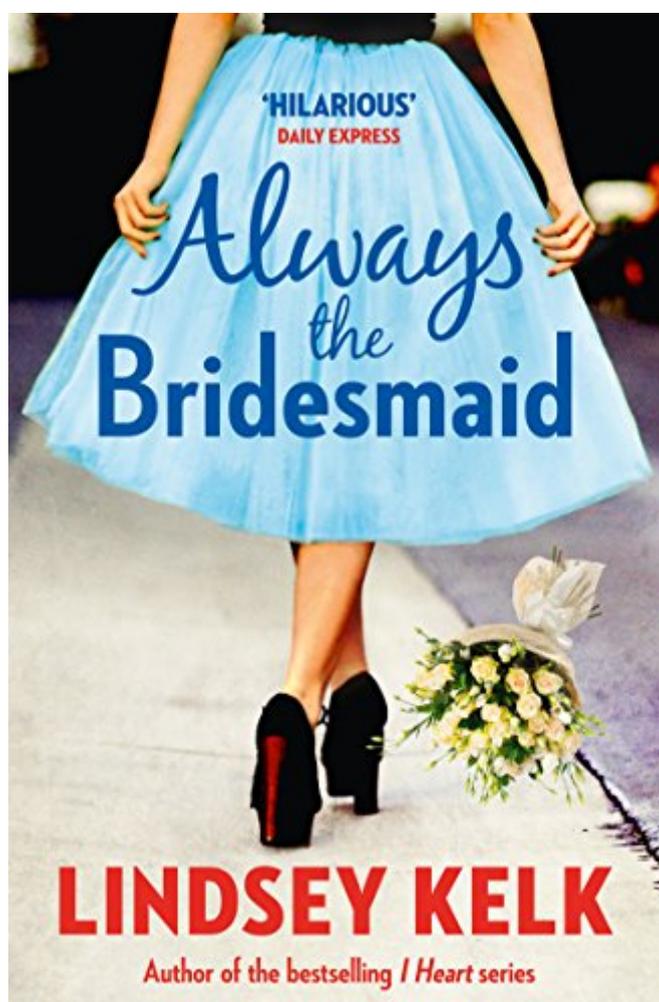


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Always The Bridesmaid



Synopsis

The hilarious new summer bestseller from Lindsey Kelk, bestselling author of the I Heart series. Everyone loves a bridesmaid - except Maddie, who's perpetually asked to be one. Everyone loves a wedding - except Maddie's best friend, who's getting divorced. And everyone loves the way Maddie's so happy behind the scenes - except Maddie herself. One best friend is in wedding countdown while the other heads for marriage meltdown. And as Maddie juggles her best chance at promotion in years with bridezilla texts and late-night counselling sessions, she starts to wonder "is it time to stop being the bridesmaid?"

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Customer Reviews

Lindsey already writes two very successful rom-com series and so it's always equal measures exciting and nerve-wrecking when a favourite author releases a book that is a stand-alone. Exciting because it's a new book from a favourite author, period, nerve-wrecking because what if I don't like the new characters or storyline? Luckily for her fans, Lindsey has written another hilarious read filled with brilliant characters you'll want to be friends with. As this delightful rom-com's title may give away, the story focuses on a girl, Maddie, who feels like she is always the bridesmaid; second best to her friends, sister and even at work she just muddles along without any real ambition. It has

worked well for her so far, but she does start to wonder if there's more to aim for in life. This changes when one of her best friends is getting married and she's roped in, once more, to be the bridesmaid and basically be the person organising everything behind the scenes. It's not that she doesn't want to help her friend, she does, but Maddie starts to realise that perhaps the people around her take her too much for granted and she can be far more than just a bridesmaid in the background. While I want to party with I Heart's Angela and Jenny Lopez, and go on an exotic holiday with About A Girl's Tess, Maddie is the character by Lindsey's hand I feel is most relatable to me personally. Sure, she ended in some ridiculous slapstick moments at times, but that was hugely enjoyable to read and underneath the laugh-out-loud moments there were some real issues dealing with someone being unappreciated at work, among friends and trying to find that magical one true love (something which most people can relate to at one point or another in their lives!).

By Becky GulcSomehow, *Always the Bridesmaid* is the first book I've read of Lindsey's, although I've been aware of her work, and the fact that she's a much-loved and popular author for a few years now. When the opportunity came along to review her latest novel I was like 'pick me!' and I was excited to finally see what her writing was like for myself. It didn't disappoint. Lindsey's writing is as witty and engaging as I hoped it would be. Maddie is one of the most likeable characters I've spent time with recently as she felt very realistic. Whilst on paper she's a bit naïve and a bit of a pushover at times, it's never in a 'wet' way which has you shouting at the book, which you sometimes get. She's also very strong, hard-working, a very good friend, and a bit of a romantic. She won't rock the boat until absolutely necessary. The way Maddie internalises things until she's about to burst leads to some great scenes in the novel which had me laughing out loud and also feeling her pain at times. I wondered whether the book would be all about the wedding, and I wondered whether that would hold my interest, but I needn't have worried. There's a lot more to this book than being the bridesmaid and it could very well have had a different title. Maddie's work-life is a key story line as she works as an events assistant to a dragon of a boss who tries her best to undermine her at every opportunity; a great character to hate. When there is an opportunity for promotion I was rooting for Maddie all the way and there are some great scenes surrounding this. A key part of the story is Maddie having to contend with the contrasting love-lives of her two best friends. There's Lauren who has just announced she's getting married, and soon.

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