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Sometimes love stories go off script.

Another sultry Georgia summer is about to get a lot hotter. Dee Wilkie is still licking her wounds after getting rejected by the precollege fine arts program of her dreams. But if she'd gone away, she wouldn't have been around to say yes to an unbelievable opportunity: working on the set of a movie filming in her small Southern town that just happens to be starring Milo Ritter, the famous pop star Dee (along with the rest of the world) has had a crush since eighth grade.

It's not like Dee will be sharing any screen time with Milo—she's just a lowly PA. And Milo is so disappointingly rude that Dee is eager to stay far away from him. Except after a few chance meetings, she begins to wonder if just maybe there's a reason for his offensive attitude, and if there's more to Milo than his good looks and above-it-all Hollywood pedigree. Can a relationship with a guy like Milo ever work out for a girl like Dee? Never say never. . .

My Unscripted Life Details

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Carmen says

Is it just me or does this kind of sound like This is What Happy Looks Like by Jennifer E. Smith?

Brandy Painter says

I haven't liked any of Morrill's books as much as I liked her debut, Meant to Be, but this one comes the closest to recapturing the feel of that book. It is fun, fluffy, and romantic. There is a good bit of a wish fulfillment fantasy type story. That is not a criticism of the book itself, but that is not my favorite type of romance. I'm sure it will have a lot of appeal for teens, so many of them have this exact fantasy. Not about the same sort of celebrity as every teen is different, but generally the meet your fav famous person and they fall in love you is a definite go to for teen dream making times.

Olivia (The Candid Cover) says

My Unscripted Life is all about movie making and more of the backstage action. It is set in a cozy small-town, which I really enjoyed. The main character is an artist and is persistent. I would definitely recommend this to those looking for a quick and fluffy read.

My Unscripted Life is, you guessed it, a book about acting and movie making. In this story, a small-town girl meets her childhood celebrity crush when he comes to town for his new movie. I found there to be many clichés in the book, which some people might be put off by, but it went well with the already perfectly clichéd concept. This is a pretty quick and light read, perfect after reading an intense fantasy.

I loved the small-town setting in My Unscripted Life. I feel like this is the perfect cozy town for a movie to be shot. I especially enjoyed the diner and the fact that all the residents seem to be friends. What I enjoyed even more was the behind-the-scenes of the movie set. In all the acting books I've read, the main character has an on-stage role. It was a nice change being shown more of the backstage aspects.

Dee is a very interesting character! She is an artist and gets a job as a PA for the movie in town. She is a very perseverant character and copes well with her boss who gives her strange tasks and criticizes her artwork. I loved how she works behind the scenes and doesn't really know about the acting world and what she's allowed to do. Dee is an original character who really added to the novel.

My Unscripted Life is an acting book set in a small-town. I loved the main character and her behind-the-scenes work. I would recommend this to fans of books like The Movie Version and Unscripted Joss Byrd.

Celeste_pewter says

Sometimes, you just want a cute book. This is that book.

rachel says

I read an early early draft of this and I bet you this book is even more fantastic than what I read. Laugh out loud funny, romantic and sweet - Lauren Morrill's MY UNSCRIPTED LIFE is one to put on your want list!

Fafa's Book Corner says

Mini review:

DNF

I received this E-ARC via Netgalley and the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

I was pretty excited to read this! Unfortunately it was too dramatic for my taste.

Still recommend.

Jessica says

This is my third book from Lauren Morrill and she sure knows how to deliver an adorable YA romance that just leaves you feeling good when you close the pages. I was so excited when I saw this was about a girl working on a movie set during a summer that she had thought was going to be utterly miserable, but instead ended up being a summer she would never forget.

Dee Wilkie still can't believe she was rejected from a fine arts program she was dreaming of. Feeling inadequate and uninspired, Dee has no idea what she's going to do with her summer as her best friend heads off to her own academic summer plans. Being in the right place at the right time, though, causes Dee to accept a position as an assistant on the set of the movie that's shooting in town. The lead? The gorgeous teen musician and heart throb Milo. Dee starts to find herself fantasizing about a relationship with Milo as she spends more time with the guarded star...

I need to start off this review by saying that this book is a very, very fluffy YA romance. It happens to be summer and I just so happened to have finished a very intense, addicting book and needed something exactly like this one. There was no thinking or anxiety over the characters. I love books that deal with movies, so I had so much fun reading about how Dee was working on set and helping out set up scenes and working with the actors. I rarely get to read a book dealing with the behind the scenes of making a movie and I really loved that aspect of this book.

Going on to the romance, yeah it was a bit predictable, but I still really enjoyed it. Dee's friend kept on telling her that any fantasy of a relationship with Milo was only going to stay a fantasy. I mean, who would ever think a hot teenage rock star would want a normal teenage girl? But Dee soon realized that Milo was just a normal guy and he was guarded due to how people treated him since he was a rock star. He was hurt in his past and that past came back to haunt him on the movie set. It was cute how he learned to trust Dee and how they grew closer together.

In the end, My Unscripted Life was the fun, fluffy YA romance I needed at the moment. With fun characters, a fun movie-set setting, and an adorable romance, you can't go wrong with Lauren Morrill's newest release.

Deniz says

3.5 Stars

DAMN. I really really need that halfstar today! Because this is firmly between good and great. Now I don't know if I should round up or down...
Aaany WAY.

My Unscripted Life is a perfect example for what I like to call a cute & fluffy. Well written novel with a cute romance, preferably some swooning and a hottie, but mostly very entertaining light hearted reading. Basically just get on and enjoy the ride. Don't think too much. It's kinda like a booky happy place. I got all that from MUL. So totally what I expected.

It's well written. It's by Morrill, I didn't expect anything else to be honest. There are some beautiful description of Georgia. Interesting and accurate descriptions of film sets. There is some fun humor and cute banter. It made me smile and even laugh. Some awesome scenes to be sure.

I love Dee. She is the archetypical teen girl. You know like all of us. A tad melodramatic (way too much at times), kinda obsessive, unsure and yet thinks she knows everything only to discover she doesn't. Sometimes insecure, opinionated and generally unique.

Morrill created a fascinating, likeable character. Her struggles and insecurities are relatable. She is interesting and fun. As I said I simply loved her.

The support cast was interesting- but at times fell a bit short. I mean we don't really get to know any of them very well. Though there are many sweet moments, where Dee connects with them and we get a glimpse of them. This is mostly a Dee-train, I guess since it is written from her POV it is kind inevitable but I kinda wanted more about the other characters, especially Milo.

He is cute, he is a hottie I grant you that. But what do I actually know about him? Uhm, frankly not much more than what Dee got off google.

Which is where the story line - while super cute and with a swoony ending- falls short as well. I didn't get where he was coming from. And the changes at the end? I was a bit well, flabbergasted. I mean hello? teenager?! And then I was left with the question of what he will do when she follows her plan?

The big romance, it kinda happened over two dates. And I was left wishing there was more. Because like this it feels too surreal and impossible.

But saying that, I also should mention I only realised that when I sat down to write a review. Basically, totally cute & fluffy. Read, enjoy - swoon- but DON'T think.

There is a side theme however, which is her plans for the future. I absolutely love those parts of the story. Very inspiring!

Fun, cute, enjoyable and well written, even if there are a few questions I was left with, great cute & fluffy.

Kristin says

3.5 stars...

I can appreciate a deep, meaningful read but sometimes, I love a good no-brainer romance that'll put a smile on my face as I'm reading the last sentence. Anytime you read a synopsis that contains the words "teen star" and "small town girl", you can pretty much guarantee a light, fun story. If you look too hard for plot twists or unique storylines, you might get a brain cramp. Just let go and smile...

And I definitely did smile at the end of **My Unscripted Life**. Spending one Sunday reading the book in it's entirety, I got lost in the world of movie making and teen crushes.

Dee Wilkie is in desperate need of a summer distraction. Her best friend has just left town for a summer pre-college program that Dee got turned down for. Crushed from the blow to her ego, Dee only wants to sulk in her room all summer but her parents arrange for a job for her at the nearby university. BORING!! But when a GPS brings a Hollywood movie director to your coffee table looking for directions, sometimes your summer plans get a huge improvement. Or a downgrade, as Dee feels right away after briefly meeting the lead actor in the movie she's working on, one Milo Ritter.

Dee has followed Milo's teen singing career since she started liking boys but knows he's dealing with a nasty public breakup at the moment. But that still doesn't give Milo an excuse to be an "ass waffle! A complete and total douche canoe!" But for some reason, Milo keeps showing up at odd places where Dee is. And he turns out to be kind of a nice guy, once you get to the actual person underneath the persona and the crusty exterior.

It's kind of a nice thinking that somewhere, possibly, this story could happen in real life. But honestly, this story is a completely unrealistic, romantic escape into the world of what could happen when the small town girl actually wins the heart of the mega star. How would it work in the end? How *could* it work? Oh, and by the way, Dee still has her senior year of school to finish.

Just open your mind and let go.

Don't look for the deep, meaningful, existential moral to this story. Think of this as a well-written distraction.

I really enjoyed the behind the scenes look at making a movie and how props are organized for a movie. I also thoroughly appreciated that Dee's parents were normal! Yay for a normal family!!!

Honestly, as a romance written for it's target teen audience, I think Ms. Morrill nailed it. As for me? And I have absolutely no regrets :)

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Melanie says

My Unscripted Life was an okay read. I didn't enjoy it as much as the previous two books I've read by this author. I think that was partly due to the romance --I just didn't care about either character or their relationship. The writing style was good and I did like the whole movie aspect. All in all, I liked the book.

nick says

Though I don't read them often anymore, I always enjoy a cute and fluffy YA contemporary romance read. I have enjoyed most of Lauren Morrill's books which is why I didn't hesitate to pick up *My Unscripted Life*. However, this turned out to be my least favorite book by the author. I do think part of that is because I don't always do well with famous people romances, but I was still willing to give it a shot since I like this author's writing. The character development here was really weak. Neither Dee nor Milo were particularly well fleshed out. In all honesty, I found them to be bland and lackluster. Similarly, their romance lacked that spark that I always look for in my romances. They certainly had their cute moments, but their romance was overall uninspired for me. I did really like the movie set setting. I thought Lauren Morrill did a great job at bringing it to life with all the details. Another thing that I liked, but would have loved to see more of, was Dee's friendship with Naz, a really cool and supportive girl. Overall though, this isn't one I'll be pushing on my friends.

Debby says

2.5 stars

I think I've surrendered myself to the fact that I will never not be attracted to a celebrity romance premise. It's turning out to be kind of a curse, because for the life of me, it seems like I just can't find one that's good. Indeed, even **My Unscripted Life**, written by an author I have loved before, fell short.

This story follows Dee, a high school student who fills up her summer by working as a PA on set of a movie after she got rejected from a precollege fine arts project. There, she meets teen heartthrob Milo Ritter - who she has of course been in love with for years. He's first rude and distant, but he keeps turning up, and... you can probably guess the rest.

I love contemporary romance, but it's so frustrating how predictable they can be. Indeed, **My Unscripted Life** does nothing new. Honestly. Nothing. It tries to have this small hate-to-love dynamic because Milo is UNDERSTANDABLY not the most welcoming or trusting person on set, and that frustrates Dee, but since she says she has been a fan for years you already know that that frustration is wafer thin. Then there's just so much SENTIMENT, because Dee's the only person Milo can let his mask down around. And then... she starts proclaiming that he's her boyfriend after they have just - one - date.

I'm fed up with **young and naive** main characters like Dee. She was cute at first, but when she started with the boyfriend stuff, it just got completely exasperating. Her voice is so young, she comes off more as a 15 year old than a rising high school senior. And this is a trend I'm seeing all over Morrill's latest books, which breaks my heart. I absolutely loved **Meant to Be**, but ever since that killer debut, her books have gotten younger, sillier (not in the good way - in the frustrating way), more naive, more Disney Channel-esque. Little depth, much drama. It makes me think I may just be... done with her books for now. Which absolutely breaks my heart, but this is just not pleasing to me.

On the other hand, if you're looking for a cute, quick read and you don't mind not getting a lot of depth, **My Unscripted Life** may be just what you need. Indeed, it reads unbelievably quickly, and there are cute scenes. Getting a view of what it's like on a movie set - which I know is authentic because Morrill has been on sets

as an extra - is fun, and you could tell those passages really came from her heart. The film industry will always be interesting to me - the dynamics on set, the little known but crucial elements that come into play, and all those people behind the scenes that really make it happen. In that sense, as a quick, cute summer read, this book is quite all right.

Summing Up:

My Unscripted Life sadly wasn't exactly what I was hoping for. Indeed, it lacked depth, complex characters, and a little maturity. However, if you like quick, cute reads, maybe this is still a good book for you. I just prefer to read books with characters who aren't so naive to call a dude - an international pop star - her boyfriend after a total of one date.

GIF it to me straight!

Recommended To:

Fans of **This is What Happy Looks Like** by Jennifer E. Smith.

**An electronic advance review copy was provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the contents of the review.*

Natalia says

This was a light and overall entertaining book, nothing serious though.

The story follows Dee, she got rejected by an art school, she is stuck in a small town without having anything to do. Then it turns out that in her small town a movie is being shot and Dee starts working on the set. There she meets Milo, an actor and musician.

The overall plot was a bit too slow and also basically nothing happened. Expect the relationship between Milo and Dee there isn't any other story line.

Milo and Dee's relationship is really underdeveloped. They meet, suddenly start dating and then he moves to her town. Everything moved way too fast.

There was no character development whatsoever and the characters were incredibly cliched.

Sophie Marsden says

Actual Rating: ★★ ★.5 out of 5

"I may not have a best friend, and my future may still be in question, but I may have just solved the summer-plans problem."

Summary:

This was a cute book about a girl named Dee who gets to be a personal assistant on the set of a movie. She's thrilled when she's offered the job because her best friend is leaving for the summer and she got rejected from her dream art program. She finds out that her middle-school celebrity crush, Milo Ritter. Milo is a famous teenage pop star, and this is first ever movie role. The two

Positives:

My favorite part about this was that you got to see a lot about what it's like on the set of a movie. I feel like with most YA books about celebrities, the MC is a celebrity, and not the person doing the behind the scenes work. This offered an interesting perspective that I really enjoyed reading about.

Negatives:

The romance between Milo and Dee seemed very rushed. I couldn't feel a connection between them, and I wished that the book was more focused on what it's like working on a movie set than on the romance. They never defined their relationship until the end, but they become really jealous when the other was hanging out with someone else. Frankly, it was annoying.

Conclusion:

To describe this book in a few words, I would say cute, dramatic, and fun. It's extremely unrealistic, but it makes for a good fluffly book. I read it in about an hour and half, so it's a very quick read.

Perfect for fans of:

The Secrets of My Hollywood Life series by Jen Calonita. In that book, the main character is a tv star who dates a regular high school boy. My Unscripted Life is the opposite, a Hollywood outsider dating an A-lister.

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Stacee says

I'm struggling with what to rate this. It might be 2.5 stars. It was cute, but very overdramatic.

Review to come.
