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The Dating Games #2: Blind Date (Volume 2)



Synopsis

Five friends set up blind dates for each other-will their friendships survive the experience?

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Customer Reviews

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•The drama of high school dances and teen friendships take center stage in this second series installment. Abby, Bryn, Cassidy, Devon, and Emma are the founding members of the Dating Game club and have decided to set each other up on blind dates for their school's masquerade dance. Some of the girls have very high expectations for what their surprise dates should be like—and what they should definitely not be like. Will the girls still have fun if the boys involved aren't exactly their dream dates? An inspirational fiction title for teens, this series entry isn't entirely squeaky clean and issue free. While the central plot is tame, the story also covers teen drinking, divorce and parental dating, frenemies, and a brief "did she or didn't she" implied hook up. Although the girls attend a Christian high school, the religious aspects of the narrative are not naturally integrated and feel somewhat forced. With the exception of Devon, the "bad girl" of the group, the characters blend together. Overall, the lack of suspense and indistinguishable protagonists make this a rather forgettable read. Purchase where the author is popular or there is a high demand for Christian fiction.
•Heather Webb, Worthington Libraries, OH

When it comes to being set up on a blind date, true friends can be trusted . . . Or can they? Devon, Emma, Cassidy, Bryn, and Abby are ready for their next Dating Games challenge: setting each

other up on blind dates for the upcoming masquerade ball. But trouble is brewing. Some of the girls are questioning whether their friends can be trusted to deliver on their promises. In fact, there's a very real danger that this dating treat could turn into a nasty trick. Will their club--and their friendships--survive?" Teen readers will be entertained by the drama and excitement . . . A fast read and amusing story that ends with more adventures to come."--RT Book Reviews on *The Dating Games #1: First Date*

Melody Carlson is the award-winning author of more than two hundred books, including the *Life at Kingston High* series, *Double Take*, and *A Simple Song*. She recently received a Romantic Times Career Achievement Award in the inspirational market for her many books, including the *Diary of a Teenage Girl* series and *Finding Alice*. Melody and her husband live in Oregon. Find out more at www.melodycarlson.com.

I love this series so far!!!! I might be a little too old to read this but its so addictive!!!!

My daughter read this book.

I'm finally far enough from my teenaged years that I can't remember all of the antics my friends and I found ourselves caught up in back then. But I trust Melody Carlson to have her finger on the pulse of teen girlhood, and I would have loved to be a part of a club like *The Dating Games*. Just maybe not for this particular story! This time the girls are setting each other up with blind dates for a costume dance at the local high school. They drew names, and no one is supposed to have a clue which girl is fixing up which friend of the five, nor with whom she is being set up with for the big dance. The talk of costumes and characters from literature was fun, but the angst of who would be who's date and if it would destroy friendships...yeah, I don't miss those days at all. But there is strength in numbers, and when you get in with the right group of friends, you can weather just about anything. When those friends love Jesus, your group can become unstoppable. Which is just the kind of friends Devon will need to get her through her "Blind Date". My thanks to my friends at Revell Publishing for my advance copy via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. This is great summer-by-the-pool reading...and don't forget to pick up the first book in the series as well ("*First Date*")!

Ooops, I missed that this book was set in high school when I put in my request. So, my opinion is a little over the hill, lol. It was a fairly fast read, quite an easy story, in fact. I found the characters actually quite layered and interesting. I see that this is a part of a series, but it seemed to stand

alone just fine. Melody Carlson took a simple premise and wove a very well plotted story. I would recommend her to those interested in the genre.

Blind Date is the second book in the Dating Games series. This time, the girls decide to set each other up on blind dates for the masquerade dance. As is expected with teenage girls, there is plenty of drama to go around!! enjoyed this book. It's an easy read, which is refreshing. I don't like this series as much as Carlson's Carter House Girls series, but I'll definitely read each Dating Games book. It's a unique concept--a group of teenage Christian girls figuring out how, who, and when to date. Carlson's writing always keeps me interested and anxious to find out what happens next. She realistically portrays the struggle Christian teens have between standing strong in their faith and getting wrapped up in teenage drama and backstabbing. I recommend Blind Date to girls in their teens to early twenties. If you're looking for something clean to get your daughter or granddaughter to read, this series would be great!

It was cute, but some of the dialogue and situations (especially Christian discussions) verge on extremely cheesy. I also have a problem with Devon being so vilified by all characters and having a repeat plot-line from the last book almost. These are not very good friends--or Christians--if they are always thinking badly of this girl and then being nice to her face. And finally, the hint that those who live fashion and looking nice are not close to God is a bit of a stretch...

I really enjoyed "Blind Date" compared to the first one in The Dating Games series! I felt there was a lot more depth to the girls as well as more fun!The premise of the book was a lot of fun and I liked how each of the girls got ready for the masquerade ball as well as came together (despite if things didn't go how they had wanted at first)! The theme for the masquerade ball as well as getting ready for it made the book that much more entertaining for me, especially since that's what the book was about!Again Melody has a gently woven spiritual message that I really appreciated as well as the importance of friendships and being/having good influences in our lives!!'m looking forward to more of the DG's journey in novel 3!

It was an easy read, but I almost put it down. It was a bit predictable. I believe it was book 2 and am not inclined to read anymore. Sporry this wasn't one for me..

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