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**From the author of the # 1 best-selling romantic comedy *It Would Be Wrong to Steal My Sister's Boyfriend (Wouldn't it?)***

**When you're tying the knot, you can end up in a tangle...**

Nick and Pippa have been an item since forever, but they've always said marriage isn't for them. That's until, in a moment of mad romance, they find themselves engaged.

Pippa knows she's no bridezilla – and she's definitely not expecting Nick to get swept off his feet by plans for floral centrepieces, vintage cake-stands and colour coordinated everything. Then Nick's mum gets involved, secrets from Pippa's past threaten to surface, and planning their perfect day begins to tear Nick and Pippa apart.

This eagerly anticipated second novel from Sophie Ranald is a funny and poignant romantic romp. If you love Tracy Bloom, Mhairi McFarlane and Sophie Kinsella, then say "I do" to *A Groom with a View*.

## A Groom with a View Details

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## From Reader Review A Groom with a View for online ebook

### Diana Santoso says

[Even though she nearly so! (hide spoiler)]

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### Karolína Vysloužilová says

Příjemná oddechovka na víkend.

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### C.J. Morrow says

Thoroughly enjoyable read about planning a wedding. Twist is the groom is a groomzilla and the bride isn't so interested. Twists and turns and funny.

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### Natasha Harris says

A funny, easy to read chick lit novel about the ups and downs of wedding planning - really enjoyed it!!

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### NicoleHasRead says

Full review at [nicolehasread.blogspot.com.au](http://nicolehasread.blogspot.com.au)

Pippa and Nick get incredibly drunk at a friend's wedding and one of them, neither is really sure which, proposes to the other. And there the fun starts. Nick takes on most of the wedding plans and wants to give Pippa her dream day, but Pippa's dreams don't quite match Nick's, and when his mother descends on their tiny two bed flat, the stress is almost enough to end their relationship.

Ranald's writing is incredibly clever and witty and also incredibly insightful. On the surface there may be several characters who seem to be stereotypical of the genre, but as the story develops, Ranald digs deeper and we are presented with a well developed cast of characters who we want to laugh and cry with.

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### Rachel says

Sophie Ranald has nailed this genre. She has given us another heroine who could be one of us, not a pathetic mouse needing a makeover which has been the cliché of commercial women's fiction. Pippa is funny, sweet, confident, ambitious and multidimensional. Her back story - and indeed those of the other players - is utterly convincing. There are no casual tropes here - even the evil mother-in-law (and be warned, she's a doozie!) is subtly drawn avoiding caricature.

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The strong characterisation and well paced plot makes this a read-in-one-sitting novel which you'll be recommending to anyone who's even been or known a bride/groom-zilla.

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### **Steph Robinson says**

Easy to read, all about a wedding, the planning and the bride's feelings. Also lots of miscommunication. It makes me wonder if there really are people out there like that but I suppose there must be, as she says in the acknowledgements that it's based on stories of the ladies from her book club. Not the best book I've ever read but certainly easy enough to read.

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### **Leonel says**

It's getting harder and harder to find worthy "chick lit" books lately, and there are so many books I start but never get to finish because I get bored or I find the plot line too predictable. I usually try to give books one hundred pages and that's it. I usually steer clear of wedding-type books but Sophie Ranald's "A Groom With A View" had a very interesting premise – what if the groom was more excited about the wedding than the bride? Nick and Pippa have been together for a while, and they "accidentally" get engaged – and here we have Nick taking control of the wedding preparations, and even creates a blog to document all he is doing. But, there's more to the story than that – I found the plot had a lot of depth, with both leads three-dimensional. (The villain, Nicki's mom, Erica, was, though) I liked it a lot – it kept me very much interested and felt the ending did not feel forced.

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### **Ginni Brinkley says**

Easy to read, engaging and light. My only bugbear is the language, I'm not a big fan of swears, otherwise perfect chick lit.

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### **Gigi says**

For some reason, I had trouble getting into this book, maybe because in the first few chapters there didn't seem to be anything wrong with their relationship and I didn't really see where this story was going, but I'm really glad I stuck with it. I related to Pippa and I love how Sophie Ranald wrote about mother in laws, wedding plan stress, and women not wanting to be Bridezillas or taking their husband's last name. It was so refreshing to have Nick, who sounds in equal measures absolutely lovely and completely infuriating, so involved and obsessed with wedding planning and getting every last detail right. This is such an accurate account of what I imagine would happen to myself if I ever decided to tie the knot. All of Sophie Ranald's books have some kind of moral ending and it's never something condescending, it is just about growth, acceptance, and learning about life and how to get on with it. Once again, after all the emotions I felt reading

this book, the ending has left me feeling light and hopeful. (The moral of the story is: pick your battles, stay true to yourself, and communicate.)

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### **Lynai says**

I was looking for a fun and light read and this book came out as a recommendation while I was searching for Sophie Kinsella in the search bar. I gave it a try, not really expecting too much because it was my first time to read something from this other "Sophie", and was conveniently satisfied when I was done. Light and fun it indeed was and I enjoyed several scenes (especially the ones involving mom-in-laws haha) although I was looking for something more heartfelt especially the 'confrontation' part towards the end.

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### **Jody says**

Review first posted on my blog: <http://spoonfulofhappyendings.blogspot...>

Pippa is happy with the life she leads; she has a great job as a chef and she has the perfect relationship with her boyfriend Nick. Everyone always mentions how great the two of them are together, and Pippa knows she doesn't need a ring on her finger as proof of their love for each other. Yet, after a few too many drinks, Pippa suddenly finds herself engaged to Nick and before she knows it she's answering questions about invitations, cakes and wedding locations. In order to make things as easy as possible for Pippa, Nick decides to do most of the planning and organising himself, but when Nick's mother appears on the scene and the wedding slowly seems to take over their entire lives, things between Nick and Pippa only seem to be getting worse instead of better.

Every now and again I come across a great chick lit novel which is thoroughly enjoyable from the first until the very last page, which has an entertaining storyline at its core, combined with a fabulous cast of characters; basically, a book I didn't want to put down but at the same time didn't want to end, and one I'll be recommending to others in the months to come. 'A Groom With a View' is definitely one of those novels and I'm so glad Sophie Randal contacted me for a possible review of her second book. I loved the storyline, not just because it's about weddings (a topic I have a soft spot for) but because it gives its own original twist to a chick lit wedding story. Pippa is a great heroine; she doesn't want a big and glamorous wedding, she just wants to be with Nick and no wedding is needed to put a stamp on their love for one another. I really enjoyed reading about a man who takes on all the wedding planning, and the female character who tries to deal with this.

Pippa and Nick are a fantastic couple, I couldn't get enough of them. But that also goes for the supporting characters and the various different aspects added to the storyline to make it even more interesting and enjoyable, for example the visit of Nick's mother, Pippa's job, and the troubles Callie, Pippa's best friend, is dealing with. There honestly wasn't a dull moment in this novel and I loved returning to it at the end of a busy day, keeping my fingers crossed for Pippa and Nick and their wedding. 'A Groom With a View' is a simply wonderful, funny, and thoroughly enjoyable read; I can't recommend it to other chick lit fans enough!

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### **Georgie says**

Not bad - well-written, not completely straightforward, and with a good ending. I don't think I'll go back to

it, because there wasn't quite enough for me about the real relationship between H & h - a lot from her side, but not enough from his. But this was a cut above other stuff I've read recently.

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### **Emma says**

I haven't previously read anything by this author but when it's a freebie you can't really complain, I am really glad I took a chance I was a bit annoyed with the main antagonist at times however I liked reading her story as it went along and the blog by her husband to be

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### **Steph says**

Loved it! Another great book from Sophie Randal!  
Had me gripped from beginning to end and I'm gutted now that I've finished it.

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