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Meg knew exactly what she wanted: to be the Investment Director of Solomon Bank by the time she turned 30. And nothing would stop her. Not the fact that she'd be the youngest one in the history of the company. Or the fact that she'd be the first female Director. And especially not a man.

Then she met Tyler, and everything changed. It was like they were destined to be together. The attraction was immediate, and the follow-through was more passionate and amazing than she could have ever hoped for.

But Tyler was gone now. She could barely bring herself to think about their brief time together. As she stared at her wedding dress, she reflected on the fact that almost everything would be in place: a perfect gown, a perfect venue, a perfect ceremony. But not her perfect groom.

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Mia says

This is a short, fictional story that centers around one woman's experience with 9/11, and how a great loss threatens to destroy her will to live.

This was a nice blend of drama and romance. I thought the story had a good pace, the characters were interesting, and, overall, I really enjoyed reading it.

The story dealt with:

Depression

Death

Sexuality

Romance

Sexism in the workplace

If you enjoy character-driven short stories you should definitely check out The Wedding Dress. I'm glad I read it!

Therese K. Loftus says

Emotional short story about the after effects of 9/11

This book was so very emotional. A great short story. Can not wait to read other books from this author.

Heather Boustead says

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The Survivors Club Book One

By Ellie Keaton

Meg had the perfect life she was on her way to fulfilling her dream of being the Investment Director at Solomon Bank by the time she was thirty, she also had the most wonderful fiancé, until one fatal day when her entire life changed.

September 11th, 2001

Ellie Keaton has just made my “Evil Evil Authors” list. Despite going into the novel with my “tough face” on and determined to read this short story without crying, I did not succeed. I made it through most of it till I hit the end and she did me in. This was a beautiful story of the love and loss that surrounds 9/11. Ellie Keaton managed to create a stunning story in a few short pages that will surely move you, if not you may want to visit a doctor. In the end this is one of those stories that are worth the short yet entertaining read. Not only is the story amazing but the author also donates 15% of the proceeds from this short story to Tuesdayschildren.org which helps children who were affected by 9/11.

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Anam Cara says

Detailed character development, but the story is, in a nutshell, - they met, lusted, lived together, he died, she had a baby, his family wouldn't have anything to do with her or the child.

I was appalled at the graphic sex scene - I don't think it needed it - it actually made the protagonist seem more like a tramp in my mind. How much of what they had was love and how much was just lust. I shouldn't judge people, but I just couldn't connect with this woman. I am sorry she is raising this boy alone. I am sorry for her loss. But I think I would have been more sympathetic if they had had a more conventional meeting/courtship. I felt like the story about the wedding dress was just an excuse for the author to write several pages of graphic sex.

I won't read any more of her stories (and if I could have given it less than 1 star, I would have)

Sandy Wolters says

Book: The Wedding Dress

Series: The Survivors Club, Book 1

Author: Ellie Keaton

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Length: 34 Pages

Currently Available: Amazon

Very touching read.

Meg is a woman with a career goal in investment banking. She meets the love of her life, Tyler, at a work conference. While both Meg and Tyler are career oriented, Tyler wants to settle down. With her eye still on the career prize she's been seeking, Meg finally decides her relationship with Tyler is worth taking to the next level, marriage. After all, there is no one that makes her feel the way Tyler does. He is her soul mate and they are meant to be together. Then the calendar hits 9/11 and Meg's life is turned upside down.

ELLIE KEATON has written a beautiful short story of love, loss and living on. This is a tear jerker that I thoroughly enjoyed. Keep the tissue box close by.

Stephanie says

I put off reading this book for a while because of the havoc I knew it would wreak on my emotions...and that it did. It is a short read, but it packs a punch on the heart of the reader. We see the main character, Meg, go from an ambitious, vibrant woman to a woman who is forced to pick up the broken pieces of her life. I loved the unexpected twist (other readers will know what I'm referring to), and I love how we see the survivors come together in both commiseration and healing. I hate reading stories about 9/11 because as an American, it hurts my heart, and I didn't even experience a personal loss associated with it. I commend Ms. Keaton for taking on such a sensitive topic and personalizing it for her readers in such a touching way. You can feel her sincerity to convey the toll this national tragedy took on more than just a nationwide level, but on an intimate level. Heartbreaking and beautifully done.

Angela Risner says

This is the first in the series of The Survivors Club, which talks about lives after 9/11. This story focuses on Meg and Tyler, who met at a work conference. They were about to get married when Tyler was killed on American Airlines Flight 11.

I think that this was well-written, though there would have been places where more character development could have taken place. I liked it, but I didn't love it.

Lora Urquhart-rudisill says

I really wasn't all impressed it lacked in something I can't quite put my finger on

Desiree reilly says

The story of the book is about the 911 club .Here you got survivors and the familys of 911,Meg was livig with Tyler for over 7 year as girlfirend / soon to be wife. Tyler and her work for the same bank and they did not wnat the poeple nowing that they were a couple yet they were not a lowed to work as girfird boyfriend or husand and wife.So Tylyer quit his job and then rented his apt out and then move in with Meg .

Well Meg wanted to be the Investement Director by the time she was 30 and then she have every thing a woman could want the good job and then the man she loved.Well it all chnged and then she took Tyler to the airpot and never to see him agian.HE was heading to Calf and the plane hit the tower.

Now meg lost every thing and she did not want to work let alone do any thing she laid aroudnd and then the bank ask her if shw ws coming back and she said noo and then she let the apt go and then the borhte of tyler ask her about the paper for the apt he had she gave them every thing Suan cam by and took meg with here and then Meg move in with her and then she was taking a shower and then she fell out of t he shower andt ehn Susan took her to the hosptail and found out she was over 3mo pregnate and it wsTylers.

The wedding never took place and she did not have grave to mourn over so finally she gave birth to baby boy and then Meg decided to have a group of survivor family you see the dress is given to girl who did not have money or the way to pull a wedding together so the group did it for her

the book is great read and then i have to get the other one i hope which is about the girl who got the dress and her new hubby

Vicki - I Love Reading says

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The Survivors Club Book One
By Ellie Keaton

Very touching read.

This is a very short, story that tells of one woman's experience with 9/11, Finding love and losing it.

It was a very quick and easy read, but quite enjoyable..

Tuesday says

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There are moments in your life that are simply branded forever into your memory. Memories that you take with you always, and that you revisit with others with the sentence, "I remember exactly what I was doing when..." My most recent memory like that is of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The sky was a perfect blue and there was a teeny tiny hint of autumn in the Arkansas wind that was gently blowing that morning. Mark Haines and Joe Kernen were sampling purple ketchup on CNBC's Squawk Box, and my husband was watching while standing in the middle of the living room dressed in a suit getting ready to leave town for the day, when the segment was interrupted with Haines saying that there were reports of a single engine plane hitting the World Trade Center in NYC.

I had to leave for work and I couldn't wait to find out what was wrong. Mark promised to call me and keep me updated. At the time I was working as a family practice nurse, and my days were always busy from the time I walked in the door. This day I would prove to myself how strong I could be for others. The television in our area was in the repair shop. I relied on telephone updates from my husband while simultaneously taking care of patients and their families. I held hands with some, I cried with others, all the while, not being fully able to grasp what was truly happening to my country.

When we had time in between patients we would scramble to another area to catch a glimpse of what was happening. We'd hug each other, while making eye contact that said "remain strong". We put our patients first. I remember one particular phone call from the spouse of a patient who was being seen. I was asked to give instructions to the spouse to go by the bank on the way home and take out all of the money. Then another patient was hysterical with grief because she lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing and she was fearful that the whole country was in peril.

I also had a college world history course that night. I called my professor to see if she was going to cancel class and her answer was something like, "No the terrorists would want the whole country to stop, we'll be having class and showing them." I never really liked her or her class much, but I went. She let us talk for a little while then got right into her lecture about ancient China or something.

By the time I made it home, I was emotionally and physically exhausted. My husband postponed his trip, but was still in his shirt and tie when I got home. I don't remember eating dinner; I only remember watching the news.

Tuesday, September 11, 2001 is a day that I will never forget, so when I received an email from Ellie Keaton asking me to review *The Wedding Dress*, the first book in her *Survivors Club Series*, I was honored to do so.

The Wedding Dress is a novella that touches the heart and the mind. It made me think and made me wonder. I wondered how a family member can go on after a tragedy of such magnitude. I wondered how one can get out of bed every day knowing what kind of death their loved one had. I wondered why these tragedies happen to some people and not others.

The Wedding Dress also reminded me that it's okay to grieve and be sad, but it's also okay to move forward, never forgetting. I was reminded also the true meaning of friendship. Ms. Keaton writes few words, but those few words hold so much meaning. The story may not be a true account, but I bet that there is a shred of reality in there. It was beautifully written and very touching.

Ms. Keaton is definitely on my Reader Radar! You should check her out. She is also generously donating 15% of her proceeds to Tuesday's Children I think you should check them out too!

J.L. says

This is a short novella. I liked the story. It is about the after effects of 9/11 on one relationship. These stories hurt my heart. I know the author is contributing some of the proceeds from the sales of this series to help children who lost family during this horrible unnecessary massacre. *The Wedding Dress* is free and it is a preview of the other books with other characters in the series - the *Survivors Club*.

I still get goosebumps when I think about all the unnecessary suffering from this horrible event.

Jenn Swanson says

A touching story about a woman who loses her boyfriend on 09/11. If you have a heart, you might wanna grab a tissue before reading.

Thelma Branam says

Ok readi

I didn't have time to get into the story before it was finished. I more a fan of longer books but like this author and decided to give it a try.

Maryann Anderson says

Too short

This story of a young couple who were ripped apart by the disaster of 9/11 is very touching and also brings back memories of that terrible day. I just wish this could have been a bit longer and would have allowed us to get to know Tyler's son a little better. I can't say I "enjoyed" this book but I am glad I read it and highly recommend. It will only take you a few minutes to read this story but you will remember it for a long time.
