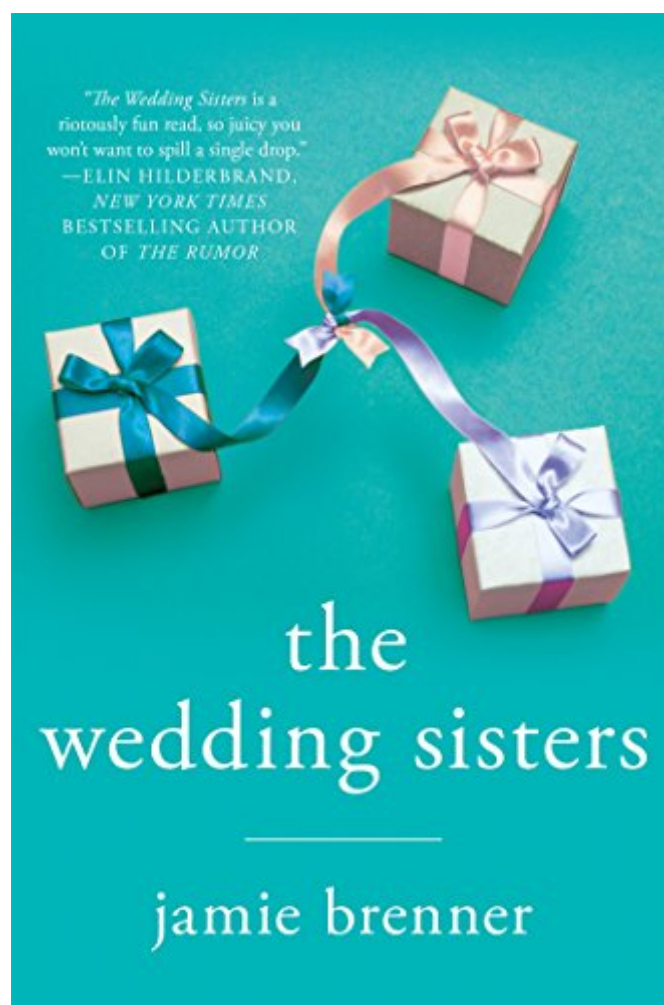


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The Wedding Sisters



Synopsis

Meryl Becker is living a mother's dream. The oldest of her three beautiful daughters, Meg, is engaged to a wonderful man from one of the country's most prominent families. Of course, Meryl wants to give Meg the perfect wedding. Who wouldn't? But when her two younger daughters, Amy and Jo, also become engaged to celebrated bachelors, Meryl has to admit that three weddings is more than she and her husband, Hugh, can realistically afford. The solution? A triple wedding! At first, it's a tough sell to the girls, and juggling three sets of future in-laws is a logistical nightmare. But when Hugh loses his teaching job, and Meryl's aging mother suddenly moves in with them, a triple wedding is the only way to get all three sisters down the aisle. When the grand plan becomes public, the onslaught of media attention adds to Meryl's mounting pressure. Suddenly, appearances are everything - and she will do whatever it takes to keep the wedding on track as money gets tight, her mother starts acting nutty, and her own thirty year marriage starts to unravel. In the weeks leading up to the nuptials, secrets are revealed, passions ignite, and surprising revelations show Meryl and her daughters the true meaning of love, marriage and family. Jamie Brenner's *The Wedding Sisters* invites readers to the most unpredictable wedding of the year.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big fan of Brenner's novels because she knows exactly how to draw out the tension and make a book impossible to put down. And she's at the top of her game with *The Wedding Sisters* - each sister was vivid and compelling in her own way and the interweaving plot lines and POVs worked seamlessly together. At the ending, I found myself reacting like I do at weddings: laughing and crying at the same time. Just lovely.

As with Jamie Brenner's previous books, the style is so engaging that I just didn't really care where the plot was going. She can spend pages and pages describing the decorating scheme for a foyer and somehow make it compelling, at least to anyone who loves decorating, antiques, and old houses. I love the relationships in Meryl Becker's life, particularly with her daughters. The story is light-funny and we laughed out loud with some of the antics of the main character. It is also filled with very descriptive elements of the daughters' lives. The story is fresh and funny, and it was so much more. It's always been a mother's dream to see her daughter get married but what happens when all three of her daughters find themselves getting engaged around the same time to prominent males. We know things can go so wrong with one wedding, can you imagine what situations can happen with three weddings? This is a story of family and history and forgiveness and most of all love. We learn so much about this family's life. Mary goes through life on a superficial level with her innermost thoughts never expressed to anyone. She is honest with those she loves, but she does not share her entire self. And eventually her innermost thoughts appear and create havoc in the lives of several people. This is a well-developed plot, and the characters are complete people. For any reader who wants a story of life and difficult situations which must be faced, this is a book you will enjoy. Ms. Brenner has a way with a story and I recommend this book to all readers who love to be immersed in a story. I did not find this a fun, light read, which is what I thought from the blurb, there is lots of drama and emotions in the telling of this story. This is the story about family, love and life and how things never really go as planned. I highly recommend this book.

I breezed through Jamie Brenner's fabulous novel *The Wedding Sisters*. I laughed, cried, worried, cheered, and celebrated with Meg, Amy and Jo (yes, "Little Women"). In this case, three modern-day sisters are poised to get married. The sisters couldn't be any more different - albeit each wants the same thing: true love. Full disclosure: I'm a Mom of three daughters, and the Becker Sisters not only hit close to home, the trio could be sitting at my kitchen table. The sisters' penetrating stories are held together through the voice and tender heart of their mother,

Meryl Becker, who is loving, overbearing, oft-controllingâ”but of course, ONLY wants the best for her girls. And yet, Meryl must âœlet goâ” while simultaneously holding her âœbabiesâ”™ closeâ”because they still need her. She is the quintessential multi-taskerâ”handling her daughtersâ”™ complex love lives, her aging, aloof mother (with secrets of her own), and her absent-minded English professor husband (whose students, at times, take precedence over his family). Everybodyâ”™s life and personality is a juggling act for Meryl, and every day during âœwedding seasonâ” is a full-on drama. Meryl deals with broken hearts, sibling rivalries, and passions â”including her own middle-aged desires, which re-awaken amidst trying to simultaneously plan the three weddings and all the trimmings. Not to mention, the weddings arenâ”™t just your run-of-the mill âœBig Dayâ”â”each daughter is marrying a Somebody. The Beckersâ”™ world quickly morphs into public fodder, filling the gossip columns. And we see it all: love lost, love found, infidelity, lies, and ultimately, truths exposed. The twists and turns while tying the matrimonial knots make the Becker Sistersâ”™ colorful tale an unputdownable read, as each character forges her own path toward Happily Ever After. I devoured this hands-down perfect beach book in ONE sitting, or as the Sisters might say, in ONE brisk walk down the aisle.

I don't mean predictable in a bad way... For me, not every novel has to reinvent the wheel. I would equate this to comfort food...you have some idea what you are getting, but there are enough twists and turns to keep in interesting and overall fun. Maybe I related so closely because I have two sisters...we all headed down the aisle on our own distinct paths, though. I found this to be fun, flirty and it provided a very fast read. For me, hard to go wrong with that.

4.5 stars! LOVED this book! Jamie Brenner has written a fun, highly entertaining book about three sisters, Meg, Amy and Jo Becker, who in a short span of time all get engaged to be married to wealthy, much sought-after men. At the same time, the Becker familyâ”™s economic status is questionable so Meryl Becker decides to throw a triple wedding for the three girls. She manages to convince the girls, but trying to deal with all of her new soon-to-be in-laws proves much trickier. Moreover, each Becker daughter is grappling with her own issues that threaten the engagements. To top it all off, the triple wedding catches the attention of People Magazine and other celebrity magazines which adds one more complication to the already tense production. Meg was probably my favorite of the sisters, but I was invested in all three of their relationships and enjoyed reading about their stories as they played out in the novel. The book was just wonderful, and I could not put it down. I absolutely loved the way the wedding played out and the ultimate resolution of the story. I

highly recommend this novel. Thanks to NetGalley and St. Martin's Press for the opportunity to read this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

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