City Love

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The summer before their freshman year of college, Sadie, Darcy, and Rosanna move together to New York City to experience their first taste of adulthood. Sadie is a native New Yorker looking to find her soul mate just around the corner. She meets a terrific guy named Austin who just might be the soul mate she is looking for, as long as he is the person he is claiming to be. Darcy is from California and wants just another adventure with no serious relationships. Rosanna, from Chicago, wants to reinvent herself, but is finding it hard with limited finances and wondering how she is going to make it in such an expensive city. She meets a guy who can show her the glamorous side of New York if she is able to let them. Together these roommates experience adulthood and love at the start of what they hope will be the best summer of their lives.

As the first book in a trilogy, readers should know that without the other books the ending will be disappointing and confusing. It does not wrap things up into a tidy end, but just stops and waits for the other books to come after it, if the readers are not so disappointed by the lack of a story arc in this one to be able to continue. The books would likely have been better in three separate books to make sure that each had a real conclusion. The girls, however, are dynamic and interesting. The girls are very different, but sometimes it can be tricky to keep track of which girl is telling their story. There is also a lot of “telling” instead of showing and being able to truly feel the character's emotions as they experience the world of New York for the first time as adults. It also has “instalove” with all three of the main characters are their relationships. Although the book has an interesting concept and fun characters, its shortcomings may make it difficult for many to enjoy the good of what it has to offer.

*Contains language and mild sexual content.*