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From Publishers Weekly

The usually reliable Wickham (Shopaholic series author Sophie Kinsella's alter ego) falters with this overplotted and heavy-handed smorgasbord of weddings and family shenanigans. Upon meeting wedding photographer Alexander Gilbert, Milly Havill realizes that he had photographed her when she first married 10 years earlier. Since that wedding was done as a favor to help keep Allan Kepinski, the American half of a gay couple, in England, Milly never told anyone about it, including her now-fiancé, Simon Pinnacle. The thought of Alexander revealing her past sends Milly into a panic. But that's just the beginning: Simon is bent on bettering his multimillionaire father in business and in marriage; Milly's bitter father, James, seems to appreciate Milly's independent older sister, Isobel, more than Milly; Isobel gets pregnant and is certain the father would not want a baby; and Rupert, the other half of the couple Milly had helped out, is now a born-again Christian. Unfortunately, the characters' struggles with identity, abortion and homosexuality are filtered through strained prose and too-obvious setups. A lighter touch and a tighter story would have helped. (*June*)

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“A rare breed of beach read that's breezy but doesn't wriggle out of difficult adult choices.” ?*Entertainment Weekly on Sleeping Arrangements*

“Lightness of touch and witty observation make this a perfect holiday read.” ?*Sunday Mirror on Sleeping Arrangements*

“Wickham spins a delightful story... [She] does a bangup job of creating believable characters... Surprises abound as the plot unfolds.” ?*Publishers Weekly on Sleeping Arrangements*

“...sure to please her many fans and gain her new ones.” ?*Booklist on Sleeping Arrangements*

“Wickham has a shrewdly malicious touch with her characters.” ?*The Atlantic Monthly on The Gatecrasher*

“A savage and witty social satire.” ?*Daily Mail (UK) on The Gatecrasher*

“Wickham creates memorable characters who are as unpredictable and multifaceted as they are stylish. Jolly fun.” ?*Publishers Weekly on The Gatecrasher*

“A] witty and deeply biting novel of modern manners and morals.” ?*Library Journal on The Gatecrasher*

“[Wickham is] an observant and engaging storyteller.” ?*Kirkus Reviews on The Gatecrasher*

“Wickham knows her characters well and the story never drags... an enjoyable read.” ?*Booklist on The Gatecrasher*

About the Author

**Madeleine Wickham** is the author of several acclaimed novels, including *A Desirable Residence, Cocktails for Three*, and *Sleeping Arrangements*. As Sophie Kinsella, she has written a number of bestsellers including the Shopaholic series, *Twenties Girl, Remember Me?, The Undomestic Goddess*, and *Can You Keep a Secret? Confessions of a Shopaholic* was made into a major motion picture starring Isla Fisher and Hugh Dancy. Born in London, Wickham studied at New College, Oxford. She lives in London with her husband and family.

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