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First Class Voyage is the 4th book in the First Class Novels adult contemporary romance series by AJ Harmon. When best friends Janie and Katy fell in love with the rich and sexy Lathem brothers Matt & Mark they didn't realize the new family dynamics they would be sucked into. Family time takes on a whole new meaning when Maureen, the matriarch of the Lathem clan, decides she wants to celebrate her wedding anniversary by taking the entire family on a Caribbean cruise. She drags her husband, seven adult sons, their significant others, five grandchildren and a mother-in-law onto a floating city in the Caribbean Sea with 3000 other passengers... where insecurities and tension between in-laws begin to surface. Matt and Janie are still enjoying their happily ever after while Katy struggles to find her place in the large family. Frustrated by Maureen's constant pressure to transform her 3 year engagement into wedding bells, Katy boards the ship expecting it to be the worst 14 days of her life. Mid-voyage, panic sets in when Janie's best friend fails to return from a shore excursion with Mark. Remember what happened the last time Katy went missing? In this book you'll be introduced to Matt and Mark's five younger brothers including Paul, a Navy Seal on leave between tours of duty. He's not excited about being trapped on a boat surrounded by the circus called his family. Is Paul ready to trade in the organized discipline of military life to be a civilian with a wife and family? First Class Voyage is a light, easy, smile-inducing read that explores love and family in the 21st century.

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From Reader Review First Class Voyage for online ebook

Amanda Hodde says

Not a stand alone book.

17 family members go on a cruise together, I never straightened out the children.

I am still confused that Janie's boys are 25, it says her husband dies 5 years ago, leaving her to raise 2 young boys. Ummm.... wouldn't they be 20 years old?

Many inconsistencies made the story hard to follow.

As a cruiser, it was cute to read, but again, reality of 17 folks walking into the main dining room and all being seated together without reservations is not going to happen. Or all 17 on the same excursion.

Robin Malek says

First class series

I have yet to read one of these books that I didn't fall in love with it. The whole Latham family is such a joy to read about. So much love for family found in every one. Great series.

Desiree Burnett says

This was my first read of this series, it being a free e-book offer. I kept waiting for something to happen...thinking at first it was maybe one of my Cozy mysteries. To be honest, as a romance, what failed for me most, was not being able to tell who the book was about. I didn't find it particularly well written, or interesting. It seemed to be a 241 page prologue to something waiting just a few pages away. At least it was a very short read.

Jennifer says

Tough read but I powered through.

The mother-in-law Maureen was just a nuisance, she was majorly annoying. She did not come across that bad in the first three books.

It was very mundane, following each every family member (parents, 7 brothers, three stepsons, wives grandchildren and some extended family...) on their family cruise without a great connection to any one character. Anyway it could be skipped easily.

I struggled to finish this one.

Jessica Brown says

AJ does it again. Another amazing story. Perfect pace. I love the Latham family!

Michele Q. says

this was the best --- what an awesome family --- finally they did it and then the Mom --- love Maureen she is a riot

Karen says

I hemmed and hawed on my rating for this and finally settled on 4 stars because of the romance of Mark and Katy. (Plus, we get to see a continuation of Matt and Janie!! -- Actually, what I loved about this series of books is that while each focuses on another of the Latham brothers, we get to see how all the families and characters are faring.)

Anyway... In this edition, the family is on a cruise to celebrate Maureen and Peter's wedding anniversary. Since they don't do anything small, the ENTIRE family is present, including the grandchildren. We finally get to see the brother Paul, who's visiting from the service, but the story is mainly about Katy and Mark and Maureen.

I almost gave this two or three stars because Maureen, who had been nothing but welcoming in the first three books seems to have gone out of her mind because Katy and Mark, though engaged, are not yet married. She treats Katy like crap for most of the trip. It was so irritating. What's worse, is that no one said anything to her snide (and unkind!) comments. They just kept telling Katy that Maureen loved her, but was set in her ways. What?! and Whatever!

In the end, it was Katy and Mark's romance and the updates on Matt and Janie (and seeing the start to Paul's story) that pulled it out. That and Maureen finally came to her senses.

Linda says

This is the 4th book I have read in the "First Class" series, and definitely not the best, in my opinion. This time, the dominant mother of the 7 Latham sons, insists to take her family - 17 members, including the 2 spouses of the eldest sons and their 2 grandchildren, on a 2 week cruise in the Carribean. The cruise is not paid by her but by her eldest son, Matt, a wealthy stockbroker, ... of course... The story describes their daily activities and is as boring as it sounds. The selfish mother thinks that she's the center of the world and does not want to consider her daughter-in-law, Katy, engaged to her second son David as a real member of the family because she hesitates to marry David. Both daughters in law on the other hand are spineless and weak characters. The daily activities on the ship are boring: eating, playing basketball, playing quizzes on demand of the mother in law who is annoyed when she feels her family has not helped her enough to win the competition, excursions on the islands,... There are also too many "rich and beautiful" elements in the story.

Why can't the story relate about normal people? I also found the story much too predictable; you always know exactly what is going to happen; no surprises at all. So, I'm not sure I will read the other books in the series, as I am actually rather fed up with this boring Lathem family....

Pam says

I could not finish this book and I really wanted to. I am a few weeks from a cruise and thought a book about cruising would be fun. Was I wrong! There were so many characters my head could not keep them straight. The sex popped up without any build up and just did not make sense. At times I thought I was reading a diary at other times I was reading a love scene that seemed so out of context it made no sense other than the author had given a quota to fit in. Sorry, I just could not finish, don't waste your time.

Gina Smith says

Did not enjoy it at all. The Mother, Maureen was annoying and irked my nerves through the whole book. The apparently this was the last of a series and did not make me want to read the previous stories. Too many moving parts to stay engaged with the characters.

Liz says

So the whole Lathem clan goes on a 2-week cruise.

This felt like a transition book, wrapping up the Mark/Katy relationship and moving on to Paul.

Spoilers:

Maureen needed a bitch slap re the whole living in sin issue. Mark and Katy have been living together for 3 years. Yes, it's a long engagement, but it's their engagement. And Mark needed to get some balls and support his fiance even if he does agree with his mother.

Andrew and Rory adopt a baby.

Katy needed to get over her fear of marriage (or maybe fear of overbearing mother-in-laws).

Paul meets a kindergarten teacher who wants nothing to do with him.

Patty (Janie's mom) meets a man and apparently moves to Miami.

Matt and Janie are so in love and so happy with their new family that it's over the top.

Sue Brooks says

A truly beautiful family with trials & tribulations - a truly warm and loving mother as head of the family - lovely story

Ms. Reader says

I received this book off of Goodreads First Reads. It was a very quick read, but I found it very boring and bland. It didn't hold my attention or catch my interest at all. The author did a poor job transferring the storyline from one character to the other, making it difficult to actually keep up and keep track of where everything was okay. It created more of a headache than anything. The plot was very weak and there was absolutely nothing unique or that stood out about this book. I didn't enjoy this read at all.

Jen Lynn says

This book just didn't do it for me. It was too happy and cheesy, too many characters to really make the book worth while, and was just boring and predictable. I think if there were fewer characters and storylines involved, this would have been much better. It wasn't hard to follow, it was just dull because of the lack of depth. I wasn't a fan.

Bernadette Robinson says

This was a freebie e-book for my Kindle via Bookbub. It's the 4th in a series and with hindsight perhaps I shouldn't have got it, as to be honest it wasn't the best story to read as a standalone, I felt that with not having read the first 3 that I'd missed out on some of the back story of the Lathem family. I won't be reading any of the books before or after it, as I've TOO many other GOOD books waiting to be read.

The writing was very simplistic and meandered along at times at a slow pace. Occasionally pages seemed to go on in detail about what all the family were doing, this didn't really seem to enhance or move the story on.

The storyline surrounding one couple was a tad predictable and I spotted what was going to happen a mile off. The fact that they were pushed into the decision surrounding the events by the matriarch of the family, played a huge part in what they did and why they did it.

It was in the words of Goodreads (with the 2 star that I've given it), OK and that's about all you can say.
