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When Wendy Jarrett's mother dragged her to a mysterious funeral, Wendy wasn't expecting to meet the man of her dreams. But Wendy felt an immediate attraction to Adam Lewis, the nephew of the dead man. But when a fight over an inherited beach house threatens to separate Wendy and Adam, she has to take action to answer the unresolved questions about Adam's crazy uncle in order to find true love.

## **Wreathed Details**

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# From Reader Review Wreathed for online ebook

## Heather Teysko says

ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I couldn't stand this book. I wrote a review on Amazon as well, and I'll copy it here:

This is a horrible book. It didn't help that I couldn't stand the main character, Wendy, who was a spoiled brat and clearly an alcoholic to boot. On just about every page she complained. It was either a lack of coffee, or a lack of good alcohol, or too much alcohol, or her mother, or her unromantic boyfriend (who isn't actually her boyfriend because they went on 2 dates, and she's already trying to figure out how important she is to him). Oh, and there's the long lost college friend who appears out of nowhere to pursue some weird agenda against her, which I never really understood. Wendy's a bitch to her, too. Basically Wendy's a bitch to everyone. Including her mother. Your older mother asks you to do something really important for her, and it's clear that she's had to swallow some pride to do it, and it's a really rare occasion that only requires that you take a vacation day and in return you'll get a spa day and a nice trip to the beach. What do you do? Act gracious and loving towards the woman who raised you? No. You treat her like a child, get all pissy, and get drunk. Because of course that's every normal person's reaction.

The rest of the characters are also just as one dimensional. There's some kind of mystery involved, but by the end I really couldn't have cared less because I just really wanted to punch Wendy.

Like here's an example: the chick who's meant to be the mortal enemy spends the night in her car to make sure she gets some evidence against Wendy in a lawsuit that she's involved in. In the morning, she comes and knocks on Wendy's door, and asks her a favor. Because yes, that is entirely realistic. Mortal enemies would definitely go up to the place where they are stalking and ask a favor. The favor is that she needs to pee. So does Wendy slam the door in her face, considering that she hates her, and the chick is making her life miserable in this lawsuit that could cost her her job? No. She decides to let her in and use a bathroom in a house that's not even hers. Because again, totally realistic. That's what I would definitely do. Anyway, if you're evil enough to be a stalker, you'd figure out that you need to get some Depends or something.

The mother, who is supposedly so dignified and old money throws a milkshake on a man in the food court of a shopping mall. Because again, old money people always hang out in the food courts of shopping malls with milkshakes. I see them all the time outside the Panda Express talking in their old Bostonian accents about the stability of gold prices while they're ordering orange chicken and a large diet pepsi. (yes, I know, she set it up to meet him there, but still - a completely middle class place to meet for someone who previously said that hangovers are too middle class).

Life is too short to spend it on books like this. Halfway through I started skimming because my kindle told me it was another 2.5 hours to finish, and I had already spent about that amount of time on it, and that would have been five hours of my life I'd have spent on a book that sucked. I kept waiting for it to get better, or for me to have some sympathy for the main character, or for her to show any depth at all... but it never came.

It was doubly bad because I read this on the heels of *The Perfume Collector* by Kathleen Tessaro, which is filled with such depth, such deliciousness, such a magical blend of words that it made this all the worse. I'd give it one star, but I try not to give one star reviews, because hey, Curtis Edmonds wrote and published a book, which is more than I've done (and my opinion could have been skewed far worse because of the

aforementioned book I had just read). So yay for effort. But I enjoyed his little background essay on the book at the end way more than the book itself, so I think he should stick to blogging or essays or something like that, rather than romantic fiction.

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### **Missi Stockwell says**

Wendy is talked into going to a funeral with her mother, the funeral of her mother's first husband, which Wendy didn't know anything about. On the drive to the funeral in Cape May her mother fills her in on the short marriage her mother had with the deceased. Her mother had heard nothing of or from Sheldon the deceased but he had requested her presence at the funeral.

While at the funeral Wendy meets and finds an instant attractive to the deceased nephew Adam. While they work on getting to know each other they finds that things arent as they seem with the deceased. Wanting to shield her mother away from the craziness of the will, Wendy and Adam are going down a road that may break them up before they really get started.

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### **Renee says**

I have to admit I LOVED this book. I dont want to be a skeptic but...its written by a man and therefore I didnt think it would be a romantic and funny as it was. I think if you are a Charles Sheehan Miles fan or just a romantic comedy fan you will love it. The characters and the entire plot were fabulous! I loved Wendy (Gwendolyn) the main character and her Mom and sister Pacey. What a complex plan. The dynamic between the girls and their Mom was so enjoyable. They truly made me laugh so hard and a few times I just stopped breathing. I really want to scream about the reveals but I cant, trust me its a must read! Glass of Chardonnay is optional but recommended

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### **Curtis Edmonds says**

If you follow my reviews, you may be interested in knowing that I've completed my second novel, WREATHED, and it will be available starting November 4, 2014 in the inventories of book purveyors near and far.

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### **Fiona Leung says**

(I received a copy from NetGalley in exchange for my honest review)

I really enjoyed this book.

This was written by a male author but from a female first-person narrative and it was pleasantly well done.

Wendy was dragged to a funeral by her mom where she met Adam, a relative of the deceased. There was an

instant attraction between them and they agreed to go on a date. However due to certain circumstances they couldn't really go out again or be together.

There were loads of twists in the story but it was fast paced and interesting which certainly got me hooked. I'm also happy to note that the ending was very satisfactorily happy.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this and would definitely recommend!

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### **Ella Janine says**

Hmm strange? Confusing? I don't know. I'm just glad it's over.

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### **Matthew says**

First, a disclaimer - I have "known" author Curtis Edmonds for several years now, though all of it is online, and a great deal of why we've stayed friends is because of his excellent writing. (It certainly isn't because we root for the same sports teams or vote for the same candidates.) That said, I do believe I can unbiasedly say that **Wreathed** is an excellent novel that is well worth a read.

Without summarizing it too much, for I hate reviews that are not much more than synopses, the story is primarily of Wendy Jarrett, who takes her mother to a funeral and meets a handsome man named Adam there, the nephew of the deceased. From there, the book primarily seems to be a romance between two unlikely partners. In this way, I started worrying that it was echoing a lot of what I loved about Edmonds first novel, **Rain On Your Wedding Day**. (Which, it should be said, I also quite liked - but I want something different in each book I read.)

But then, and this happened at least twice (and maybe a third time if my wobbly memory serves), the book took a hard detour and turned out to be something else entirely. The plot twists are of course not worth mentioning because that would spoil the fun, but trust me it IS fun. The dialogue is also great, and I'm impressed with Edmonds ability to write in the first person as a female - it rang true to me as a guy, for what that's worth. My favorite character is one I cannot name because, again, the plot twists, but it really is quite a fun novel and I recommend it to all.

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### **Carlin says**

A man writing from a woman's perspective? Call me sceptical! I decided to read it anyway because the woman is an attorney (as am I) and the setting in New Jersey included Cape May (my favorite Jersey beach town). Imagine my surprise when I started the book and could barely put it down. I laughed out loud at the banter between mother and daughter (I did relate more to the mother with her sixties' sensibility and political leanings but the daughter was the real main character). The plot was just plain fun. Mother asks daughter to take her to the funeral of her first love, daughter meets the man's nephew and falls in love, the dead uncle manipulates the outcome. The author says in an afterword that the book is based on a country - western song

by George Jones ("He Stopped Loving Her Today"), but I didn't get that till I listened to the song on YouTube. It would be fun to re-read it knowing all the allusions to the song. The book wasn't perfect but I loved it!

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### **Lindsay says**

Not what I was expecting but pretty decent. wont read it again

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### **Sharlen says**

\*\*\*ARC through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review\*\*\*

As an all too avid reader, I enjoy both male and female authors. Romance, it seems, has always been written by the latter so I was a bit surprised when I discovered one with an interesting storyline written by a guy. Wreathed is a cute but unpredictable love story of Wendy and Adam, who meet at a funeral of all places! The characters are relatable ones we quickly come to know and love. Hidden in the mayhem and madness along the way, are tender love lessons worth treasuring.

An unusual romantic comedy – enjoyable to the surprising end.

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### **Joann(san diego shutterbug) says**

I was surprised to see how the book actually played out. I was figuring that book mostly be about the uncle and the mother and be set in the past. But when it actually played out that the uncle was still alive and the mother and him reunited after so many years. Very well written. There was a certain amount of suspense to the book. Whether it was from Wendy & adam or Sheldon and the mother. The characters were equally balanced out. There was not an over powering of any of the characters. It wasnt more about one character than another. I loved how he included the sister at the right points. I received this book as part of goodreads.com first reads giveaways. Nice Leather like feel to the cover. Defiantly a good read.

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### **Danielle Urban says**

Wreathed by Curtis Edmonds is a must read romance. A novel that is funny, intriguing, and alluring. Curtis Edmonds well written plot and main character, Wendy Jarrett will steal your heart and keep you hooked. Taking a story that starts out at a place where one would think be the saddest moment ever turns into a lot more especially for the daughter of a woman whose boyfriend just died. Both go to his funeral and that's where everything changes for Wendy. Life is good for both her and her mother until she finds out that the guy's interested in should be the rightful heir to the estate that her mother recently inherited. Wendy isn't sure how to take the news and decides to find out why her mother was the one chosen and not the nephew. And then out of nowhere a jealous classmate comes out making Wendy's life even more complicated and more puzzling than ever. Will the answers she that she finds be the ones she's looking or ones that make a shiver crawl down her spine?

Curtis Edmonds has done a marvelous job in creating characters that pop to life. The main character, Wendy Jarrett, will leave readers laughing as she goes about finding her answers and getting a grasp on her life as it spirals out in crazy ways. A contemporary romance that gives more meaning to life and love. Wreathed overall, is the perfect read for all. I highly recommend this to everyone and I promise you won't be disappointed that read it. I rate Wreathed a five out of five stars.

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### **Connie N. says**

Thanks for NetGalley for an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I liked this much more than I expected to. At first, I found the characters unattractively sarcastic with each other, and the setting (a funeral) was uninspiring. But as the story developed, the characters of Wendy and Adam also became much more interesting and appealing. Wendy has an unexpected streak of romance, and she is looking for that in a man. Adam, however, is about the most unromantic man you could meet. But their attraction is mutual, and circumstances throw them together. There are a lot of amusing moments and unlikely situations, all adding to the fun. Secondary characters of sister Pacey and mom Emily were entertaining. There are some very funny moments involving an old college friend who is now involved with the media and is stalking Wendy. I will look for more from this author.

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### **Kathy says**

I read a lot of books, and this one is definitely different from the ones I have read. This is the story of Wendy and Adam. They meet at a funeral, which Wendy attends with her mother because her mother has asked her to go with her. Adam is related to the deceased. Immediately, Adam and Wendy feel a spark between them. However, events conspire to keep them apart (sort of). I found this an interesting, fast moving story, with a unique plot filled with twists and turns I never expected. The chemistry between Wendy and Adam is very evident from the start. The author has developed them and every other main character well. How Adam and Wendy resolve their differences is quite a story. I applaud the author for creativity, as I don't recall ever reading a book with a similar plot. This is a fantastic book for the reader who is looking for something different, with a little mystery, a little romance and a lot of uniqueness. I have not read anything else by the author, but will keep an eye out for his works. If they are half as good as this one, I am sure I will enjoy them. I guess, by now, you have realized I loved this book and recommend it to everyone looking for a good, different read. If I could give it more than five stars, I would—and I have never said that about any book before. I received this from NetGalley to read and provide an honest review.

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### **Catherine says**

-=This Review Has Spoilers=-

I have mixed feelings about this book. At the beginning I absolutely loved it, the main character Wendy was funny and independent, a character that I could relate to. Unfortunately as she progressed I found her completely annoying and unrelatable. It was only when she was with Adam that she said and made stupid decisions. I just cringed the whole time they were together. I felt no real love or connection between Wendy

and Adam, it just felt like they fell in love because her mum and his uncle were married over fifty years ago. Actually I felt no real 'love' between any of the characters. It kind of felt like desperate women (though they are well educated), searching for men. I especially didn't understand the relationship between Wendys sister, Pacey and her husband.

I wish the story between Wendys mother, Emily, and Adams uncle, Sheldon, was more of the main story (if that makes any sense). I really loved the idea and concept of a love you have for someone, losing it, then many years later rekindling it.

I wish I could give it more stars, but I just found most of the characters, if not all, to be a bit immature and the story to be extremely predictable. I couldn't even read the epilogue because it just screamed predictable. It even got to a point that I wished Wendy and Adam to break up (were they dating?).

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