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She's a Runaway Bride

Valerie Burrows is running from a wedding, her attorney fiancé and the law. Pampered Valerie takes a bus to nowheresville, where she learns her cash and credit cards have been stolen. Left with only her designer clothes and luggage she takes on a new identity and must learn to be self-reliant. She swears off men, especially attorneys, only to find the one man who refuses a one night stand and wants a relationship.

He's Looking For A Wife

Matt Jordan, the Colorado Crusher, is the most successful liability lawyer in the state. After the death of his brother-in-law, he realizes he's ready to settle down with a family of his own. His only requirements are intelligent, great-looking, wants more than a hook-up and doesn't lie. After witnessing the lies his father told his mother, he demands complete honesty. Yet Valerie Brown shows him sometimes in order to find yourself, you must become someone else. Even if that means lying.

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From Reader Review The Wanted Bride for online ebook

Renee says

First off this is a romantic comedy must read! The book is centered on Valerie Burrows who is about to go postal!. Wait too late she already did!. She is running from her own wedding. The circumstances behind this fiasco are given in small doses. It all keeps the plot moving rather fast. There are just as many serious parts as comedic moments. I loved when she finds her way to Colorado. The trip, the reasons for changing buses along the way are hilarious!.

She goes to pay her check at the diner and faints. That old bitch on the bus stole her wallet and she can't pay. Having no cash, credit cards or place to stay she looks sadly at Fran and asks for help. She gets lucky with a job and a room to rent. Then things start to happen. Reveal? me? no spoilers sorry.

What I loved was the serious parts when she meets and moves in with MacKenzie. Matt Jordan, is MacKenzie's brother, aka the Colorado Crusher, is the most successful liability lawyer in the state. After the death of his brother-in-law, he realizes he's ready to settle down with a family of his own. He is the BEST brother anyone could ask for. He really loves his sister and is always there to help.

I say READ it now. My chick lit fans will gobble it up. Perfect beach read.

Tammy Hall says

I was very hesitant to begin reading The Wanted Bride because I thought I knew the whole runaway bride story and how it would end however, that's where I was wrong. I became completely taken in by this story and read it from beginning to end in one sitting not wanting to put it down. The humor, romance, and drama are equally interesting and keep you wanting to read The Wanted Bride. Valerie and Matt's story will have you laughing one minute and pulled into a crazy wonderful argument the next. Sometimes going to the smallest places and losing everything you thought was important you find the biggest surprises. By the end of The Wanted Bride I was thinking that I may have been slightly rough on the romance genre or at least on this book itself. This book was a fun read with a wondrous ride of emotion. I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed reading this book and how it has me wanting to find more books by Sylvia McDaniel. Sylvia will be put on my list of favorites from here on in.

Kate's Corner says

So what would you do if you found out that your best friend slept with your husband to be and now had a bun in the oven? Do a Julia Roberts "Runaway Bride" steal his Corvette and then torch it. Damm right! 3 Stars for a quick, fun and light read.

Valerie is a trust fund baby and she's on the run. She has no idea what real life is like. She travels with public transport her wallet and money is stolen and she is stuck in Bumsville (well actually Springtown) it's funny that she asks for things that she has always taken for granted. Finding out that her money was stolen from her she faints in the café and that is where she meets Matt Jordan (a lawyer Oh my God he can't be a lawyer)

Matt isn't very trusting towards Valerie and he is a hottie who offers her everything a woman wants but he is

also a stubborn ass! Their banter is fun but Valerie really annoyed me at times but it was also great to see her character develop throughout the book. All in all not bad for a freebie but I wouldn't buy it.

After reading a couple of dark reads/PNR I needed something light and witty and this hit the spot just right.

Donna says

I loved the book. Hated the ending. Otherwise I would have give it 5 stars.

Spoiler alert.....

Matt lied by checking her fingerprints. Then he wanted to see where it went....he did not say he loved Valerie.

Linda says

Valerie Burrows had had enough!! Forced to run from her own wedding when she was told her ex-best friend was having her fiance's baby! Oh she was furious when her dad took HIS side and never listen to a word she said! How chummy when lawyers stuck together and she swore off men especially lawyers. She didn't think when she took his classic corvette and headed out of Dallas only to have to car stop! Not thinking, she torched his car and headed to the bus station with her luggage still in her wedding dress and burned veil. She never to get out of town fast and took the first bus leaving town.....

Matt Jordan, a big time lawyer in Denver, started another office in Springtown, Colorado hen his widow sister refused to leave town when her husband died of cancer leaving her alone with twins. He had promised to look out for the on his brother-in-law dying breath and as the more time he stayed, the more the town grew on him. Jesse, the sheriff and he had started a routine of having coffee together every morning in the only diner in town and as he took a sip of his morning brew, he couldn't help but notice the lovely woman wearing a torn and burned wedding dress. She stood up to leave and would have hit the floor had he not caught her. Then a strange feeling came over him as he held her in his arms.....

Sunny B says

I liked it. It's predictable but it's light reading and exactly what I needed.

Brian Davis says

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A nice romance, with some heat and some sweet. The "runaway bride pretends to be someone else" plot isn't

unique, but it is well handled.

Toni says

3 1/2 stars

Well it was a cute story. The bases of the story and the writing was good but I'm not a internal dialogue kind of reader. To me it just seemed long because of the two main characters spent to much time talking to them selves. Not my cup of tea.

Jane says

When things went wrong, on what should have been Valerie's happiest day, she ran for the hills, well got on a bus to a small town in Colorado. But before she boarded she left her cheating, lawyer fiancé a parting gift. Setting fire to his beloved Corvette may not have been the wisest decision she ever made and now she was not only on the run from her fiancé, and her father but the police as well. Valerie finds herself stuck in a small town and discovers her purse with all her cash and credit cards has been stolen. With no money and nowhere to go Valerie is forced to work for a living – for the first time ever.

Valerie is a lively character, who has spent her life being the pampered rich kid of a famous lawyer. She agreed to marry Carter to please her father even though she didn't really love him. Getting away from it all was the perfect opportunity for Valerie to find out who she is, but the last thing she wanted or expected was to meet another lawyer and fall in love with him.

Matt was really unsure of the stranger in town, he didn't trust her and wasn't happy that she was lodging with his sister. Thanks to his parent's relationship, that was based on lies, he vowed never to get involved with anyone who wasn't 100% honest, and Valerie with her fake surname and secret past was not exactly the ideal candidate.

The Wanted Bride is a contemporary romance. It's a fun and quick read with humour and romance in equal parts, one I will surely read again.

Copy supplied for review

Meredith Richardson says

Delightfully entertaining romantic comedy that leaves you both satisfied and dying for more!

Sylvia McDaniel delivers an engaging and enjoyable story about two lonely souls that not only learn more about themselves but also find love in the most unlikely place. Valerie is a girl that is on the run after

discovering that her fiancé not only cheated on her but also got her best friend pregnant. What's a girl to do? She runs, and she runs right into the small town of Springtown and the arms of Matt Jordan, Colorado's own successful liability lawyer. McDaniel flawlessly delivers a tasteful story about two characters that share a sizzling connection. And while they fought their mutual attraction sometimes, you can't resist what the heart desires. The chemistry between Matt and Valerie was so hot I thought the pages would ignite.

At first I was a little leery, Valerie was a spoiled rich girl who had it all but she quickly won over my heart as I got to know her. Valerie showed strength and courage in an impossible situation while Matt was the perfect dream guy. A man willing to change his life to take care of his sister and not to mention a heart-throb looking for a lasting relationship that would lead to marriage and a family... what more could a girl ask for?

While this was a short read and I finished it in one sitting I can easily say that it's one of the best contemporary romance books I've read in awhile. The characters were so real and their situations so compelling that you felt joy and sadness right along with them. I can easily see this book as a best seller and would love to see it on the big screen. I think the line that caught me from the start was "Hadn't these people ever seen a runaway bride in real life before? Julia Roberts may have made the movie, but she didn't own the copyright to wedding disasters." This statement is so true for this story. While there are a lot of stories and movies about runaway brides this one is completely unique with it's own characters and small town full of wonderful people willing to help those in need.

This book left me thinking, where can I find a small town like this with great people and a gorgeous bachelor looking for a happily ever after... don't forget he's also good with kids!! This is the first book I've read by Sylvia McDaniel but she's won me over with her beautiful story telling and easy to love characters. If you haven't read *The Wanted Bride* you should pick up a copy, I promise you won't be disappointed!

Mary Lou Hoffman says

THE WANTED BRIDE is a stand-alone, contemporary, chick-lit, romance. That said, why is it standing alone? There are plenty of people in Springtown, Colorado that I would love to see find their HEA, too!

I loved listening to this fun story of a runaway bride wanted for torching the groom's vintage car when it, too, lets her down. I've never seen the Julia Robert's movie, so this was a fresh storyline for me and I loved it. I'll definitely be listening again during my endless work commute.

The characters are wonderful. The location is enchanting and captivating. The story is engrossing. I enjoyed listening to the banter between Matt and Valerie as much as Valerie's eye-opening discovery of life beyond her debutante upbringing.

To me the moral is that relationships require trust from both sides. Read/listen and tell me if you think they have figured that out.

I am satisfied – for now – but looking forward to more from this author!

Note: while I was given this book as an Audible gifted copy, my opinions are my own and are given freely.

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Recommended for: 18+ due to sexual content
Listenability: NSFW
Received from: Sylvia McDaniel (as a gifted Audiobook)

Jessica Figueroa says

"Hadn't these people ever seen a runaway bride in real life before? Julia Roberts may have made the movie, but she didn't own the copyright to wedding disasters."

So technically this post was supposed to be just a guest blog/spotlight post but when I was going through my email I found a copy of the book was sent to me. When making this post I read the excerpt and that's what really caught my eye. I have a lot of books go get through and decided to put them aside for this book and hoped that it would be worth it.

If your wondering if its work a look, Yes it is. I very much enjoyed this fun book. I liked all the characters I can understand why Valerie lied so much when she ended up where she was. I liked watching her pretty much grow up and change when she realized her past life didn't make her happy. I liked that she didn't back down when Matt tried to chase her away and get her kicked out. Valerie has a lot of spunk and attitude to go with it. With Matt I can understand why was against liars and I think they were a great pair. I loved how fiercely protective Matt was to his family and how he would do anything for them. I liked that he was a man who knew what he wants and stuck by his beliefs. I loved how level headed Matt's sister was and how she gave her brother great advice and had great judgement in character.

I enjoyed seeing the relationship from between each other and wished that Valerie would've just told him in the truth earlier maybe it wouldn't have caused them so much grief. She should've told him her situation when she realized she liked him and when he made it clear about why he hated liars.

Thanks for supplying the ARC, I highly Recommend!

Madison Warner Fairbanks says

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Valerie has run away from her wedding when she realizes her wallet has been stolen and she is stuck in Springtown, CO, population 294, with no money. She gets for a job as a waitress though she's never done that type of work before, and with the help of the diner's owner, finds a place to stay. Valerie is soon immersed in small town life and recovering from lawyers that lie. When she finds out that the hunk seated in her booth at the diner is a lawyer, she wants nothing to do with him. But Matt Jordan doesn't give up and what he wants is Valerie.

This rather quirky romance had the heroine easily transitioning from spoiled heiress to successful waitress and part time law secretary. She's smart and quick with the wit and charm. I enjoyed her outspoken quips and

admired her direct approach.

Elissa says

There is a LOT to like about this book with its delightful plot, smooth narration with great voices (did I mention I listened to the audiobook?) and a sweet HEA. But despite her provocations, I had some severe qualms at the start about the bride's actions which made her "wanted" (you'll understand when you read it but SPOILER if I told you now!); and later some of the standing on ceremony by the hero didn't quite jibe with the character previously depicted. And then there is Big Daddy . . . The story is populated with a delightful cast, beautifully situated (always go someplace beautiful!), and overall very well told.

Ann-marie says

This plot has a small similarity to a book I recently finished reading. Lulu's Cafe. The big difference is there's no physical abuse in this novel and the heroine ran from her wedding before she said I do. What they do have in common is both women running away from their past and going to work in a small town restaurant and fall in love with the local lawyer. Valerie has just ran from her wedding to be and into her fiancée car which she eventually torches. So begins this novel of finding oneself and gain true independence. Valerie ran instead of dealing with an irate fiancée who she found out slept with her best friend and her father who despite her fiancée betrayal still think she should marry him. The book shows the growth of Valerie from snooty little rich girl to a woman who fought to be independent of her father and truly stand on her own and during all of this falling in love with the lawyer Matt though she swore off men and definitely lawyers since her father and her fiancée are lawyers. Sweet novel...
