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After being dumped by the last bad boy she's ever going to date, Calliope meets her Hispanic prince charming. Peter Delgado is the perfect gentleman, sure, but he's also extremely easy to look at with a flirtatious grin, naturally tanned skin that just radiates over gorgeous muscle, and the potential to be Calliope's passionate Latin lover who whispers sweet Spanish nothings into her ear. Hmm. If only she could convince him that she is his Caucasian love goddess. However, Peter wants to remain in the 'just amigos' category. Well, that is until a pipe bursts and they are forced to stay with Peter's mother. He confesses that in order to ease his mother's ailing heart, they need to act like a couple in love. Pretend to adore one another? Play the part of the adorable girlfriend while getting to touch, fondle, cuddle and cozy up to the man that she's been madly in love with for years? No problema!

However, nothing is getting past Peter's mother, Margarita, who is not fond of the new white girl who doesn't speak the language, doesn't know the culture and doesn't eat meat! With quite the language barrier and culture shock, Calliope struggles to keep her end of the bogus relationship bargain especially when she begins to realize that their friendship may break her heart. Oh, and then there's Peter's brother, Eddie, who threatens to blow the secret wide open because he knows it's all an act. With a love triangle right out of a Spanish novella, Calliope tries to figure out what's real and what isn't so her heart won't take another blow.

One white girl, one fake boyfriend who should be The One, one ice cold Margarita who's determined to drive her out and the one guy who knows it's all a sham. It'll be a wonder if this white girl will survive in la casa...

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Gayle Pace says

REVIEW

I found this book extremely funny. It was nice for a change to read a book that was light and funny, enough to make you smile and laugh. The book was rather a fast read. I think that was because it wasn't full of sadness and so much detailed descriptions. You could just read and enjoy, instead of having to keep track of every character and what they are doing. The characters were the best, absolutely right for the book. We have Calliope, a vegan. Then there was Eddie, let me just say I will let you find out about Eddie. I loved him.

Margarita and Cali were constantly going back and forth with some really funny conversations. It might remind you of your own family. The things the family did were fun. Some reminded me of my own family. I feel that is why the book is so good. It's real, just the life of a person trying to make it. Then we have Peter who was a real jerk who thought only of himself. Pure selfish. He was just his own screwed up self. He was honest. I just don't think he knew any better.

I found that the laughter from this book immediately eased some of the tension that builds up in all of us. What a lovely, calming, exciting read. The author did all of us readers a favor by writing this. It made the reader laugh. None of us laugh enough. Laughter eases the tension and stress that can engulf us.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a light, enjoyable, laughable, stress relieving read. Now that about covers it all. No one should miss out on this book.

I was given a complimentary copy of WHITE GIRL IN LA CASA by Christa Jeanne from Pump Up Your Book Virtual Tours for my honest view. No other compensation took place.

Abby says

This book was so funny! I think I read this over 2 days because I seriously couldn't put it down. It's the funniest book I've read in a while and I love love love the way this author writes. The characters were perfect, I loved Calliope! I'm a vegan too and loved her. Eddie, hubba hubba. Yes, loved him too. I have to go back and read this author's first book because I love her writing. Want another!

Victoria Brinius says

This was a funny book. I loved the banter between Calli and Margarita. Margarita reminded me of my mother in law, because my husband is an only child. I know Spanish, Latin, Greek and Sign Language. My husband and her know Polish. There are definitely some very interesting conversations in our house! Us three also live together. I did not like Peter though. He was a putz and he really only cared about himself. Eddie on the other hand was a straight forward guy. Even though I got mad at him it did not last because he was just being honest, in his own messed up way. I absolutely loved that Calli was a Vegan! When my husband and I started dating I was a vegetarian. There were many meals that I sat and looked at! I could

definitely relate to Calli. I also laughed throughout the book, and I can not wait to read more from this author. I would love to read about Calli's and Eddie's ninos! I enjoyed the family "events" and was reminded of my Italian family when I was young. I am giving this book a 5/5. I was given a copy to review, however all opinions are my own.

Angela Goodrich says

This was such a good book. I absolutely love it when an author can draw me in to a romance and keep me laughing. Ms. Jeanne did it superbly. I devoured this book in a matter of hours. So that you can fully grasp how much I enjoyed White Girl in La Casa, I received a paperback copy to read and review and plan to purchase it as an eBook so that I can read it again whenever I want without having to worry about where I put it.

Calliope is the white girl in question. She is blonde and has Swiss, Irish and/or Scottish roots, so she is WHITE-white. And she has been in love with her best friend Peter since the day she met him in college. They finished college and moved in to an apartment together (separate bedrooms) and after four years, he has kept her firmly in the friend-zone despite her making it clear that she wanted more. After a pipe bursts in their apartment, Peter makes arrangements for them to stay with his mother while their apartment undergoes repairs. After a series of events and decisions that make no sense – but stick with them, because they are explained much later in the book – Calliope agrees to pretend to be Peter's girlfriend while they are staying at his mother's. Calliope quickly learns that even after living together for four years there are a lot of things about Peter she did not know, especially how big of a "mama's boy" he is. She realizes that she does not like this version of Peter and comes to accept their status of "just friends" more easily.

While she may be disillusioned by Peter, she is dazzled by his brother Eddie. Eddie lets her know in no uncertain terms that he knows her relationship with Peter is fake and begins to pursue her, subtly at first and then not so subtly once she begins to respond to him. Their sexual encounter in the kitchen is HOT ... as would be expected from a Latin lover who is also a chef.

Ms. Jeanne takes us on a hilarious and entertaining ride as Calliope and the Delgadillo family cross cultural boundaries, language barriers, and clashing diets (she's vegan and Mama Delgadillo is NOT), while Calliope must figure out which brother she really wants or if she has to let them both go. If you enjoy a good laugh while falling in love, then give this White Girl a chance to charm you because she is far more entertaining than the "albino monkey tossing my poo" that she likens herself to.

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Reviewed by Angela at Crystal's Many Reviewers!

Aurora says

<http://sveta-randomblog.blogspot.com/...>

Krista Abrao says

I laughed. I teared up. I felt like Calliope was a friend of mine telling me her dramatic story. I found the Mexican comedy entertaining as well.

Livin' la Vida Latina says

Reviewed by: Celia

Review: Calliope doesn't practice good sense when it comes to men. Then, out of the blue, she meets Peter Delgadillo, "the Latino God of all that is man candy goodness." (12)

The two start off as friends, but Calli has other things in mind—dirty, sinful things. Pathetic love puppy! "For as many times as Peter had introduced me as his friend, it finally sunk in that we were not going to be walking down the aisle at any time and that his delicious body and kind heart would never be mine." (21) Gee, ya think?

Then Calli gets her wish to be Peter's girlfriend... Well, she has to pretend to be his girlfriend for his mother, who was quite a pickle. Can a white girl see eye-to-eye with an old Mexican suegra?

"When it was just him and I, he was the soft and sweet Peter I fell in love with years ago, but when it came to his mother, I suddenly turned to chop liver." (107) Suddenly, Calli starts to see a whole other side to Peter, one that always sides with his saint of a mother. It's kind of like they're married already. If a woman hated me that much, hell no would I stay at her house.

"Once that woman knows something, the whole planet does too." (205) Yep, heard that! That's exactly my abuela. Margarita was like any old Mexican mother. She was mean and critical in that hilarious fashion.

The story was similar to the movie *While You Were Sleeping*—a girl thinking she could fool everyone into believing she was engaged to the boy, but she ain't fooling the brother, who, ironically, may be the one for her. I liked Eddie because he called Calli on her B.S.

The best part was when Calliope spells it out for Eddie. She wants to be adored daily, she expects flowers on her birthday, she won't cook animals, she won't take out the trash, she's opinionated big-mouth, and she gets cranky when she's on her period. "Take it or leave it." (221) Gotta love her honesty!

Full of that in-your-face sarcastic humor, this book practically speaks to the reader in diary form, which exuded Calliope's personality force, but, at times, she tended to babble on and often got off tangent. Overall, the writing was okay (wasn't too impressed), but the author does make up for it with the variety of oddball characters.

Calli's life in la casa was like watching an I Love Lucy episode with her hare-brain schemes and wacky antics. It is a wild ride of culture shock. A fun and enjoyable read!

Jd Espi says

Damn funny book! Had me laughing!

Sandy Terry says

Hilarious, love the characters, the story and the cat!! Great entertaining reading - have a glass of wine, sit back and enjoy this super fun book.
