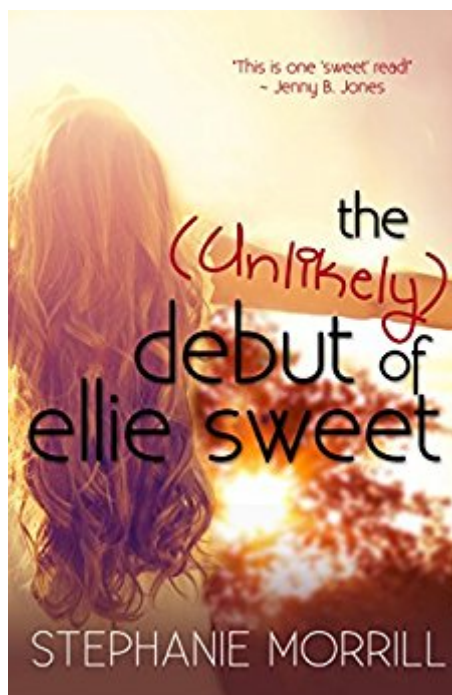


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The Unlikely Debut Of Ellie Sweet



Synopsis

Book 2 in the Ellie Sweet series. For once, Ellie Sweet has it all together. Her hair now curls instead of fuzzes, she's tamed the former bad-boy, Chase Cervantes (she has, right?), and her debut novel will hit shelves in less than a year. Even her ex-friends are leaving her alone. Well, except for Palmer Davis, but it can't be helped that he works at her grandmother's nursing home. Life should feel perfect. And yet, it's not that easy. Ellie's editor loves her, but the rest of the publishing biz? Not so much. And they're not shy about sharing their distrust over Ellie's unlikely debut. Ellie has always been able to escape reality in the pages of her novel, but with the stress of major edits and rocky relationships, her words dry up. In fiction, everything always comes together, but in real life, it seems to Ellie that hard work isn't always enough, the people you love can't always be trusted, and the dream-come-true of publishing her book could be the biggest mistake she's made yet.

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Customer Reviews

Loved the first one. But the second one even topped it.... I found Stephanie from the tee writing site go teen writers I am far from the teen stage, but will never grow up. Reading about a writer is one of my favorite themes. I remember those years with tears and fears. Ms Morrill did a fantastic job of capturing those times.. I find myself wanting the series to continue, could Ellie have a third one in the works? Write On, Diana

Her debut novel close to being published and a great guy unmistakably liking her, Ellie Sweet should be happy. Doesn't she have it all? But strained friendships, a complex relationship with her boyfriend, and the stresses of editing grip Ellie with uncertainty and fear. Will anyone like her book? Will she ever regain lost friendships? And will Chase follow through with his hints at forever?"The Unlikely Debut of Ellie Sweet" is an amazingly captivating story with writing that will make you hunger for more. However, I miss Ellie's sarcasm from the first book. I am also disappointed about how the book lacks spiritual nourishment. It mentions church and prayer only a couple times throughout the story and not as something essentially real and moving. Ellie learns about humility, relationships, and forgiveness in this hard-to-put-down novel. This is the sequel to "The Revised Life of Ellie Sweet." Another book of Stephanie Morrill's is her novella "Throwing Stones," which is free on her website. She also has a captivating trilogy: "Me, Just Different;" "Out with the In Crowd;" and "So Over It."

There's just something about this series that really works for me - and I think it's Ellie Sweet. The continuation of the main plot (teenage girl writes a book, signs with a publisher, and has to work out the details) is a decent background - but what really steals the show here is the main character and how we follow her life. I'm very impressed with how most of the plot lines speak directly to some very real-life situations that teens can (and do) face. And frankly, there's a lot in here that adults can appreciate as well. There's confusion, disappointment, betrayal, and stress - complemented by growth and a fairly realistic amount of redemption. There's a subplot or two that stick out a little - but the book doesn't suffer much for it. Ellie Sweet is a read that reminds you that life is not and will not be perfect - but that we can become perfected through it. I enjoyed this read immensely.

I enjoyed this book as much as the first one, despite being heartbroken after reading about the mistakes one of my favorite characters made, which caused him to lose the girl he loves. Despite this, however, I loved the way the author made the story flow naturally and realistically, even when it

went where I didn't want it to. In this sequel we see Ellie maturing even more than the first book, learning to forgive the people who hurt her and overcoming several obstacles, not the least of which is the betrayal of a person very close to her, which took her a long time to recover from. I admit, that part of the story made me feel almost as bad as she did, which is proof of how good the author is. I really identified with Ellie and everything she went through, and cheered for her at each of her accomplishments and her growth as a person. Ellie's love life is even more complicated than before, as the person she trusts the most suddenly lets her down, and it's up to somebody who hurt her previously to emotionally support her through the heartbreak. I have to say I loved the two boys in her life even more than I did before, although I was sad my favorite character didn't get to have the girl this time. It was very disappointing to see how badly he screwed up, because you know that deep inside he truly loves Ellie, even after breaking her heart due to his immaturity. I just hope someday he cleans up his act and becomes the great guy he could be if he wanted. The ending of this book is satisfying, although I keep hoping the author writes another book (or at least a short story) about Ellie, Chase and Palmer's lives after high school. I have great expectations for the three of them and would love to see them succeeding in their personal lives. Don't miss this book!

Do you have those books that you just love and know you'll read again, forever? Well I do, and Stephanie Morrill's *Ellie Sweet* sequel is going on my Read Again shelf with all the other awesome books that spoke to me on a deeper level. Just because success has come to *Ellie Sweet*, doesn't mean her life is any easier. She's still flawed and relatable, and the haters are piling up against her in both her school and writing life. This time she's learning to be humble enough to admit her mistakes, even overcome them. It just makes her feel that much more genuine, like she'd be one of my friends. This book is so real in its coming-of-age glory that it's hard not to picture yourself as *Ellie Sweet* on some level. Even in her writing success there are pitfalls, some people love her book and some people can't handle that she's getting published as a teenager. Life gets even more complicated when her relationships turn rocky. This is where the author really shines. Boys and friends are still tricky subjects for Ellie, but not everything is wrapped up in a nice little bow. The messy parts of teenage life are left messy, giving a whole new meaning to our own personal struggles. Life is hard--but it still moves forward and there's still joy in it. Bottom line: *The Unlikely Debut* of *Ellie Sweet* is just that, an unlikely portrait of coming-of-age teenage life, mixed with genuine perspectives on building a dream career, dealing with family, and fixing rough relationships. A great, fun read that makes you think. I seriously can't wait to see what Stephanie writes next!

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