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Laney Montgomery is a successful Southern-born fashion designer living in Los Angeles but when she turns 40, her world suddenly turns upside down. While reconnecting with her family in South Carolina, she discovers the lives of her mother and two older sisters are in disarray. But while trying to fix them, Laney learns that her own marriage is in serious trouble back in California. The affections of a younger man don't help matters either as Laney must fix everyone else before she can find true happiness for herself.

## **Sparkelicious Details**

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### Teena in Toronto says

Laney lives in L.A. with her husband, Thomas, a has-been director, who is more than ten years older than her. Laney's sisters, Missy and Bridgett, live in the same South Carolina town as their mother, Sophie, and stepdad, Charles. Thomas recently had life-saving surgery and is CRANKY so it's a nice break for Laney to go home and spend time with her family.

There is lots of family drama at home. Missy's husband is having affairs and she keeps forgiving him. Bridgett just left her 20 year marriage for someone else and no one approves. Sophie, in apparent true Southern style, believes emotions should be hidden and it's all about appearance.

While at a bar one night, Laney meets Matt, a bartender. Though she is older than him, they have a connection right away. But she doesn't act on it because she's married and in love with her husband. He's a nice fella and is happy to be her friend.

Laney is a successful clothing designer and business woman. Celebrities stop her on the street and maitre d's at trendy restaurants in L.A. know her by name. She was likeable and obviously cares about her family. My issue with her is that she is a bit weak and lacked confidence. Thomas is a major A-hole. He keeps doing nasty hurtful things but she keeps finding excuses and giving him the benefit of the doubt. I would have kicked him to the curb if he'd treated me like crap when I was taking care of him after his surgery. Then his actions just kept getting worse. I wished she had been tougher and stronger.

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I liked the writing style and enjoyed the story. It's not your typical fluffy chick lit, though. There is fun and female bonding but there is a bit of an edge too. At times, the language is mature (but I was okay with that). I'll keep an eye out for other books by this author.

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### Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

Laney Montgomery is married to Thomas Morgan, a British film director, who is twelve years elder than her. She is also a successful fashion designer and businesswoman. She owns Sparkelicious clothing line that is popular with the Hollywood rich and famous. Serious issues arise in her marriage with Thomas being cranky while recovering from an operation. Just to take a break from her life, Laney heads back to her hometown to visit her family. Once there, she realizes that things are not going right there either. As Laney tries to fix everything, she meets Matt, a bartender and that complicates her life even more than it already was. Now Laney has to set her priorities right and realize what her heart truly wants in order to set things right.

The characters are well developed and they gel really well with the plot and its setting. Laney is overall a strong lady, though I don't really approve of her accepting Thomas's behavior. Thomas on the other hand is a character that I loved to hate. Bridget, Missy & Sophie – all have their ups and downs in life, while I didn't always agree with how they handled things, I have to say that they seemed very real to me. The flaws in each

character actually made them truer to life rather than larger than life fictional characters. The author has also put great effort into every little detail. For instance I googled a few names – starting with the hospital’s name where Thomas had his operation and things always matched up. The Writing style of the author is simple. Keeping touch with the plot and characters, the story seemed to just flow by. The novel really covers the bonds of love and family well. Whether it’s the mother – daughter relationship or the bond between sisters – the authors has captured them well.

Now, I am not very much into fashion, style and brands. I won’t be able to tell the difference between branded and non-branded stuff until I see the price tag even if my life depended on it. So the mention of various brands was a bit distracting for me. Other than that, this book is well-rounded and fast read. I enjoyed my experience of it.

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### **Kathleen says**

Laney Montgomery is a successful fashion designer and owner of the Los Angeles based Sparkelicious clothing line that is popular with the Hollywood rich and famous. She is married to Thomas Morgan, a British film director twelve years her senior. When serious issues arise in her marriage, Laney heads back to her hometown of Greenville, South Carolina, for a long overdue visit with her mom Sophie and sisters Bridgett and Missy. But not everything is fine when she gets home: with family drama and her marriage on the rocks, Laney tries to fix everything, but when she meets Matt, a handsome young bartender, her life gets even more complicated, and she has to face some tough issues in order to decide what is really important and will bring true happiness in her life.

Sparkelicious is a sassy fast-paced story about family, love and life issues served with Southern charm and Hollywood glitter. In her debut novel, author Libby Floyd weaves an entertaining tale written in the third person narrative that engages the reader to follow Laney's story filled with family drama, marital deceit and business issues that leads her on a journey to discover what really matters most in life.

This lighthearted story transports the reader to the picturesque locales of Greenville, South Carolina and Los Angeles, California. Rich in detail and vivid descriptions, these two cities brings a mixture of Southern charm and hospitality with Hollywood glitz and glamour that will captivate the reader's attention.

The author has created a fun cast of characters who are realistic and have flaws and issues that are easy to relate to. With a wonderful portrayal of a strong family dynamic, the reader is drawn into Laney, Sophie, Bridgett and Missy's trials and tribulations, and how their strong family bond filled with love and respect for each other helps them sort through the issues in their lives. With engaging dialogue and interactions, and a storyline filled with drama, humor and romance, Sparkelicious is a story that is sure to keep you entertained!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of the book from the author / publisher in exchange for my honest review and participation in a virtual book tour event hosted by Pump Up Your Book! Virtual Book Publicity Tours.

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## **Sharon Chance says**

Mixing the charm of the South with the glitz and glamour of Hollywood, Libby Floyd's new book, "Sparkelicious," is a fast-paced, satisfying story of romance, family, and deceit - complete with a HEA (happy-ever-after) ending that will delight readers.

Libby Floyd's cast of characters are personable and full of sass, the plot is attention-grabbing, and the overall combination is a book that you will be glad you took the time to savor.

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