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After A Fashion (A Class Of Their Own Book #1)



Synopsis

Miss Harriet Peabody dreams of the day she can open up a shop selling refashioned gowns to independent working women like herself. Unfortunately, when an errand for her millinery shop job goes sadly awry due to a difficult customer, she finds herself out of an income. Mr. Oliver Addleshaw is on the verge of his biggest business deal yet when he learns his potential partner prefers to deal with men who are settled down and wed. When Oliver witnesses his ex not-quite-fiance cause the hapless Harriet to lose her job, he tries to make it up to her by enlisting her help in making a good impression on his business partner. Harriet quickly finds her love of fashion can't make her fashionable. She'll never truly fit into Oliver's world, but just as she's ready to call off the fake relationship, fancy dinners, and elegant balls, a threat from her past forces both Oliver and Harriet to discover that love can come in the most surprising packages.

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Customer Reviews

Jen Turano typically delights me with her writing, however this book wraps up way to neatly, it's not

even believable. Plus you don't really feel a strong connection between the two characters and at the end where they are declaring their love, the two friends interjecting is just annoying. I usually can't wait to read the next book by Jen but do not look forward to the other books in this series.

Harriet Peabody works as a hat girl, but she has a dream of refashioning dresses to sell at a reasonable price. But after an incident delivering a hat to a customer, she finds herself without a job. Oliver Addleshaw is a rich businessman from one of the oldest and wealthiest families of the community. He doesn't want to marry, and is tired of the women who chase after him, trying to entrap him into matrimony. So he devises a plan, but he needs Harriet's help. Oliver Addleshaw tries to help Harriet by offering her a job, but he doesn't tell her what that job entails. Harriet is hesitant at first, but eventually accepts. Will Harriet and Oliver find, what they didn't even know they were looking for? This is an absolutely delightful read from beginning to end, and I knew I was in for adventure, that would have me grinning ear-to-ear, and I was right! I loved the full cast of fascinating characters, like Millie, who is trying to improve her vocabulary by reading the dictionary and trying new words, which leads her to say some downright funny things! Harriet is a strong young woman, with a dream and a will not to be dependent on Oliver. She won't cow-tow to his every whim and challenges him at times. She won't be party to her aunt's crazy schemes, and she knows that she wants to help people, not just make money. I loved seeing the change in Oliver, and how having Harriet around made him rethink how he was running his business. Overall, this was a wonderful book from beginning to end, filled with humor and memorable characters who brought a smile to my face. I don't want to give too much away, because some things are best left as wonderful surprises. I loved this delightful read, full of great characters, humor, action, and wit. Highly recommend! Thank you to Ms. Turano for letting me read fabulous her book in exchange for an honest review!

This book is historical fiction at its best. The author makes you feel as if you are right there beside the characters in the 1880s. It was interesting learning about the millinery shop workings, refashioning gowns, the theatre, business ventures, the place of woman and daily lives of the rich, working class and poor. The characters are artfully drawn and well developed. The chemistry between the main characters was undeniable. There were times when I had to laugh out loud at some of their shenanigans. The supporting characters were all colorful and each in their own way adding much flavor to the story. I loved the male main character, Oliver Addleshaw's dog, Buford. He made for a very entertaining read. Harriet Peabody, a millinery shop girl, is sent on an errand to deliver hats to Oliver Addleshaw's home for his supposed fiancée. Harriet never imagined how wrong things

would turnout on this errand. But Oliver feels responsible for her plight. He offers her a solution to his problems and to her newly unemployed status. But will things be as smooth and successful as Oliver thinks??? Mix historical fiction, a real live fairytale, humor, social issue and romance for a good read. Thank you to book fun.org for this Book. My opinion is my own.

After a fashion is a funny and heart warming book. It reminded me of the old classic My Fair Lady with a few twists added. This was my first Jen Turano book and I really liked her writing style. I caught myself laughing out loud and I think this book would make a great movie. The characters were all very likeable. I loved reading how they interacted and learned from each other even though they were from completely different backgrounds. As I was reading, I was sure I knew how the book would end. But lesson learned not to anything for granted and I was in for a big surprise. No spoilers here. Those reading this review will just have to read the book in order to find out any more. It was the perfect summer read- lighthearted, funny, very entertaining. I can't wait to see what happens next in the rest of the series. I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I had the pleasure of meeting the author at a conference last year, and after hearing her describe her book as "just fun," I decided I should look into them. My book club read this one for our first summer read, and I was thrilled to discover it was exactly what I was looking for. Light, fun, funny, and perfect for a weekend read!! I love the rich, colorful backdrop of Gilded Age New York. Some of the scenarios within the book could be described as over-the-top...which is exactly what made them hilarious and delightful. Down-on-her-luck hat girl Harriet and oblivious-to-the-world Oliver were a pair sure to create some friction as their world-views clashed, but I loved how they pulled out each other's best. And the cast of secondary characters were lively and animated and promise a series that will deliver fun around every bend. This was my first Jen Turano novel, but it won't be my last!

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