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Asking For Trouble (London Confidential)



Synopsis

When her family moves to London, 15-year-old Savvy Smith has to make her way in a new school and a new country. She just knows the school newspaper is the right place for her, but she doesn't have the required experience, and the cute editor-in-chief is not looking to train anyone. She has to come up with a way to prove herself and nab the one available position on the newspaper staff at Wexburg Academy. London Confidential is a new series where British fashion, friendships, and guys collide, and where an all-American girl learns to love life and live out her faith.

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Customer Reviews

A nub of doubt rose inside me—the kind that popped up, unwelcome, anytime I tried to rationalize something that wasn't exactly true or right. This time I swallowed it back. I lived in London now. It was time to take matters into my own hands. When her family moves to London, 15-year-old Savvy Smith has to make her way in a new school and in a new country. She just knows the school newspaper is the right place for her, but she doesn't have the required experience. Can she come up with a way to prove herself and nab the one available position on the newspaper staff at Wexburg Academy? LONDON CONFIDENTIAL: Where British fashion, friendships, and guys collide, and where an all-American girl learns to love life and live out her faith.

I love this book probably more than I expected. A teenage American girl has just made the move to England with her family. She's ready to embrace all new experiences and see where God points her in this new country that has fantastic accents and fashion. Her heart (and circumstances) are leading her to the school newspaper, even though there doesn't seem to be a place for her there. What I like? The spiritual content makes for quality, godly fiction for teen girls to be reading. Savannah's faith fits right in to her lifestyle, it's perfect. What a role model she is for the girls reading this series! Savannah truly cares about when her family is going to find the right church to attend, and how each of her family members are transitioning in life; she's figuring out how to best spread good cheer at Christmastime, and she ponders about the type of ministry she'd like to participate in... I was blown away by how focused this girl is in various areas of her life. Plus, she's attempting to start a career in journalism? My, my. What else do I like? Oh my goodness. The British phrases, combined with the good-hearted humor... it makes my heart happy while I read. The British stuff you can pick up from this story is gold. It's clean teen fiction. You'll find no bad language or mature content here. Even tweens could enjoy it. Just a story about an average-but-amazing sophomore high school girl attempting to fit in to year eleven with the students at her new British school.

This book was really interesting. I liked that it had a lot about the Bible and God. Not inappropriate at all which is surprising since the main character is fifteen. You don't find many good books these days when the characters are that old. But this book was very uplifting and good. The main characters make very good choices and are really nice. You will like this book a lot!! My only regret it I didn't read it sooner!! I'd recommend this book to girls around twelve and up :)

The first thought I had after finishing this sweet little read was how good it made me feel. It's so unpretentious and full of sincerity. That's something I rarely find with the characters in self-published books. Anyway, I loved everything about this novel. I especially liked the differences between the American and British way of living, which the main character kept highlighting. It was informative. My heart went out to Savvy and her family for how much they struggled to adapt to English life and how hard it was for her, her sister, and both their parents to make new friends. I also loved the family set-up, and the ending. It was such a perfect fit to the rest of the book. I also felt relieved that the author didn't feel it necessary to add romance to the story for it to have a backbone. It did pretty well without it. If Christian fiction isn't your thing, then give this one a

miss. But if it is, this is definitely worth the read. I finished it in less than a day.

Definitely one of my favourite Kindle reads. 'Asking for Trouble' is well written, a very readable length, and just *fun*. I'm not a teenager, but I still felt like I wanted to hang out with the main character as she tries to make a way for herself in the newspaper world at her new British school. A great must read for anyone who has ever #1, adjusted to living overseas (as a teenager or otherwise), #2 tried to make friends in a new school/city/country, and/or #3 tried to figure out how faith and real life work together. 'Savvy' takes things one day at a time, and deals with annoying dogs, cultural bloopers, and journalistic dilemmas in a positive way. I love how the author introduces bits of British culture and slang without sounding like a tour guide or a snob; it makes me want to visit London again and have fish and chips! Another highlight of the book for me - and another reason to give this book 5+ stars - is that the main character is genuine. 'Savvy' is a normal teenager who loves fashion, has an eye for cute boys, and doesn't always get along with her family, BUT somehow gets through her days without drama. She never whines about not having enough pocket money *right now* for new shoes, cusses out the mean girls at school, or causes a scene with a hot guy. Sure, she gets homesick, gets frustrated, and gets her feelings hurt, but she handles everything as gracefully as she can. In other words, she would never make it onto reality T.V.! If you're looking for a 'chick flick' full of fluff, flirting, and tantrums, this is not a good book for you. If, however, you (or your daughter/niece/cousin) want to enjoy a cool, interesting read about a real girl with a real faith, this is a superb read.

This book takes place in England! That alone made me want to pick up the book. And when I did, I wasn't disappointed. I really did enjoy it. The main character was a 3-D person who I loved. I could relate to Savvy trying to adjust and knew what she was going through when she was sad that her old friends had moved on. In fact, I think almost any girl has gone through what Savvy goes through in this book, though they may not have moved to England. Also, Savvy is a strong Christian girl, but was not a stuck up, 'I'm so much better than anyone else' christian girl. She is very likable, and I was so mad when Hazelle was acting like a complete snob towards her! However, at some parts I was a tiny bit bored. I couldn't really tell you why; I just simply lost interest for about twenty pages, though I quickly regained it. And sometimes, the author would over explain the English words--for example, I already knew what the loo was, and smart as well, and I'm sure many other readers did as well. But, all together, I enjoyed Asking For Trouble. Now, I have to go and find the next London Confidential book!

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