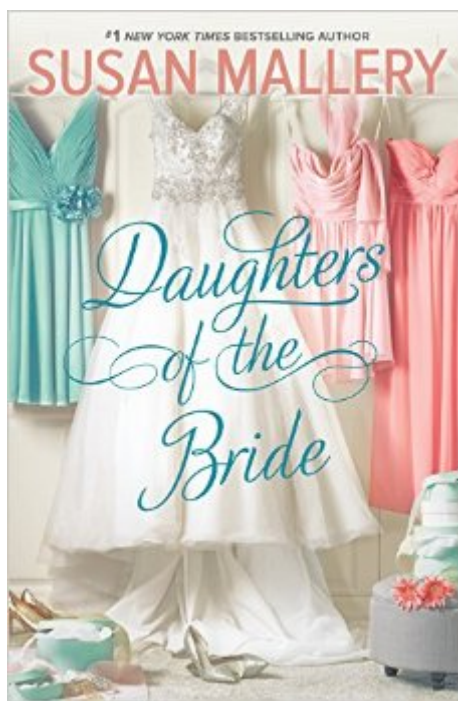


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Daughters Of The Bride



Synopsis

With Joy, Love and a Little Trepidation, Courtney, Sienna and Rachel Invite You to the Most Emotional Wedding of the Year; Their Mother's Courtney ~ The Misfit ~ As the awkward one, Courtney Watson may not be as together as her sisters, but she excels at one thing; keeping secrets, including her white-hot affair with a sexy music producer. Planning Mom's wedding exposes her startling hidden life, changing her family's view of her; and how she views herself; forever. Sienna ~ The Free Spirit ~ When Sienna's boyfriend proposes; in front of her mom and sisters, for crying out loud; he takes her by surprise. She already has two broken engagements under her belt. Should she say "I do" even if she's not sure she does? Rachel ~ The Cynic ~ Rachel thought love would last forever; right up until her divorce. As Mom's wedding day draws near and her ex begs for a second chance, she's forced to acknowledge some uncomfortable truths about why her marriage failed, and decide if she'll let pride stand in the way of her own happily-ever-after.

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Customer Reviews

Daughters of the Bride isn't really just a book about a mother getting married. It's more about second chances and learning to feel worthy. In the beginning of this story, none of the sisters feel worthy enough. Through helping their mother get ready for her wedding, they all begin to work out their issues and finally realize that they all deserve happiness. For the most part, this was an enjoyable book, but in the end, I didn't love it as much as I wanted to love it. Out of the three sisters, I liked Courtney's story the most. I really disliked the way her family treated her because they

thought she was "just a maid". That repeatedly made me angry. I couldn't understand her need to keep her education secret from them. She needed to shove it in their faces. My heart broke for her because she was so deserving of love. But, I could understand her fears when it came to loving Quinn. I loved them together and I was really rooting for him to get the girl! But when it came to the rest of the story, it fell kind of flat for me. Sienna spent the entire book engaged to a guy who clearly didn't love her for more than her looks. Everyone knew it and never outright said anything. He treated her like dirt. In the end, I was left wanting more of the story with her and Jimmy. I didn't feel like her story was finished. I also didn't care for Rachel and Greg's story. My own feelings about cheating aside, I didn't buy into them being OK in the end. Whether they were too young or she was too much of a control freak, that didn't excuse what Greg did. I would have at least liked to have them talk about counseling. In the end, for me, I would have loved this book more if it had just been about Courtney. I felt like the other sisters slowed down the book.

When Maggie Watson found love again after 24 years of being a widow she wanted to draw on all her family resources to make it the most amazing day of her life. Granted some of her wedding day requests were more than a little out there, but for the first time she is in control of what happens next, except where her daughters are concerned. Three sisters with unique personalities have one common foundational core, the death of their father at a young age. Their mother tasked them to be care takers, step up and do the right thing, and at times learn to take care of you. Rachel as the oldest always wanted everything to be perfect including the marriage that collapsed. She and her ex-husband were always good together and when she found out he was not perfect did she push him away? These days they seem to be better together but is that wishful thinking or reality. Sienna was the beauty and has always known that she could get what she wanted and seemed to be able to have any man but the men she keeps getting all scare her more than endear themselves to her, including her latest fiancé. Sienna is a great helper to everyone in need but is it Sienna that might need saving this time. Courtney as the baby was not neglected but the least thought about while her mother tried to save them financially and emotionally. Spread too thin was a problem when it came to Courtney leaving her with the least amount of attention. Courtney struggled in school and led everyone to believe she was never going to be anything but a maid when in fact she is about to become a hotel management degreed individual. While keeping the secret is hard all these years the recent one she is keeping is harder since Quinn is her boss's grandson but to Courtney he is so much more.

Three adult sisters are helping their mother Maggie, who's been a widow for 24 years, prepare for her upcoming wedding. Rachel, the oldest, is divorced with a young son. She works too hard and resents her ex Greg, for his one night stand with another woman which ended their marriage and the fact that his life is so carefree compared to hers. Sienna, the middle sister who has two broken engagements behind her, is dating David, whom she feels lukewarm about though she keeps telling herself that she should be more enthusiastic about him since, on paper, he seems the perfect man for her. The youngest, Courtney, has low self-esteem issues. She is very tall for a woman (6 feet), tends to be clumsy, and had horrible school experiences growing up due to a learning disability which went undiagnosed for many years, causing her to be held back twice. Eventually, she dropped out of school and moved out of her mother's house when she was 18. She worked a minimum wage job at a fast food place until she got her GED, then her associate's degree at a community college. When the story opens, she's two semesters away from earning her bachelor's degree. However, her family doesn't know any of that and think she's just a maid at the hotel owned by Joyce, a close family friend. Courtney wants to wait until she has her degree before showing it to her family to demonstrate she's not the loser her family thinks she is. Courtney is close to her oldest sister Rachel, but Sienna and her mom keep bringing up the fact that she's just a maid and needs to do something worthwhile with her life. Sienna, especially, tends to put Courtney down a lot.

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