sure" was a lovely, fun read. I still had my problems with it, but that was some leftover prejudice from book one. I actually did love this book. I would recommend his book. In fact, I'll probably be squealing about it for days to come. It was just so cute and awesome.

Pamela says

Sassy . . . Classy . . . Charming . . . Disarming . . . And all kinds of OMG HILARIOUS!!!

It's like, *Legally Blonde* meets *Hannah Montana* and they're *Saved by the Bell* with the *Gossip Girls*.

"Luke's girlfriend is cute. And she looks disgustingly smart. That's a bad combination. I mean, I knew she'd be intelligent, but I was hoping she'd look like the butt end of a Doberman."

I soooooo **LOVE** this series: *The Charmed Life*. And I love that it's contemporary, relevant, upbeat, and cleanly written from a Christian worldview; all the struggles, delimas, peer-pressure angst, hormonal

challenges every youth faces - but with morality counterpoints. A perfect fun read to share with my tween thru young adult granddaughters.

On top of being a fun YA contemporary, with lots of great characters, bff drama, family function/dysfunction, and reality show craziness, it's also a sorta-kinda love story, and a well-crafted, intelligent mystery too.

Someone is doing their best to sabotage Junior/Senior prom. And not just exacting harmless pranks or petty crimes, either. Whoever it is will stop at nothing - including attempted murder - to get their message across.

At times it's a bit cheesy and over the top. But in the best of ways. Jenny B. Jones is a master when it comes to dialogue, mannerisms, traits, nuances, and character types that lift off the page. Whether female or male, young or old, country fried or citified, every character is boldly brought to life with clarity and OTP authenticity.

What more can I say? I simply love Jenny B. Jones's sassy style, snarky humor, and mad-fresh writing skills. At the time she penned this series, her bio listed her as a high school teacher in Arkansas. If she's half as witty and wise in the classroom as she is as a writer, those Ark High kids are darn lucky.

FIVE ***** Sassy, Classy, Charming, Disarming . . . OMG Hilariously Fabulous ***** STARS

Note: I highly recommend reading this series in order, as many of the events in this second book are built upon events and/or characters from book one: So Not Happening.

Rachael says

Truman, Oklahoma hasn't turned out as horribly as Bella Kirkwood thought it would. Sure, her desitned label allowance has been drastically cut, but with new friends and a comfy position on the school newspaper staff, she's feeling pretty good. It also helps that nearly everyone thinks she's some sort of Nancy Drew ever since she figured out what was really going on with the football team. Unfortunately, now that Bella's stepdad, a semi-pro wrestler, has signed their family up for a reality TV show, Bella's life is about to take a turn for the unbearable once again. As if navigating her relationship with her newspaper editor Luke, a rekindled friendship with her ex-boyfriend Hunter, and all of her reporting assignments wasn't hard enough, now she has to do it in the public eye thanks to the camera crew that stalks her. And before she knows it, Bella finds herself pursuing yet another mystery at Truman High, this one regarding the upcoming prom. How's a girl to keep her cool in the face of all this, especially when the threats of danger start coming?

I'm So Sure was just as cute, hilarious, and clever as its prequel So Not Happening proved to be. Bella's character is even more likable in this story since most traces of her spoiled Manhattan princess roots have been humbled by her acceptance of her new life in Oklahoma and she remains just as determined and hardworking as ever. I must admit, I generally dislike the inclusion of reality shows in books because of their tendency to turn even the most upright people into publicity hungry brats, but the wrestling show actually worked well in this novel because it reinforced many of Bella's morals. Although I felt the main mystery of this story about prom was less creative and interesting than the one in So Not Happening, I still quite enjoyed it as well as Bella and Luke's somewhat cryptic but still sweet relationship. If there's one main thing about I'm So Sure that irked me, it was that religion was slightly more emphasized in this novel than in its prequel. I do realize that I'm So Sure is technically Christian fiction and that the inclusion of faith is to be expected,

but there were several instances in which the religious preferences were just unnecessary and the slightest bit annoying.

Fans of the So Not Happening, the prequel to I'm So Sure, will eagerly snatch up this novel as well as look forward to the next installment in The Charmed Life series, So Over My Head. This series may also be enjoyed by readers who liked Pure by Terra Egan McVoy and It's All About Us by Shelley Adina.

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Laura says

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When Bella Kirkwood's step-dad signs the family up for a reality TV show, Bella's first thought is: Kill. Me. Now. Her life in Truman, Oklahoma, is getting down to a semi-normal existence, Bella is making friends, and while she still misses Manhattan and her dad's credit card, she is adjusting. But then a camera crew starts following Bella around.

As if having a 'tail' isn't bad enough, Bella's editor is insisting she get a job so she can write an article about the trials of a working teenager. But having a job isn't all Bella thought it might be. She manages to land the most dirty jobs in the township.

And when Bella's friend, Lindy, becomes the Junior class president, Bella suddenly discovers that someone has a conspiracy against the Truman High prom queen candidates. Bella's editor, Luke, insists on helping with the story, but it seems the closer they get to the answers, the more danger Bella's in.

I'M SO SURE is book two in the A Charmed Life series. I was able to read book one first, and I'm glad I did as I was able to get the full story behind how Bella arrived in Truman and all the events that transpired as she relocated and struggled to adjust, but I think book two could have stood alone as Ms. Jones did an excellent job putting in just enough backstory so you know what happened earlier.

Bella is a realistic teenager, funny and sarcastic, and one that I would have loved to have been friends with if I were a teen. I laughed out loud at portions of this book, and other parts were kind of heartbreaking. I thoroughly enjoy this series so far (and so is my teen daughter) and am looking forward to the third book in the series, So Over My Head coming in May 2010. Discussion questions are included at the end of the book. \$12.99. 299 pages.

Kelli says

I love Jenny B. Jones. She is so fun to read. I actually read the 3rd book in this series first, and am now reading this one. I actually think this one has a much better pacing than in So over my head. Its wittier, and the main character seems more in focus. Especially the B characters. In the third book, they definitely take more of a backseat, but in this one--they are hilarious.

The only thing I wish could have been left out is Bella's dad in New York and the evil girlfriend he has. So annoying, but then again..its suppose to be.

I giggled lots reading this. That means a win!! The ends all wrapped up well and super hilariously.

Shelby says

Bella's at it again. That is, when she's not lusting over the newest spring fashion line for Burberry. I'm talking about her awesome crime-busting skills. With her amazing(ly hot) editor-in-chief, Luke, by her side, Bella's ready for anything Oklahoma could possibly throw her way.

That was before her step-dad turned wrestler signed up to have their lives broadcasted via reality TV.

Just as she was finally getting adjusted to life in Truman, a camera crew swipes the rug out from under her. Now, as she tries to 1) get a job for an article in the school paper, 2) figure out the male population, and 3) find out who's out to turn prom into a nightmare, she can smile at the camera while she's doing so.

Not.

I really enjoyed this second book in the Charmed Life series. Some parts were so laugh-out-loud hilarious. Like more hilarious than usual. *grin* A particular scene involving a disaster at a maxi-pad factory had me rolling on the floor. *coughcough* But I'll let you find out the details of that little incident.

In So Not Happening, I wasn't really all that impressed with Luke. I mean, his and Bella's playful banter was interesting, but I just wasn't very captivated with him. My reaction to him was completely different in this second book. Suddenly, Luke is hot. And I really liked it. ? Looking forward to seeing how their little romance turns out in the third book.

The one and only thing that irritated me a little was the fact that this book seemed a little ridiculous at points. Jenny specializes in humor, sometimes the ridiculous kind, but some parts were just downright silly. As long as you can get past it and not focus on it too much, it shouldn't really be a big deal.

In conclusion, I'm So Sure was a fantastic sequel to So Not Happening. I doubt I'll ever get tired of Jenny's humor. I can't seem to get enough of it! Hopefully So Over My Head (book three) will prove to be just as entertaining.

Quick Content Review: *may contain spoilers*

Language: None

Violence: Mild (A nerdy maniac tries to blow up the prom queen.)

Sexual: Mild (A kiss or two and some harmless flirting)

eileen says

did not like this one as much because it was basically a similar mystery that was poorly developed and i really only skimmed to get to the luke and bella parts which weren't that good either. there are also a lot of religious references in here like praying and going to church, which i don't mind but it didn't enhance my experience because i'm not religious and it was a little weird for me to read

Kristen says

Cute series, fun, and some lol moments. I LOVE Luke! :o)

Moral Note: Clean language, clean romance, some mild violence, and references to her dad's job as a plastic surgeon.

Nora St Laurent says

I was thrilled to receive a review copy of the sequel to *So Not Happening*, which I loved. This is youth fiction at its finest. Reading one of Jenny B. Jones's books puts a smile on my face and makes me feel good all over.

Bella is in high school and had her life turned upside down in book one, when her mom marries a semi-pro wrestler and they move to Truman, Oklahoma...a far cry from New York. Bella's mom met this Christian man on-line and has moved to live in a small town in the big woods. What was her mom thinking?

In *I'm So Sure*, Bella is still adjusting to her new home, step dad and her step brothers. Bella still flies to N.Y. to spend time with her dad in Manhattan on weekends, but things are starting to get weird at her dad's. Bella's father has a steady girlfriend who has a daughter a little younger than herself. Why is her dad falling for this woman?

Weird could be used to describe life in Truman, Oklahoma too. Her step dad, the semi-pro wrestler, has just entered the family into a reality T.V. show contest. If their family is picked, cameras will be following them around everywhere. What was her step dad thinking?

Strange things have also started to happen at Truman High School! The school's prom money has disappeared and no one knows how. Or who took it for that matter. How would they have a prom?

Luke, the editor of the school newspaper, tells Bella the prom story is his and to back off! She needs to focus on the jobs for teen's article! Bella promises Luke she would stay away from doing any investigating in the prom story. But Bella can't stop the people that come up to her to help them in finding school funds. Can she?

This author had me laugh out loud so hard I almost dropped my book. I lost it when Jenny describes the different jobs Bella worked at to write the teen job article. Bella stayed at the job long enough to be trained

and get the feel of what was required of her in that position. This part was hysterical, I can't believe the jobs Bella had and the mishaps she had on her jobs. Bella learned to be thankful for these experiences. She discovered jobs she never wanted to do again. Bella wasn't laughing when some of these embarrassing mishap moments were caught on film by the T.V. reality show and shown to the entire world. OHMYGOSH!

I can't wait to read the third and final book in this series called, *So Over My Head*. Can't wait to see what Bella Kirkwood is up to next and what crazy, spontaneous, fun adventure she will take us on. Thanks Jenny, for bringing a smile to my face, laughter in my heart and funny stories to share about Bella with my family and friends.

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Lauren Wiseman says

I have really grown to enjoy these books. Laugh out loud fun and just absolute fun, with a memorable main character. The antics Bella Kirkwood gets into makes her one of the better Bellas in books. She is sassy, determined, nosy, and flawed to the point of endearment. The way she solves problems just makes you want to root for her. No real complaints with this book.

And in conclusion, I have to honestly ask you all: what other book incorporates Christian themes, a grand conspiracy at a prom, and a battle with a maxi-pad machine? None other than Jenny B. Jones' *I'm So Sure*.

...I have yet to ask if the B stands for Beatrice...
