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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

It should come as no surprise that the coauthor of the movie *Legally Blonde* has penned an equally hilarious, female-bondingâ€"inspired romp. Zadie Roberts is an attractive high school teacher who finds herself fantasizing about the young Abercrombie model in her English class as the rest of her friends pair off in grown-up relationships and get hitched. Not that she's against monogamy - her soap opera star fiancee; recently abandoned her at the altar, leaving her a little bit bitter and a lot horny. When she learns her best friend, Grey, is getting engaged to her perfect, prudish cousin Helen, Zadie thinks the world as she knows it might truly have ended. To make matters worse, Zadie must attend Helen's bachelorette party, complete with tea, yoga and the type of "dull women who have two-hour conversations about the contents of their children's diapers." But then the party takes a naughty turn, and chaste and virtuous Helen sets out to prove that she isn't the "uptight" girl everyone thinks she is. When all is said and done, Zadie must decide if her loyalties lie with her cousin or her best friend. Will she save Grey from a future of unhappiness or simply ruin their friendship forever? Laugh-out-loud funny with a nasty edge, this is chick lit for mean girls. (*Feb*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From **Booklist**

Zadie Roberts was literally left standing at the altar by her now famous soap-star fiance. Even though it was more than six months ago, the last thing she wanted was to be associated with anything bridal. So, when her best friend, Grey, announces that he is engaged to Zadie's conservative and beautiful cousin, Helen, Zadie's life hits a new low--he wants Zadie to get Helen to loosen up a little at the bachelorette party. Not even sure if the prim and proper Helen knows how to have fun, Zadie reluctantly promises to show her a good time. But when the posh, sedate party goes off track and Helen throws her good-girl image out the window for a night of drinking, debauchery, and maybe even one last fling, Zadie is sure this wasn't what Grey had in mind and is torn as to what to tell him about Helen's behavior. Don't look for more than an easy read, mindless fun, and proof that women can be just as raunchy as men. *Carolyn Kubisz Copyright* © *American Library Association. All rights reserved*

Review

- "Solidly written"
- Library Journal

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- Publishers Weekly
- "Raucously funny with dead-on observations. Grade 'A'."
- Entertainment Weekly
- "I woke my husband up from a deep sleep within the first few chapters of this adorably hilarious book. I laughed through every step of Zadie's uncomfortable, single existence. The perfect vacation book. You won't put it down until you're done."
- Selma Blair, actress

- "Attention chick lit fans: *The Bachelorette Party* is laugh-out-loud fun and not to be missed! Karen Lutz of "Legally Blonde" fame scores big time with a heroine whose spot-on, smart-mouthed observations about life, love and La-La Land will keep you turning the pages and hoping for a sequel."
- Jane Heller, author of Best Enemies and Lucky Stars
- "I absolutely loved this witty, charming, and wickedly funny book and could not put it down! Karen Lutz introduces a character whose experiences are accurate, poignant, and so hilarious they will make you laugh out loud!"
- Amanda Brown, author of Legally Blonde and Family Trust
- "I loved it! I couldn't stop reading it. So good and so funny! Zadie's observations on life are hysterical. Completely delicious and original."
- Heather Graham, actress

"I'm a guy. I don't usually like books like this. But Karen McCullah Lutz tells a tale so wonderfully crass and insightful that I found myself wrapped up, engaged and laughing out loud at almost every page. If you've had enough of "Sex and the City" but not its subject, you've gotta read this book. It's a truly fresh take on friendship, women and the pop culture they live in. An effortless and hilarious read I just couldn't put ...

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