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Sometimes love needs a touch of magic...

Hildy Caldwell is lonely and loveless - so she splurges on a summer rental on Long Beach Island, where she hopes the wind might blow a handsome man her way. Instead, she finds an abandoned bottle - with a 2000-year-old meddlesome genie inside. Magic and mayhem follow, along with what Hildy's been wishing for: a meeting with the man she has never stopped loving...

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Jessica says

Finally, I have finished the most ridiculous book I have ever read. There is only so much stupidity I can handle when it comes to characters in books. An this book has stupid characters in spades. Hildy is someone who is stuck in her glory days and instead of getting her own life continues to love someone she hasn't seen in 10 years. It's ten years for petes sake, move on. Mike is the most indecisive character I have ever met. He doesn't know what he wants through 95% of the book. Also, come on who has ever heard of a centurion genie?

I wasted days on this book, days I can't get back. Pls don't fall into the same trap I did.. There is no redemption or hope for this book.

Ashley says

I'm not sure why I punished myself by finishing this.

It sounds crazy due to the fact that the book centers around a Genie but Finn stretched the imagination beyond reasonable ability. I am a very heavy sleeper yet I refuse to believe that Hildy slept through all those sirens, knocks and phone calls. Mike was soooo in love with Hildy yet let himself constantly get steamrolled by Kiki?

Maybe Kiki was the smartest of them all by declaring Mike an idiot who was easily controlled. Hell. He didn't truly want Hildy til he saw her dolled up and on the arm of Tony.

I found myself wishing that Mike would go away and a romance would bloom between Tony and Hildy. And thanks for feeding into that whole "chicks that love cats are CRAZY pathetic".

I won't try another another Lucy Finn book if I can help it. Not impressive, to say the least.

Sarah Waters says

Terrible. Couldn't finish it.

Brenda says

Realized I've read this before. All her genie stories are cute and predictable--good beach reads.

jennifer walker says

This was a real cute book. I could not put it down because it keeps a fun loving and positive energy flowing. A little romance but not enough to be disgusting. I enjoyed it.

Jennifer says

This was the second Genie book (The first was Careful What You Wish For). While it was a cute book, and a little entertaining, it is not one that I will come back to read again.

Hildy finds a bottle next to a slot machine in a casino only to later find out it contains a genie. The bad news is the bottle was left was a gangster who was trying to avoid his probation officer. Now he is after Hildy and will do anything to get the bottle back.

Carmen says

This story was okay, but not great. The characters were very flat, very predictable. The ending came out too happy. It just had a few new twists to the conflicts.

Katrina says

Didn't like this one as much as the others in this series...the love interest vacillates from corny to spineless for much of the book and I didn't find the Roman aspects well researched...but it's still a fun story and worth the read

Carla Victor-rawson says

I loved her 1st book " Be Careful What you wish For" I felt the romance. I gave it 5 stars and was looking forward to the 2nd in the series. I know that taste in reading material is subjective and there were people that did enjoy this book. I thought the character development was flawed and they seem cartoonish.....Jimmy the Bug (the mobster) was a mix between Lex Luthor and Tony soprano, Hildy was Betty, Mike was Archie and Kiki was veronica and it did have an " I dream of Jeanie" theme (there was even a beach) I dont know I was so disappointed with this book, I started skimming the end of the book...a bad sign for a book, a least I didn't throw it off the bed.

Becky says

I was okay with this one until the mc gives her ex a blow job on the beach even though he's living with and engaged to another woman. She broke up with him in high school when she caught him cheating on her, but when he tells her it's all a mistake and promises to break up with his fiance, she is like, "oh, okay" and goes to town. Sorry, but she's an idiot and he's a sleaze.

I don't care if the author means for him to be sincere, the mc has no reason to believe him or trust him and she's disrespecting the other woman in the equation, the one he's been with for five years! It just felt gross.

Cathy says

If you came into possession of a genie shortly before your 10 year high school reunion, what would you wish for? The return of your high school true love perhaps? I got about halfway through, but I didn't finish this. I've certainly finished worse before, but I just didn't want to put forth the effort when this didn't have pretty prose to make up for the characters' deficits. I think I would have liked it more if the genie had turned out to be the love interest. I found Big Mike (yes, Big Mike; I read classy books!) to be quite the sleazy hero, always ready with a convenient excuse just plausible enough to keep him from the depths of slime.

It's all well and good to bring two people back together after a few years and have them bond; I've had some pretty fun experiences with that myself. The idea itself holds some merit. It's quite another thing to have a terribly successful and wealthy male lead but leave the female a miserable, pining spinster who has failed to follow any of her dreams and is still yearning after the one that got away even though she caught him with another woman ten years earlier. Have some dignity and ambitions of your own, woman!

Julie (jjmachshev) says

A very cute and sweet romance, liberally spiced with laughter and magic.

Schoolteacher Hildegard, but please! just Hildy, is in a rut. She's single, has a boring job, and is still (after almost 10 years) hung up on the 'one that got away'...her high school sweetheart Mike. But he's engaged to a gorgeous and glamorous photographer. It would take a miracle for her to find her happy ending. While on summer vacation in Atlantic City, she finds an old bottle someone left behind. Next thing you know, she's also got a 2000-year old Roman centurion turned genie at her command!

Lots of humor and laughs in this totally improbable, but still fun, romance by Lucy Finn.

Elizabeth says

This story moved at a snail's pace, and was a bit unbelievable even for a paranormal romance novel. I'm aware a genie was involved, but come on... Majorly cheesy, and not believable at all. I realize it's a novel, but I like when an author creates a fantastical world that you could believe exists, even only when you're reading it. This was so bad I stopped and skipped pages many times, all too aware the book was completely fake and cheesy.

Cornelia says

This is a fun read. It's about a small town school teacher, her High School sweetheart who at the beginning of the book is engaged to another woman, and a genie that she finds when she goes to the Jersey Shore for a summer vacation.

Barbara ★ says

School teacher Hildy Caldwell decides to vacation at the Jersey shore in the hope of changing her ho-hum existence into something exciting, hopefully with her old high school sweetheart, Mike Amante. When she finds a genie jar in Atlantic City, she thinks finally she can get a life...or not.

I found Hildy to be extremely irritating. She has a good job. She's living exactly where she wants to live. She has two beloved cats and she's dating losers. I honestly don't think she needs to reinvent herself so much as find a better man. Why change you whole life to get back some loser you dropped in high school for cheating on you. What in the world makes her think he'd be any different now?

By chapter 12 I was totally disgusted and disappointed in Hildy but forced myself to finish. She is truly TSTL. I wanted to reach through the pages and smack the crap out of her. Freakin moron!
