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**A blind date. A nervous sorority girl. A mean-spirited fraternity prank. What could possibly go wrong?**

As a sorority pledge, there are commandments that Katie Vickery must live by. One: thou shalt not show up for the party without a date. Two: the guy shall be an athlete, preferably an upperclassman.

Unfortunately, Katie just broke up with her jerkface football player boyfriend. Even worse, her last encounter with him resulted in utter humiliation. She'd rather hide under the bed than attend a party where he'll be.

Yet staying home would mean letting him win.

Enjoying herself tonight was out of the question. She could only hope to get through the evening without her blind date noticing that he was spending the evening with a crazy person.

Andrew Baschnagel is living proof that nice guys don't finish first. He's had his eye on Katie since the moment her long legs waltzed into his art history class. So when her roommate sets Andy up to be Katie's date, he'd be crazy to say no. Unfortunately, he doesn't have a lot of practice with either girls or parties. *Yet.*

BLONDE DATE is a 23,000 word novella covering a four hour span of Katie & Andy's night. **ALSO INCLUDED:** a sneak preview of the third novel in the Ivy Years series, THE UNDERSTATEMENT OF THE YEAR.

## Blonde Date Details

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# From Reader Review *Blonde Date* for online ebook

## Jacqueline's Reads says

### 5 Novella Stars

I don't read Novellas and if I do I don't usually write a review on them, but I LOVE Andy and Katie so much I was really happy for this book. I kind of wished it was a full length novel, but I'll take what I get.

Andy is the dorky nerdy guy that is suite mate with Bridger. I loved Andy because I have an odd attraction towards nerdy guys in books, maybe because I married a nerdy guy and guess what? His name is Andy too, so there you go.

I liked that Katie is the total opposite of Andy and she's this beautiful bombshell, but is really confused. She has dated really bad guys in the past and she's trying to correct her situation. I love it when the Heroine is trying to be better.

The little book is about Andy and Katie going out on a date. It's all around, cute and adorable.

This book is a real treat. I loved it!

**The Year We Fell Down #1 AMAZON**

**The Year We Hid Away #2 REVIEW | AMAZON**

**Blonde Date #2.5 AMAZON**

**The Understatement of the Year #3 AMAZON**

**The Shameless Hour #4 AMAZON**

**The Fifteenth Minute #5 AMAZON**

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## MountainKat says

I am really enjoying this series! This was a sweet addition even without the depth of the prior books. We met the characters, Andy and Katie, in the previous book, but we got to know them more in this. I hope we get to see more of them!

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## Jen says

### 4.5 Stars

Normally I find I don't really connect with novellas this short but I absolutely loved *Blonde Date*. As much as I enjoyed Katie, the star of this story is Andy. Gah! His sweet adorableness almost overwhelmed me, but

what a way to go.

*Time for a Hail Mary maneuver. Maybe if I reach down and touch her there. Wait... how do guys do this? My arm is stuck. I can't get out of my own way. Wait. Okay. Right there. Winning! Yeah!*

It's so refreshing to spend some book time with a twentyish year old guy who *actually* acts like a regular person, insecurities and all. No tattoo sleeves, Dom tendencies or painful past. Just a wonderful character who reminded me of guys I hung out with at that age. Quite the departure from most of the NA I've read lately.

This was the perfect lazy Sunday kind of read and I'm so glad I finally got around to giving it a shot.

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### Leah City of Words and Pages says

Es war so so toll! ?

Band eins und zwei konnte mich nicht so ganz überzeugen, aber diese Novelle? Sie war perfekt!  
Andy und Katie waren so sympathisch und realistisch dargestellt, dass es richtig viel Spaß gemacht hat, ihre Geschichte zu lesen!  
Aber es war natürlich viiiiiiiel zu kurz. ?  
Warum muss denn das Beste eine Novelle sein?!

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### Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Andrew Isaac Baschnagel. Now THAT'S a name of a guy I'm interested in. *\*Jew Alert\**

I've really enjoyed each and every book in this series, especially the to DIE for The Understatement of the Year, which is expertly narrated, BTW, and Blonde Date was another good one. Again, Saskia Maarleveld does a decent job reading, but there is something about her voice that sounds too old for NA to me. Nick Podehl was awesome again as the slightly dorky and awesome Andy.

What impressed me most about this book was the fab sex-positive message (even when you are doubting yourself- every girl has been there!), and the lovely beta hero male MC. **I am totally gaga over a beta man, and a Jewish beta man who plays sports?! Now I'm verklemp!**

Short, sweet, and well done, I hope we get more stories out of these characters in the future. Awesome again, Sarina Bowen!

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### Michelle [Helen Geek] says

05/24/2015 -- 5 Stars

What a perfect short story. I'm not normally a fan of short stories, but this author is now on my "I'll read just about anything she writes" list and this was just appealed to me.

She blew me away. It was perfect. It had a beginning, a middle and an end and it wasn't all rushed to cram it all in. It was complete, developed and had characters you wanted more of and didn't want it to end. Really loved it.

I could go crazy and tell you tons about it and put my little rating scale together for you too, but then it may be longer than the story and I think it is good enough to just simply say 5 Stars.

It stands alone, so you have no excuse for not reading it. If you haven't read this author, you could start here and get your toes wet. Up to you.

Absolutely perfect.

Happy Reading!

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### Duchess Nicole says

4.5 Stars

Roughly 75 pages of awesome. Beta male, wholly different than what the heroine is looking for but in reality perfect for her. He's shy and a little goofy, she's the high school prom queen with insecurities. He's protective. She's beginning to see why the other guys never worked out for her. All in one date. LOVED! Absolutely a favorite series of mine. So happy, happy, happy that it caught my eye. Oh, and the epilogue...perfection! There are always two sides to every story. No excuse, but there IS another side.

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### Jeannine Allison says

*5 stars (Re-Read 6/15/17)*

*5 stars (First Read 10/18/15)*

PERFECTION. **THIS** is what a novella should be. Maybe I'm being greedy but I really really hope that Andy and Katie get their own full length novel. I loved how awkward and nerdy and shy Andy was. I know that a lot of people like the asshole hero, and sometimes I enjoy it. But for me, characters like Andy are where it's at. He was so freaking genuine and kind. I don't know if I like Bridger or Andy more, honestly I could live in that fire door between their rooms and be set for life. I also loved Katie's attitude, especially about sex. She was a strong heroine and had no problem going after what she wanted. This was an excellent addition to the series and I really hope that we see more of Andy and Katie. I also would really enjoy a novel

about Dash, I felt a little bad for him in the epilogue and I think he'd make a great male lead, it'd definitely be interesting to see how he redeems himself.

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## **Tiff at Mostly YA Lit says**

Review originally posted on Mostly YA Lit:

SO. FREAKING. CUTE. We first meet Andy as Bridger's roommate in *The Year We Hid Away*, and here, in this novella, we see him fumbling around on a blind date. Despite how short this novella is, it manages to touch on many of Sarina Bowen's signature themes: family, sexual consent and slut-shaming, feminism and breaking out of cliches. Oh and did I mention that it's sexy and cute as well?

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## **J says**

This lady is one heck of a writer. This is a novella so some people don't believe in giving 5 stars to a short book. I have no problem in doing that when the book is this good.

If you have read any of the other "Ivy Year's" books (but you certainly don't need to read the other ones to understand this one), "Blonde Date" is about Andy, Bridger's basketball playing roommate and Katie, who is one of the two Katie's that roomed with Scarlet. Andy is kind of a nerdie, not very worldly, kind soul on the college basketball team who says yes to a blind date invitation from Katie to go to a sorority party. She recently had a very nasty parting of the ways with her football playing, alpha male boyfriend, Dash, and sorority protocol calls for her to have a date who is also an athlete. Katie is "very" worldly and outgoing. On paper it would seem Andy and Katie are a total mismatch but that turns out to be completely false when they really get to know each other on their date.

This book is perfectly written with witty banter, funny situations, some steam and a little pathos when Dash finally realizes what he's lost. And I can't say enough about Andy and Katie, both together and on their own. Just wonderful characters that I hope we get to spend a lot more time with in future books.

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## **Luzie says**

This review may contain SPOILERS!

I was pleasantly surprised by this novella and also based on my star-rating you could already tell that this was clearly my favorite story of the series. Starting with the star of this story, which is Andrew, who is both funny and supportive and super-cute and at the same time his cluelessness just makes him that much more appealing. Most importantly though is, that he doesn't have a tragic backstory, he's just a genuinely great guy and I loved him as an individual, as well as together with Katie. I think what surprised me the most was the natural chemistry between them, and how they actually don't need any drama or other distractions to make a great team and create a wonderful story about two nice individuals who together make a fantastic duo. This story was both dynamic and sweet and a must-have for every fangirl that wants to swoon over a guy that doesn't have a torturing past. I would gladly battle with Katie for Andrew. :)

5/5 stars

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**Jennifer Kyle says**

Andy is adorable!!

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**Christy says**

A blind date. A nervous sorority girl. A mean-spirited fraternity prank. What could possibly go wrong?

Katie and Andy were fantastic! Their novella focused on their first date, which also happened to be a blind date.

Katie is the most beautiful freshman on campus. Andy has noticed her. Andy is a basketball player. Tall, lanky, and not quite Katie's type, but after getting burned by her ex- a football player/frat boy, she's looking for someone different. Someone nice. Andy fits the bill perfectly. I loved how at ease Andy put Katie during their date, and turned something that was hard for her into something fun.

I could have read an entire book about these two, but I'll settle for the novella. I also really loved the epilogue. It was nice to see that side.

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**R \* A Reader Obsessed \* says****3.5 Stars**

A nice little novella featuring a couple of side characters of this series. Really sweet, wish it was smexier, but bonus points for the charming endearing underdog (who is in no way shabby whatsoever) who wins the hot girl!

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**Cyndi says**

Safety gang safe

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