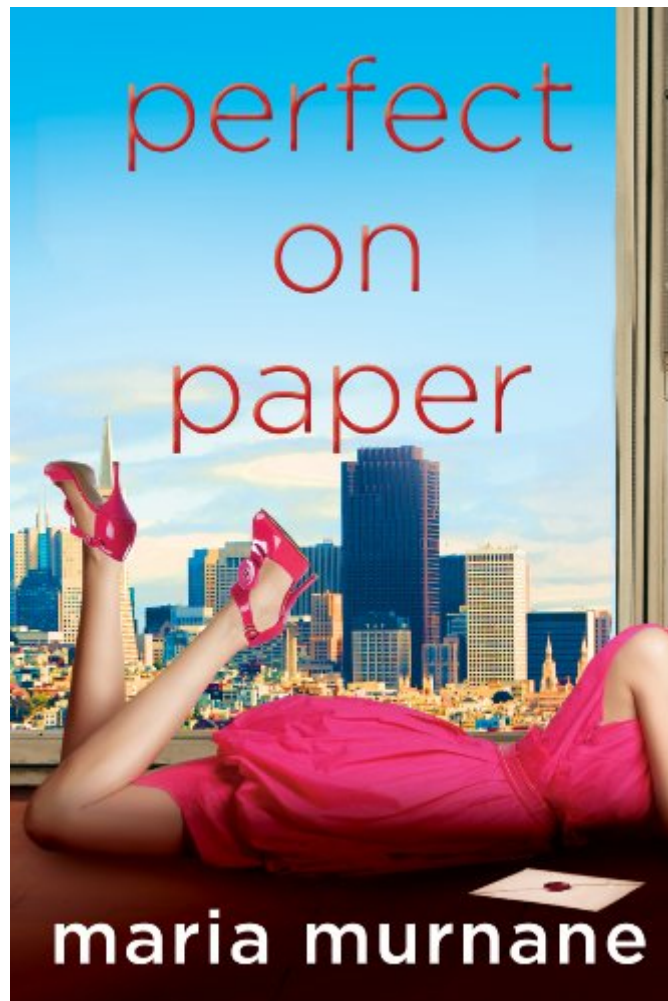


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Perfect On Paper (The (Mis)Adventures Of Waverly Bryson Book 1)



Synopsis

"Meet the new Bridget Jones." (PopSugar Daily) "A light and funny read. If you've ever felt like your life wasn't going the way you'd planned, then you can't help but connect with Waverly's tale." (Becky Lejeune for Bookbitch.com) Anything can look perfect on paper. When her fiance calls off their wedding at the last minute, Waverly Bryson wonders if her life will ever turn out the way she thought it would...or should. Her high-powered job in sports PR? Not so perfect. Her relationship with her dad? Far from it. Her perfect marriage? Enough said. To keep sane, Waverly makes a habit of jotting down "Honey Notes," her own brand of self-deprecating wisdom and a pipe-dream for a line of greeting cards. As Waverly stumbles back into the dating scene (no stalkers or jean shorts, please), her personal and professional lives threaten to collide. Perfect on Paper reminds us that everyone has a bad date (or twelve), and that everyone eventually needs a best friend to tell them, "Honey, you are not alone."

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Customer Reviews

Two weeks before she is due to walk down the aisle and marry Mr. Perfect, Waverly Bryson gets dumped. After being in a relationship for several years with this man she goes through the normal "I

just got dumped and I never want to leave my house mourning period," but with a little help from her friends, she heals, little by little and day by day. Getting on with her life means working, hanging with her two best friends and of course, dating. In the midst of all this she writes quirky little sayings, from her daily misadventures, which she hopes to use in a greeting card line. This is probably one of the best books I have read all year. I laughed so hard, so loud and so many times throughout this book and when I wasn't laughing, I was smiling. Waverly is easy to identify with and the friends she surrounds herself with are as unforgettable and just as loveable as she is herself. Waverly is not without flaws or faults and the reader gets to see her make mistakes, get laughed at, laugh at herself, learn and grow... All the while the author makes sure you don't want to set the book down, ever. The dates she goes out on are hilariously horrifying and unfortunately some are hauntingly familiar. Ladies, I challenge you not to find at least one of your former dates in this book. As intriguing and wonderful a heroine as Waverly is, this book wouldn't be anything without the supporting cast. It's really not just about Waverly, but about her and her relationships with her girlfriends, men friends, work chums and even her father. How each relationship shapes her in some way and how she finds and sees herself among them. At the beginning of each chapter in this well told tale is a sampling of Waverly's greeting card line that she has been writing.

"Perfect on Paper" is being published by Encore, a service I'd never before heard of that claims to give, "outstanding but overlooked authors a second chance," which I, personally, found astounding, because that means someone decided to publish this lackluster effort not once, but twice. (And though I know this was an uncorrected proof, I've never seen so many typesetting errors. There were broken carriage returns on nearly every page, making the book physically hard to read.) This story is obviously written for, and perhaps by, 16-year-old girls who got their idea of being "grown up" from watching "Sex and the City" and "The Real World." Waverly Bryson is a "career girl" in San Francisco set to marry the rich, handsome man of her dreams, until he calls off the wedding, just weeks before the big, society-page ceremony they'd planned. (This all happens by page two so I'm not giving anything away.) The story then follows Waverly ("like the cracker" ... a joke made dozens of times that's got to fly over the head of the target demo by more than a decade; I'm in my mid-30s and barely remember what they're talking about), through her post-dump depression (over in a few pages) and her return to the dating pool, for one ridiculously bad date after another. Of course, if she didn't insist on dating only "hot" guys, and getting blind drunk nightly, perhaps she'd avoid the stream of losers and users she goes out with. There's no real peril for our heroine, whose eventual romantic happy-ever-after you can put together before you crack the cover.

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