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In this final installment in the 86 Bloomberg Place series, author Melody Carlson follows the four roommates through the high drama of their romantic relationships. Newly engaged Lelani has returned from Maui with her toddler anticipating a simple, beautiful wedding to Gil, but his Latina mama has other ideas—and the willpower to make them happen. Kendall, who accepts her “Maui Man’s” proposal of marriage, finds her wedding plans turned upside down by her absentee parents and cruel sisters, who don’t think she’s capable of making a single smart decision on her own. Marcus takes a trip to Africa, leaving Megan uncertain about the future of their relationship, and Anna risks losing Edmond to a flirty young intern at their office. And to complicate matters, Megan and Anna have just a few months to find a new place to live. With only two months to pull off both weddings (on the same day!), the pressure is on, and the stress just might kill any promise of happily ever after. Are their friendships strong enough to weather the hassles and heartaches? Insert disc 7 into your PC to access discussion questions plus an author interview!

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Christy Lockstein says

Three Weddings and a Bar Mitzvah by Melody Carlson is the fourth and final book in the 86 Bloomberg Place series. Lelani and Gil are trying to put their wedding together around the interference of his mother. Kendall's surprise proposal from Killiki inspires her to get married on the same day, which puts all four housemates into a whirl of excitement, especially when you throw in relationship troubles for Anna and Meghan! Carlson has really developed these four young women throughout the course of the series from selfish and immature to generous and faithful. Kendall's growth has been exceptional; in the first couple of books, I could barely read her scenes, but by this volume, I couldn't wait to read more about her. Carlson portrays real friendships and family relationships with all of their ups and downs, insecurities, loyalties, and sacrifices. I'm so glad that I spent time at 86 Bloomberg Place!

Ky says

This book was definitely the best of the series because it had the most conflict and difficult situations for the characters to resolve. It's probably tricky having four main characters who equally share the story. The beginning of the series had a rough start, but I thought it was a cute, fun read by the end. I kind of wish I could know more of what happened to the characters, but this is the last book.

Jodi says

Wow this was a really good book and I hope there will be a fifth in the series. Lelani and Kendall are both getting married and Megan and Anna are having boyfriend trouble. Lelani's mother ends up at the wedding after writing a very nice note her father was to give her before the wedding. Great book.

Laura says

I read this in one night and overall thought it was a good end to the series. I like how the characters matured and seeing their family dynamics and learning to be grown ups and take responsibility for their relationships.

I did think the book was kind of superficial, as the author tried to follow four characters in only 300 pages and each character had some major life stuff going on.

A fun read, though.

Leslie says

I am one who cannot stop reading a book part-way through...or even a series for that matter. That is the only explanation I have for reading this book. It tied up loose ends in the series, but the first half of the book was slow reading and it didn't pick up much by the end.

This isn't a series that I would recommend as a great read.

Anne says

Blah...it's the final book in a series (86 BLOOMBERG PLACE), but it's the only book from the series that I've read. So I'll admit, I didn't have the background stories the book was trying to wrap up. Still, the conclusions were trite and predictable. Neat and tidy. Leilani's final meeting w/her daughter's father was silly-- why all the anguish? Her reunion w/her mother was expected for a wedding story. Kendall's "online marriage counseling" was convenient. And the story of Anna and Edmund was an "I Love Lucy," let's-solve-the-problem-without-confronting-it, passive-aggressive disappointment. Really...I thought the young women of the 21st century didn't play games...all-in-all, while I enjoy Melody Carlson's writing, I will not pick up the other three books.

Erin says

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This book was a whirlwind from start to finish. So much ends up happening in this one from almost breakups, miscommunication issues, family disagreements and potential cheating happening. I really ended up liking this book surprisingly. I know I've had mixed review for the previous three due to my dislike for certain characters and how certain situations were handled. But I do feel like this one was a good ending to the series.

I don't want to say too much because I don't want to give anything away, but yes two of the girls do end up getting married. While I did feel like one of the marriages was rushed and could end up going horribly wrong in the future, I hope it doesn't because of how much that person has grown and changed throughout the series and I hope they continue to go down the path they are currently going.

One of the girls also stood up for herself in a situation I was worried about happening and that she would just end up caving and letting said person walk all over her again, but with the help of a fellow roommate she was able to stand her ground and do what was right for herself.

The other two girls' lives were full of major miscommunication and could have been avoided if they would have just talked more with their significant other instead of avoiding the problem. Sadly this is something that happens a lot in real life so I did think it was a good storyline because it showed how important communication is and how certain situations can be avoided.

Overall I do think this is a good series to read if you are a new adult that wants a clean read. Yes I am considering 86 Bloomberg place as new adult even though it was published before new adult became a thing.

Wendy says

The girls at 86 Bloomberg Place have matured into young women now. One has a baby, one has a baby on the way and 2 are career oriented with serious boyfriends. Single women with babies, careers, and weddings often mean mothers and future in-laws in the background with control issues and sure enough these girls have them in spades. The story line works through these mother difficulties, how to pick the important controversies to stick to and what to let go, the death of a loved Nana, and insecurities about the seriousness of boyfriends, love in the workplace in an all together believable fashion. I like how the author has shown that the fathers aren't really as "cowed" by their wives as the daughters believe and show up with considerate support at essential moments. Moving from the single life to a married life is difficult at the best of times and the author has showed how a support system of friends is so important when it comes to figuring out if you are reading the right signals or totally misreading what is going on around you. An all together good read.

Jen says

I really enjoyed this series and I adore Melody Carlson's writing. However, the one issue I have with all her books that I've read so far is how they always end all nicely tied up with a happy ever after. I, also, wish for this series she would have revealed what sex and name Kendall's baby was given because now I'll always wonder about that.

Alex says

[Am I the only one who thinks Kendall's husband is kind of a creeper? Something about him just skeeved me out.

I really thought the title of this meant that all four girls were going to get married, and I'm glad that didn't happen. Megan and Marcus need to work on their relationship a LOT more, an

Kirby says

Three Weddings and a Bar Mitzvah is the fourth and final book in the 86 Bloomberg Place series, and when I first started reading this series about seven or eight months ago, I honestly didn't think I'd be so sad to see it come to an end. However, that all changed when I finished the third book, Spring Broke, and saw such growth and maturity in these four friends who started out as perfect strangers. And so I saw myself both anticipating, but dreading reading this final book in the series.

All in all, I have to say that Melody Carlson wrote a fantastic conclusion, that really wraps up each girl's story in a way that felt realistic to the reader. I wasn't the biggest fan of Megan's character in any of the previous books, but I felt like in this one she truly learns her lesson when miscommunication almost costs her one of the most important people in her life. Anna was a character that I'd liked on and off through the other books, and I was happy to see her finally come into her own strength in this book, and finally

appreciate what's been there in front of her the entire time. Of course to get to this point she has to go through several frustrating experiences that had me wanting to shake her to realize the mistakes she's making, but I was very happy overall with how her story wrapped up. Lelani was probably my favorite right from the start, and I was so happy with how Melody Carlson chose to wrap up her story. There was one particular instance where I was worried she was going to throw all her newfound strength away, but instead she handles herself beautifully, and shows that she's definitely both mature enough and ready to embark on the new journey towards her own happily ever after.

For Miss Kendall, I feel like I could almost write a whole paragraph on her journey alone. While she was definitely the most frustrating of the girls throughout the series as a whole, I feel like she also was the one who went through the most character growth, and really came to be the character I truly cared the most about. In *Three Weddings and a Bar Mitzvah*, the reader is really shown just how much Kendall has changed and matured since the day she put out the ad trying to find new roommates, and how strong of a person she's become in the process. While I really enjoyed her relatively new romance, I actually enjoyed reading about her special relationship with her grandmother even more, and the way that the other three girls really rally around her when the rest of her family isn't treating her right.

Throughout this series, I've come to really appreciate the way that Melody Carlson wholeheartedly portrays relationships and friendships so realistically, and I'll definitely be sad to say goodbye to this series that ended up surprising me with just how much I enjoyed it. While I'd still say overall that I prefer her *Dear Daphne* series a little bit more, this one was definitely an enjoyable read that I will be recommending to others in the future.

Final Rating: ????

Jessica Wilhoite says

So sad to see this series end...wish there was another one on the horizon :)

Rachel says

Three Weddings and a Bar Mitzvah is the fourth and last novel in the 86 Bloomberg series by Melody Carlson. Lelani and Kendall begin planning their weddings, with the help of family and friends. Lelani is trying to take of her daughter, Emma, but is reluctant to let her mother in law help her and gets frustrated when she does too much to help. Kendall's family don't think much of her, but her parents come to help her plan (and pay) for her wedding. Anna and Edmond go through a breakup when a new intern falls in love with him. Heartbroken, Anna is left confused and unwilling to open her heart again. Megan's boyfriend, Marcus, goes to Africa, leaving her behind and uncertain of where their relationship is headed. Overall these four women have a lot of relationship and communication issues! I really liked this novel because the women all came through for each other and had finally learned how to love well. I give this series 5/5 for all the books!

Kristin (Kritters Ramblings) says

The last of a series, this book was read to complete the stories of four girls that I had been following for

some time. I read the rest of the series before this blog was even a thought on my radar.

A cute and sweet Christian fiction and chick lit read, I enjoyed following these four ladies through all their ups and downs. Although there were definitely some cheesy moments, this book had heart and actually a little bit of drama. I enjoyed that life wasn't all happy sunshines and there was some parental drama, future in law drama and of course boy drama!

As for who I would pass this book along to - most of my women readers would love this little novel, but I would definitely recommend starting at the beginning of the series and enjoy each read.

Mayda says

Love is in the air for all the inhabitants of 86 Bloomberg Place. And wedding bells are ringing, but for whom? In this last installment in this Christian chick lit series, the women of this story are coming into their own. Kendall has made the greatest strides in personal development, but all have learned some life lessons. And so have some of the older adults, which disproves that old cliché, “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks.” This novel neatly completes the saga with a mostly happy and more or less predictable ending, but still is an entertaining and enjoyable story.
