

Not That Kind of Ever After

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Synopsis

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Fairy tale meets feminism in Luci Adams's *Not That Kind of Ever After*, a frothy adventure of one woman's journey to claim happily ever after in times of serial dating, swiping right, and the quest to find your soulmate. Bella Marble's life isn't what she imagined. Instead of an author, she's receptionist at a small press. Instead of happily married, she's single, and her lovey-dovey parents are divorcing. And to top it off, her best friend of twenty-nine years, Ellie Mathews, is moving out and marrying the heinously boring *Mark*. (He's not worthy of her. No one could be). Bella feels rudderless, only slightly soothed by time spent with Ellie's (not hot) brother, (*he's not hot*) Marty (okay, he's hot. But he's also the aggravating brother she never had, right)?

When Marty recommends Bella stop looking for "the one" and just have fun, Bella finds a new, empowered side of herself. But when she posts a fairy-tale retelling of a disastrous one night stand on a storytelling app, all of a sudden, Bella has become @B.Enchanted. And she's gone viral.

Now, Bella's in a fight with Ellie, her new roommates are so, deeply, weird, and the pressure is mounting to find new fairy tales to write about—but she's got to live them first.

As sidesplittingly hilarious as it is empowering and emotional, *Not That Kind of Ever After* is a sparkling debut. —Helena Hunting, bestselling author

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Reader's comments

comment 1: Emily Harper

In 'Not That Kind of Ever After,' Luci Adams crafts a refreshing twist on the classic fairy tale narrative, blending contemporary romance with a dash of whimsical fantasy. The protagonist, Bella, is far from your typical fairy tale heroine. Unlike the damsels in distress or the perfect princesses we often encounter, Bella is relatable, flawed, and fiercely independent. She navigates her life with humor and determination, making her way through a series of misadventures that are both entertaining and thought-provoking. Adams' writing style is engaging and witty, drawing readers into a world that is both familiar and enchantingly new. The plot is cleverly woven, with unexpected twists that keep you turning the pages. The supporting characters are equally well-developed, each contributing to the story in meaningful ways. What stands out most is the book's underlying message about self-discovery and the importance of defining one's own 'happily ever after.' It's a delightful read that challenges traditional notions of romance and offers a modern perspective on what it means to find true happiness. Overall, Adams has delivered a novel that is both heartwarming and empowering, making it a must-read for anyone looking for a fresh take on love and fairy tales.

â€” Emily Harper (2026-05-30 18:31:13)