Fools Rush In: Weddings By Bella, Book 1

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Bella Rossi may be nearing 30, but her life is just starting to get interesting. When her Italian-turned-Texan parents hand over the family wedding planning business, Bella is determined not to let them down. She quickly books a "Boot Scoot'n" wedding that would make any Texan proud. There's only one catch - she's a country music numbskull because her family only listens to Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Where will she find a D.J. on such short notice who knows his Alan Jackson from his Keith Urban? When a misunderstanding leads her to the D.J. (and man) of her dreams, things start falling into place. But with a family like hers, nothing is guaranteed. Can the perfect Texan wedding survive a pizza-making uncle with mob ties, an aunt who is a lawsuit waiting to happen, and a massive delivery of 80 cowboy boots? And will Bella ever get to plan her own wedding? Book one in the Weddings by Bella series, Fools Rush In is fun, fresh, and full of surprises. Readers will love the flavorful combination of Italian and Tex-Mex, and the hilarity that ensues when cultures clash.

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Customer Reviews
This book was funny from the first page. I have never read a book with so much religion in it before, but that did not stop me from picking up this book. Just from reading the description on the back of the book, I knew that I had to read this. I love anything weddings, and a little bit of romance never hurts. The book starts off with Bella’s parents retiring from their wedding business. They have decided to give the business over to Bella, her first wedding is a boot scoot’n country wedding with
cowboy boots as the centerpieces. There is only one problem, Bella is full blown Italian and her family has only ever done traditional weddings. But when Bella advertises that she is doing themed weddings she starts getting calls for some crazy weddings. She meets DJ towards the beginning of the book when she hears a man talking about DJ on the phone, Bella thinks that this is a sign from God since she is looking for a deejay for the wedding she is planning. Get it, DJ is his name, she thinks he is a deejay. Let’s just say that when DJ finds out that Bella wants him to be the DeeJay for the wedding, it turns into a very funny part of the book. Bella’s family is very close. They all live together, her Aunt, Uncle, Mom and Dad, and a couple siblings and are they funny! It reminds me of my family, there is always someone talking louder than someone else to be heard over everyone, and Holidays are even louder. This is a must read for anyone who likes a little romance, and the love of family in a book.

After reading all the glowing reviews here I had high hopes for this book. Perhaps too high! First the good. As other reviewers have commented the Rossi family form a cast of lively, quirky and very funny laugh-out-loud characters. They swoop you up in one big embrace and carry you along the story as you flip the pages. So why the three stars? Firstly, I found the book a little difficult to get into. I’ve owned it for over a year and after three failed attempts finally managed to crack my way past page 50. Personally, I think this was because I found those first fifty a little too much backstory, introspection and introductions and not enough action. *Possible semi spoiler* Secondly, I think I’ve realised I like my romances to have a few more obstacles. While trying not to spoil anything for future readers, if the feature romance had had a little more conflict and tension it would have definitely had me a bit more engaged. It was all just a little too easy and left me wishing they’d had to fight a little bit harder. However, this is a lovely lighthearted read if that is what you’re looking for.

Okay, a few things first. One, I don’t usually write book reviews. Two, I’m a Christian woman. Three, in my rant I may give away some parts of the book, so SPOILER ALERT! That being said, am I the only one that found this book ridiculous?? I’ve never seen God’s Christian principles applied to such nonsense and in such an unbelievable way. Really?? Bella was ashamed that she did not believe a silly parrot could be “turned to the Lord”?? And don’t get me started on how people got misty eyed over a dumb statue of liberty outfit... And praying over people that fainted makes it a miracle when they wake up??? Enough to throw yourself on the ground?? I’m so glad I got this for free, or I’d be too mad to think straight. As it is, I don’t even care about how the story ends. But I’m pretty sure it will be a LAME end, just like pretty much the whole book. I can’t even understand how this is rated
so high by others...

What do you suppose happens when the Bella of a passionate & noisy Italian clan meets a Texas cowboy? Mamma mia! Something's bound to be cooking, and I don't just mean the pizza and BBQ! Twenty-nine and single, Bella Rossi has taken over the management of her family's wedding facility and bridal consulting business and immediately changes its focus from traditional to themed weddings. The only flaw is that it's less than two weeks before her first event, a Boot-Scotin' western wedding, and she still has to lasso a deejay (along with a few other minor details, such as music, food, and centerpieces). That seems to be a daunting task until she overhears a customer at her uncle's pizzeria talking to a deejay and convinces him to give her his number (the deejay's, not the customer's). After Dwayne (or Duh-wayne, as he pronounces it!) arrives and the initial meeting with her and the couple getting married takes an unexpected turn, Bella falls for him - literally, in a fainting heap at his feet. As plans proceed and then the event itself occurs, Bella tries to find the balance between giving her all to prove her capability and relying on God to guide her steps. There are plenty of amusing - and horrifying! - mishaps along the way, as well as lots of family drama. Will Dwayne "head for the hills" or will he add a little flavor of his own to her family? And what will happen when her rowdy relatives meet Dwayne's own down-home, small-town family? This humorous and engaging tale adds sparks and gives new meaning to the term "melting pot". And it made me hungry! I look forward to Bella's next adventure as she plans a medieval-themed wedding in Swinging on a Star, due out in January.

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