

Scot on the Rocks: How I Survived My Ex-Boyfriend's Wedding With My Dignity Ever-So-Slightly Intact

by Brenda Janowitz



About the Book

Attending your ex-boyfriend's wedding should be against the law.

When her ex-boyfriend, Trip, gets engaged to Hollywood's latest It Girl, Manhattan attorney Brooke Miller plans to attend the wedding. Who says a modern girl can't stay friends with her ex? Besides, Brooke's got her sexy Scottish fiancé, Douglas, to take as her date. Okay, so maybe he's not exactly her fiancé, but they're living together in his apartment, so she'll be getting the ring any minute, right?

Wrong.

When a fight leaves her without a boyfriend (much less a fiancé) just days before the wedding, Brooke faces the ultimate humiliation of attending her ex-boyfriend's nuptials alone. Desperate to find a replacement to fill Douglas's kilt, Brooke concocts an outrageous plan to survive the wedding and win the man of her dreams, all with her dignity ever-so-slightly intact.

Discussion Guide

1. How would you feel if your ex-boyfriend was getting married before you were? How would you feel if your ex was marrying a fabulously famous Hollywood actress? Would you ever attend an ex-boyfriend's wedding? Have you ever searched for an ex-boyfriend online or checked an ex's wedding registry?
2. What is it about Douglas that Brooke loves so much? Why can't she let him go? Have you ever been with someone

you simply could not get over?

3. Brooke thinks that Trip's family is amazing and Kennedy-esque, even though they're racist and wouldn't help Trip find a job after law school --- it was Brooke's family that did that. Why does Brooke think they are so great, and at what point does she begin to see things --- and the people in her life --- for what they really are?

4. How do Brooke's and Vanessa's relationships mirror each other? How do Brooke and Vanessa mirror each other? In relationships with friends, do you tend to be close with people who are most like you or most unlike you? What about in your romantic relationships?

5. Brooke and Jack initially do not get together because they work at the same law firm. Have you ever dated someone at work? Would you ever date someone you work with, even if your company had strict rules against dating co-workers?

6. Nina, a girl Brooke was unkind to in high school, tries to sabotage her. Do you believe in karma and that the bad things you do in life come back to haunt you?

7. Jack dons a kilt for Brooke's ex-boyfriend's wedding. What's the craziest thing someone has done for you out of love? What's the craziest thing you would do for love?

8. Why do you think Brooke cuts off her hair in the end? What does this symbolize? Have you ever gone through a physical change that revealed how you were feeling on the inside?

9. Do you think that Brooke and Jack ultimately stay together? Why or why not?

10. The novel is told from Brooke's perspective. How do you think it would be different if it were told from Jack's?

Author Bio

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Critical Praise

"[a] laugh-out-loud debut novel."

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