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Readers first met the irrepressible Waverly Bryson in *Perfect on Paper*, and now the woman dubbed by fans as “the American Bridget Jones” is back in a sequel packed with friendship, heartache, and romance. In *It's a Waverly Life*, the formerly heartbroken singleton is now happily enmeshed in a new relationship, a new job, and a new decade. Her career as an advice columnist is taking off, and the future of her fledgling greeting-card line is bright. Of course, where Waverly goes, drama is sure to follow, and this time is no exception. Her broken engagement to former fiancé Aaron Vaughn has left her gun-shy when it comes to love, putting strain on her long-distance relationship with handsome Jake McIntyre. And when her best friends McKenna and Andie both make life-changing announcements, Waverly fears she is being left behind by the ones she loves most. In true Waverly fashion, things must get comically worse before they can get better. But in the end, she discovers that though life (before and after thirty) may be messy and unpredictable, friendship and love make it all worthwhile.

## **It's a Waverly Life Details**

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I couldn't get into this love story. It didn't make sense that she would be so incapable of expressing her

feelings, especially in light of the ending of the last book.

I alternated between the audiobook and the print book. I think I hung in there because I really enjoy the narrator's way of telling the story.

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## **Jennifer says**

It's a Waverly Life was the perfect way to spend an absolute scorching, hot, humid, miserable day! Waverly's such a real and honest character that I love, but also want to smack at times when her mouth moves faster than her brain (or when she stumbles over what she means to say and it doesn't come out). There weren't quite as many hysterical moments with the girls this time, but the humorous banter carried over into her new friendship with Nick. Another thing that I love is her embarrassing moments, and happily, those were plentiful in the second book!

Maria Murnane's writing is flawless, yet simple and realistic. The characters were incredibly relatable, as was the story line. I think that the tone was a little more serious in this book as compared to the first one, but I liked it that way. Waverly can't be completely off the chain all of the time, and in this novel, the author gave her a lot more "grown up" emotions, joys, and regrets. This was an outstanding story and I cannot wait to read book 3!!

\*many thanks to Maria Murnane for graciously providing this novel in exchange for my honest review!

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## **Melissa says**

### **Light but emotional, funny but heartbreaking**

Poor Waverly just can't see what is in front of her face. I am frustrated with the series, but I am sure there are plenty of younger(?) people who will continue to enjoy her misadventures.

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## **Gillian says**

Once again this was a cute light read. It was just what I needed while I was waiting for another book. I like the characters and think they are fun and the idea behind the story is great. Just like last time Waverly has to take a hard look at her changing life and not always pick the easy road and while I consider this a rom com, this book isn't driven by the boy gets girl relationship either, there is more to it, which is the main reason I keep reading them.

But with all of that the reason this book only gets 3 stars.... I feel like this is a travel guide. I would love to know more about what Waverly is doing then what street she is walking on or what cafe she is at. I feel I know more about her eating habits then her personality. But in the end I will read the next one... maybe not right now, but I will get to it.

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## **Katy Halsema says**

It's a Waverly Life is the 2nd book in the (Mis)Adventures of Waverly Bryson series by author Maria Murnane.

This book is just as good as the first, if not better. Waverly is still a hot mess but in a good way. Andie and Makenna are still awesome. We still have several of the people from the first book making appearances and a few new people as well. My favorite person has got to be Andie and her tell it like it is attitude.

Waverly and Jake are still friends and possibly more but things go from bad to worse to who the hell knows what before we finally realize what the heck is going on. Throw into the mix a bunch of misunderstandings, a few wrong timings and you have the recipes for disaster.

Andie, Makenna and Scott are all there for Waverly as she needs their help a lot as well as a couple new people. The characters in this series could EASILY be based off of ordinary people like you and I. (Kinda makes me wonder if anything mentioned has happened to the author. ? )

At about 275 pages, this book is the perfect length for everything that needs to be covered. And that's a lot coming from me. I ALWAYS want more pages in a book but this book is the right length.

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## **Danielle says**

Recovering from a terribly bad break-up and moving into a career where she dishes out advice to recipients of terrible dates wasn't exactly what Waverly Bryson had planned on. Charging forward into a new career, new life and potentially new love Waverly's determined to make it but isn't quite sure where to start. Fortunately for her she has some amazing friends, a fabulous new boyfriend and a very mysterious neighbor with a penchant for knowing exactly what she needs & when she needs to hear it. Things can go only up unless her appearance on a very popular morning news show goes completely wrong, but Waverly is certain that's not possible.

Hilarious. If I had to sum up It's a Waverly Life in one word that would be the one; hilarious! Waverly Bryson reminded me of every chick lit character I've ever loved and hoped for. She's a bit of Becky Bloomwood and Elle Woods rolled into one smashing character. Not only is she funny, quirky and at times a complete klutz but she's also intelligent, thoughtful and entirely human. Waverly is the kind of character you can see yourself in completely, because who hasn't said (or not said) entirely the wrong thing at the wrong time?

Besides being completely in love with Waverly's character I also loved the story. In a way it reminded me a great deal of Sophie Kinsella's Shopaholic because of the newspaper columnist aspect of Waverly's job and the writing style of the book, but there were a number of other things that stood out. Waverly's relationships with her two other girlfriends were fantastic! On numerous occasions they get together over drinks and the humor that follows is second to none. At one point in the story Waverly offends her best friend Andie and what I enjoyed about this was that it wasn't the end of the relationship by any means. You certainly have time to worry about their friendship, but it's honest and real. In addition to the friendship aspect of the story I

loved the character of “Red”, her next door neighbor and her co-workers at the newspaper Ivy and Nick. All of these relationships make up an astounding cast of characters that bring the story to life.

Of course I can't fail to mention Waverly's romantic interest Jake McIntyre because he was delightful. There were a few times I had wished things would move a little faster with the two of them, but their varying locations (one in San Francisco and one in Atlanta) made that a bit difficult. Overall though I loved that things seemed to progress relatively naturally for the both of them, it made it that much more believable and hugely more romantic.

It's a Waverly Life by Maria Murnane is by far one of the funniest and most enjoyable Chick Lit novels of 2011! Waverly Bryson and her cast of friends, family and co-workers are a laugh a minute but carry very real and believable experiences with them throughout the pages of this brilliant story. Though this is the second in the Waverly Bryson series it easily could be a stand alone novel, though after reading it I don't know how you could resist picking up the first in the series Perfect on Paper. Maria Murnane is an author I'll be anticipating great novels from in the future and I'm honestly hoping there's another story in the works with her fabulous leading lady Waverly!

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### **Jessica Bronder says**

Waverly Bryson is trying to recover from a horrible break up and her new career that was completely unexpected. She does have a new love interest in Jake McIntyre but they are on opposite coasts. Everything seems to be going smoothly until a morning news show interview goes into left field. Then she is spending time with her two best friends. They are on the next step in their lives and Waverly feels left behind again. Of course that means she puts her foot in her mouth, messes things up, and causes all kinds of problems for herself.

This is a great chick lit story. Waverly has everything going smoothly which usually means drama is going to rear its ugly head shortly. Having a long distance relationship doesn't help especially after the breakup. Then her friends are easily moving to the next stage and she is jealous. Of course she is going to say something that is going to hurt her friend. It just seems to go from bad to worse so quickly for her.

Overall Waverly is a great character with wit and humor and even though she starts out on the wrong foot she always seems to have things smooth out for her. I really enjoyed this story and can't wait to read further adventures of Waverly.

I received It's a Waverly Life from the author for free. This has in no way influenced my opinion of this book.

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### **Amber says**

The author's writing style is still amazing and so funny, but this book was a little disappointing to me. I still completely relate to Waverly and her awkwardness, so I completely understand how she could let her relationship with Jake get all befuddled. Jake and Waverly do have sex in this book--two times--nothing explicit, but you know from the detail of undressing before and when Waverly tells her friends that they did have sex.

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## **ILoveBooks says**

Looking for a main character who will make you laugh and shake your head at the same time? This is the book for you. Waverly is always surrounded by drama, some she creates herself and some she seems to walk into. She finally seems to have her life back on track. She has a new boyfriend and her job is doing well. It doesn't seem to be long, though, before new complications begin popping up. Will Waverly find a way to control the drama or will it take over her life?

As a character, Waverly is very good at interacting with the reader. She's a bit of a sympathetic character, the reader is likely to feel sorry for her numerous mishaps and mistakes. However, she can also be silly, kind, and smart; she is a likable character. The secondary characters round out the novel, filling in the plot gaps and giving Waverly more material to work with. The dialogue is engaging and fun to read, the reader will find that the dialogue moves the plot along quickly.

This book is a fast-read, the reader will want to discover what Waverly is up to and if it will work out. The events were interesting enough, every once and a while there was a slight lag, but not much of one. The ending was perfect, fit perfectly with Waverly's typical reactions. This book is recommended to adult readers.

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## **Jennifer says**

I like this two book series. Good character development and I loved how the author shows how a person grows through life. I don't do spoilers, so you'll just have to read the books!

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## **Cheryl says**

Waverly and her friends are dealing with married life and new relationships. For Waverly, this is scary. Jake McIntyre is the first serious guy that Waverly has dated since her fiancé broke up with her. The stress of not wanting to mess things up with Jake is getting to Waverly and making her push Jake away. As if that was not enough. Waverly has to deal with a new job.

It's a Waverly Life is book two of the Waverly Bryson books. I would recommend reading Perfect on Paper first. This book is focused on the after effects of what happened in the first one.

I didn't find myself laughing as much in this book as I did with the first one but I still had a good time

reading it. I loved Jake. I keep thinking he can not be a man but a saint to put up with Waverly. Waverly reminds me of Lucille Ball. Always finding herself inserting her foot or in some cases both feet into her mouth. I have to admit that while Waverly's Joke was corny, I liked it.

Here it is:

“There are two peanuts walking down a dark street.”  
“And one of them is assaulted” (Assaulted as in a salted)

Ok, you can groan now.

I read that Ms. Murnane is working on book three of the Waverly books. I can not wait to read it.

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## **Laurel-Rain says**

Waverly Bryson is a single, thirty-something woman living in San Francisco and trying to find her niche. She has her own dating column "Honey on Your Mind" and products she has developed called "Honey Notes." She also has some trust issues after being dumped just before her wedding by her fiancé.

Almost immediately, I felt like I was a part of the friendship circle Waverly shares with friends Andie and McKenna, and I absolutely loved how the author brought San Francisco and its neighborhoods alive for me.

Waverly's humor, her ability to see the unique perspectives in life, and the creativity that allowed her to move around the obstacles in her path kept me reading eagerly.

Her fledgling relationship with Jake was also fascinating, and I loved how, in spite of her issues, she just kept trying.

What does Waverly finally create when she is looking for something more in her career? How does she ultimately come to a place of trust with Jake? And how does a kindly neighbor named Red help Waverly sort out the puzzles in her life?

Wonderfully colorful, descriptive, and alive, "It's a Waverly Life" was fun, perceptive, and totally today. Five stars.

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