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Brothers Tony, Sean, and Ned had the perfect upbringing, but now that they are grown up, real life is starting to get in the way. Tony's dealing with divorce and a weight problem. Novelist Sean is up against a serious case of writer's block and a shock announcement from his "perfect" new girlfriend. Their parents have a new lodger, Gervase—why is Bernie, their mother, so keen to give this unsavory waif a home? And what is the real reason for kid brother Ned's surprise return from his travels in Australia? **A Friend of the Family** is a hilarious, dead-on-target story from the bestselling author of **Thirtynothing** and **Ralph's Party**.

## **A Friend of the Family Details**

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## **From Reader Review A Friend of the Family for online ebook**

### **Ruth says**

Another great read by Lisa Jewell.

This time, circled around one family- of three grown up brothers- all with their problems..and when a someone new soon becomes a family friend who challenges their ways of thinking.

Great characters, loved that each chapter was from another perspective-that nearly always keeps me gripped (which it did)

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### **Heather Skyler says**

I've been on a Lisa Jewell kick and have really enjoyed all of her books. This was well done too and a fun read but not as good as some of her others, such as I Found You which I thought was brilliant. A nice read if you're looking for something lighthearted and engaging.

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### **Elizabeth says**

Rather nice book about a London couple with 3 sons in their 20s and 30s and their lodger who was actually giving the boys more guidance than the parents.

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### **Rachel pearson says**

I have read several Lisa Jewell novels and I find her reading an easy read .

This book is about 3 brothers their parents and a family friend Gervase . It looks in detail at sibling bonds and how each siblings are so different .

I found the part of the novel regarding Ness , Tony and Ned slightly weird and not relatable at all ( sibling dates their Ex and sibling is cool with it ?? )

But an enjoyable read .

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### **Yasmin says**

Anothe lovely read from Lisa Jewell- she can hardly put a foot wrong in my book! All her reads are effortlessly engaging, right from the first page. The characters are very well drawn, so realistic that it's almost like you know them, or someone like them. I really enjoyed this story, an easy read that you can sink into. There's so much warmth to her writing- her books are like chatting with your sister or best friend. Cosy

and real. On to the next!!

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### **Sudeshna Ganguli says**

Slow moving story!! A light read...

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### **Linda says**

Pleasant laid back read, tend to agree with other reviews, easy to pick up and put down book.

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### **Susan says**

**Brothers Tony, Sean, and Ned had the perfect upbringing, but now that they are grown up, real life is starting to get in the way. Tony's dealing with divorce and a weight problem. Novelist Sean is up against a serious case of writer's block and a shock announcement from his "perfect" new girlfriend. Their parents have a new lodger, Gervase—why is Bernie, their mother, so keen to give this unsavory waif a home? And what is the real reason for kid brother Ned's surprise return from his travels in Australia? A Friend of the Family is a hilarious, dead-on-target story from the bestselling author of Thirtynothing and Ralph's Party.**

This didn't measure up to other Jewell books that I've read, rather boring in parts although then I'd come across a scene that was perfect and I'd be absorbed. Unfortunately these were on the sparse side.

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### **Gill Brown says**

This was a feel good book a really lovely story.

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### **Gill says**

Okay so this one took me a while to get through as it was slow in parts. I think a long coach journey helped me get on with this one. There were a few laugh out loud moments but overall the sort of book that doesn't take a lot of concentration.

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### **Sammy Jackson says**

A really fab easy to pick up hard to put down read, a lovely family story with great characters and a great storyline, as usual it's a recommend ?

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### **Sb says**

This book was a fantastic read! It was completely enjoyable from cover to cover. The author does a great job describing the characters, so that you get a good rounded sense of each one and even wish you were a "friend of [their] family." The quote on the back is a "great summer read." I wouldn't necessarily agree with that... It is a great anytime read, but if anything a "great busy person read," because the chapters are short. You can easily read a chapter before bed, standing in line, waiting for the doctor, or on lunch break, thus keeping you interested and feeling like you're actually progressing through the book.

There is nothing spectacular about the story. There aren't any (major) twists or guess who's. It's just a nice, comforting (even with the slight every-day-drama included) story that you like to have there even if it's not mind blowing.

A definite read!

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### **Janie says**

An adult Mary Poppins - so easy to read. Love the way Lisa writes.

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### **Susan Atkin says**

Easy read and enjoyable but not one of her best.

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### **Helena Wildsmith says**

Yet another enjoyable quick read from Lisa Jewell. The story flowed beautifully and the characters felt effortlessly real. Picking up books by this author feels like the equivalent of sitting down after a long hard day - I therefore read them inbetween grittier novels!

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