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This story is set during the birthdays of six different women who are all connected with each other, although they don't all realize it. It begins with Scarlett, on her 10th birthday, and closes with Constance, on her 60th birthday.

Birthday Girls Details

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Sherwestonstec says

Interesting, i did enjoy it!

Jo says

Slow start, took a while to get going, quite dull really.

Devon says

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Annabelle Giles's 'BIRTHDAY GIRLS' has a promising concept, following six women at different stages in their lives in the days leading up to their birthdays and finding out whether they will get exactly what they want or exactly what they deserve. However, with the exception of 10 year-old Scarlett and 50 year-old Millicent, there was not one likable character in the book. Moreover, the way each woman's story connected was sometimes very unbelievable...much like in a soap opera. This one is having an affair with that ones husband, this ones birth mother happens to be so and so, and the long ago one night stand happened to be with this one's dead husband. It all became a bit implausible.

Scarlett is spending her 10th birthday in a hospital bed of all places but the bad influence in the next bed may cause her to grow up faster than she or her parents are ready for.

Hairdresser Della is turning 21 and just wants to use her bad girl ways to snag the man of her dreams...unfortunately the mother she barely knows is cramping her style...maybe she needs a pick me up in the form of one of her clients husbands.

Sophie is trying very hard to salvage her marriage, her relationship with her daughter, her sister, her mother and even her hairdresser. Turning 30 has never been so difficult!

Jessica Rose is turning 40...uh 35 *wink, wink* and this former actress is having a hard time trying to get back into the limelight maybe the star studded birthday bash she is trowing herself will help her get back on top...or will she end up sinking to new lows?

Millicent just wants to return home to the Caribbean for her 50th birthday. Yet with no home to return to she is finding that London is not such a welcoming place after all.

Constance just wants to disappear for her 60th birthday. But she will not do so without shaking up her families lives a bit first.

'BIRTHDAY GIRLS', I will admit, made me chuckle a few times and did get more interesting once I got to Millicent's section but overall that is not enough for me to actually recommend this book. My biggest issue with 'BIRTHDAY GIRLS', and the reason I had a hard time getting through it, was because most of the

characters did not have any redeemable qualities to speak of. Unfortunately I don't think that I will be reading much from Annabel Giles in the future.

Cara Byrne says

When I first began reading this, I thought it had so much potential. It was witty, it was a great idea where 6 different females celebrated their birthdays (each chapter was based on one of the characters) and all their lives entwined throughout the book but then....towards the end, it was as if it ran out of steam and just plodded along and the end was so predictable. Shame - I did enjoy the first half of the book.

Michelle Sibley says

A decent chick lit, especially good as a sunbed read. Recommended for easy reading.

NautankiRaniReads says

I really regret reading it. The characters are not interesting and the language is quite crass.

Katka says

I really liked the characters and dialogues, they were very believable, but overall the story was quite dull, it took a lot of time to get going. Also, I know this book is in the chicklit category, but this reminded me of a soap opera way too much, the way the characters were connected and everything. The ending was good, though.

Mandy says

Hmmm, there was a lot I liked about this book, and a lot I didn't. The dialogue is pure gold, very realistic - too realistic really, I must be quite prudish because the profanity and sexual innuendo and descriptions did not offend me exactly, more annoy me. The writing is clear and crisp, you know what is going on quite well, and get to know a large cast of characters who never got mixed up in my head, they are all distinct and believable. But none of them was very nice, and I didn't particularly care about them getting hurt - which is just as well, because no-one in this book was having a good time.

There is a large dose of soap in this book too - everyone seemed linked in some way to everyone else, mostly by affairs.

All in all a book that I am glad I have read, but that I don't think I will re-read or recommend.

mellyana says

Another chicklit book?

Year you're right! But, wait a minute, it's not just another chicklit if you refer to the ages of the girls this book presents! You'll find a girl from age 10 to "girl" age 60. Hmm, maybe she's not a girl anymore, but still....

If you like to celebrate your birthday, if you like to celebrate any important dates in your life, maybe you should read this one. The author wanted you to see your life, what you expect, what you wanted and more.

The review said that this book is all about growing up and growing older.

But, I think this is a nice, easy book to read, to bring wherever you go, hopefully, you'll see your life in it, or you'll hope that you won't have the life the book tells!

Emma-Louise Hodgson says

After reading this, I became an immediate fan of Annabel Giles. I read this in holiday. It was easy to read, hilarious and poignant in parts. The most enjoyable chick-lit book in my collection.

Alexianne says

Read this book on the two flights Malta-Rome-Krakow this last february so you can imagine how readable and enjoyable this book is!

It's an easy read of eight different girls of various ages who are all mysteriously connected with one another who have their birthdays and what happens in those days.

It's ironic no, how high are our expectations for our birthdays... well this book delves totally on this point AND THE BIG IRONY OF LIFE ITSELF!

Dorte says

Nej! Nej! Nej! Så hun er gift med sin halvbror, der er utro med sin halvsøster, hvis mor er hushjælp hos hans mor? Helt ærligt!
