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Could you survive a week-long holiday with your entire family?

Newly single magazine journalist Chelsea Benson can't think of anything worse.

Your grubby small nephew torpedoing any chance of romance with the dishy guy you met on the plane . . .

Your eighty-five-year-old granddad chatting up ladies at the hotel bar . . .

Getting nothing but sarcastic comments from your older sister, who's always been the family favourite . . .

And all this is *before* your parents drop their bombshell.

Is a week enough time for the Bensons to put their differences aside and have some fun? Or is this their last ever proper family holiday?

Heartwarming and funny, this is the perfect summer read for fans of SOPHIE KINSELLA and LINDSEY KELK. And provides a great excuse for ignoring your annoying family members . . .

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From Reader Review A Proper Family Holiday for online ebook

Lorna Gilder says

A great light read packed with interesting characters I felt for.

Two sisters, who have fallen out, are reunited on a holiday organised by their parents. Family secrets are spilt and it finishes with you wanting to find out more.

Tracy Munro says

A really good family chick lit, great characters and plenty of laughs

Gayle Thomas says

Brilliant- perfect easy read for my holiday

Helen says

Absolutely loved it!

Harriet Quimby says

4.5/5

Jill says

Very enjoyable, funny, poignant, extremely likeable characters. And some extremely unlikeable ones too. Excellent narration. CD version.

Mousie says

It's taken me a while to read this but I've sent an entire night reading and really didn't want the book to end.

Left wanting more!

Jo says

Very much enjoyed. A proper chick lit holiday adventure, light reading and I can't wait to read the rest in the series

Elisabeth Bjone says

Quite funny at times. Perfect by the pool. Easily forgotten.

Lori says

Typical chick lit, but was entertaining and quite addictive.

I love dysfunctional families and that's what this was about, a typical family going on holiday for a week, clashing at all the right parts with a few secrets thrown in.

Just what I was in the mood for, would be a perfect summer read by the pool!

Really, REALLY enjoyed it.

Chelsea was my favourite character by far (I'd kill for her life) but Ronnie is really who I am, maybe that's why it resonated with me. Nearly every family has similar characters and I'm sure after a week in the sun with family that hardly get together, the outcome would be the same.

Should give this a read.

Anas Grey says

A PROPER FAMILY HOLIDAY 🌞??? Rating: 4/5

After going through a phase of girl meets boy, boy meets girl books, I wanted something different. I never read books in 3rd person and initially struggled to adjust, but at some point the story became so engaging, it didn't matter.

The Benson family are dysfunctional yet endearing throughout this entire narrative. Chrissie Manbey is juggling between 8 primary characters in the Benson family itself along with supporting acts like Adam, Lilly, Gloria and Lesley. Despite this huge cast, each and every individual has such a remarkable presence on paper. Their personalities shine through and together they blend to create such heartwarming and hilarious conversations.

I loved the British undertones and commentary - Chelsea says only brits would go to Spain and eat fish and chips, sad but true!

♥? moment: I don't think I can pick a particular moment but rather my favourite aspect of this book is the

relationship between Chelsea and Jack. It was such a beautiful transition from the beginning till end on how they both taught and learned so much from one another. Jack's innocence, warmth and relentless happiness gave Chelsea a much needed perspective in her life. In return she instilled him with the confidence he needs to be his happy assertive self. The cornetto incident was so funny when Chelsea is trying to control him from not punching Lilly! As an uncle (youngest and coolest as I'm reminded often) I could see my own unique bond with the kids on paper. Really heartwarming stuff!

Any changes? A part of me STILL thinks some of this book could've been written in 1st person but I'll have to get over myself haha. If anything, I wish we could've seen Daisy reunite with Jacque and Dave. But I heard there is a sequel! I think I'm going to give myself a break from the Benson family and treat myself to the Christmas sequel as we approach December. Looking very forward to reading more of Manbey's work!

Elvine says

A dysfunctional family go on holiday, would you like to sit at the next table to them, or are you that family?

jane wrigglesworth says

A real feel good book

I started reading this book on Thursday evening and finished it Friday evening. Loved the down to earth characters and their unfolding life stories. Very enjoyable

Hannie says

Dit is echt een boek dat je vrolijk maakt. Vandaar dat ik het vier sterren heb gegeven. In het begin gaan er allemaal dingen mis. Aan de ene kant was dat grappig, omdat de dingen waar Chelsea zich zo druk over maakte eigenlijk niet zo heel belangrijk waren. Aan de andere kant leefde ik met haar mee en hoopte ik dat alles toch goed zou komen. Ook leefde ik mee met haar zus Ronnie, die aan het begin van het boek niet heel gelukkig leek. Hoe het allemaal afloopt, moet je zelf maar ontdekken. Doordat ik echt blij werd van dit boek, wilde ik steeds verder lezen. Daarom is het aan de ene kant wel jammer dat ik dit boek zo snel uit heb. Ik zou dit gevoel graag nog iets langer vasthouden. Gelukkig zijn er nog drie delen in deze serie. Dus ik ga snel aan deel twee beginnen.

Nurdinie Hanum Muhammad Noor says

Well i guess you could notice that i really enjoyed this book consider that i finished it in a day !!

This book is 100% about family bonding and friendship which what i always looking forward to.

You see, to me family is what really matters. No matter how awful you feel towards your family, you are still having the same blood running as them. This book proves that whenever you have an argument with your family members or you guys are not talking for 10 years, things will always make up by on their on. Blood is thicker than water right ?

I cried at some point of the pages. The sisters were so closed in their childhood years but as time pass by they became farther apart. Both are jealous of each others life. I am glad they realised that as sisters they need each other.

Definitely worth my read.
