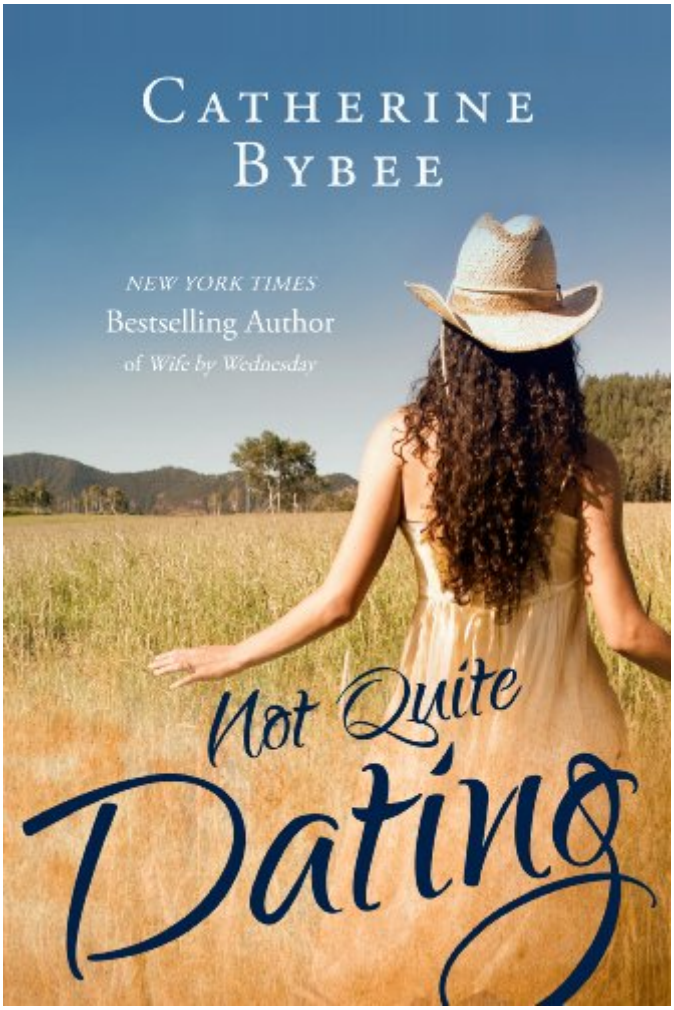
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Not Quite Dating (Not Quite Series Book 1)



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Synopsis

From New York Times, USA Today, and WSJ bestselling author Catherine Bybee comes the first novel in the delicious Not Quite series. Waitress and single mom Jessica Ã¢â ¬Å“JessieÃ¢â ¬Â• Mann is practical to a fault. Even if she had time to date, which she doesnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t, sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢d be determined to provide her son with a more secure upbringing than the one she hadÃ¢â ¬â •and that would mean a husband with big bucks. When Jack MorrisonÃ¢â ¬â •a sexy-as-sin, seemingly broke customer with a cowboy hat and a seductive grinÃ¢â ¬â •tries to flirt with her, she shoots him down. She doubts a carefree dreamer like Jack can provide the financial stability she needs. Yet with Christmas just weeks away, and Jessie not wanting to spend it alone, the charming Texan is proving hard to resist.As the heir to the Morrison luxury hotel empire, Jack is used to being fawned over. But Jack needs someone who will fall in love with himÃ¢â ¬â •not his wealth. HeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s set his sights on Jessie, though her hardened heart just might get in the wayÃ¢â ¬Â¦To be sure, he conceals his true identity and offers to help Jessie find the rich husband she seeks. But JackÃ¢â ¬â„¢s daring charade may rob him of the holiday wish he wants most of allÃ¢â ¬Â¦

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Customer Reviews

I first read the reviews, but then I bought the book anyway because I'd already read #5 in the series (by mistake, but oh well) and I like Bybee's writing and story and character development. I read this book and loved it so much, I started at the beginning and read it all over again! With the same feelings I had before. I think I'm in love with Jack!!! Yeah, he lied to Jessie but he had lots of reasons to. When an author puts together a story, it has to have logic behind the psychology of the characters' makeup. Bybee's characters make perfect sense to me. I read romance for the HEAs, honestly. Life is hard enough because there are very few HEAs in anyone's life, and many times there are none. So I buy romance novels, I attempt writing them (I have 2 complete drafts and still working on them, learning from good romance authors still), and I've never had so much fun in my life. Catherine Bybee is my newest on my list of favorite romance authors - Kristen Ashley, Toni Anderson, Tamra Baumann, Julia Gabriel. They have all lightened my life and I am 100% grateful to all of them.

I've read the Weekday Brides series from this authors and have enjoyed this book. I held off from buying this book for a while but decided to give it a chance. I'm not too sure how I feel about the characters after reading this book.Jessie is a single mom of a 5 year old who is struggling to make ends meet and pay her bills on time. Her relationship with her parents have helped to influence her dating decisions and she's looking for someone who can take care of her financially. Jack is a billionaire who is looking for a woman that is interested in him and not his money. Most of the women he's dating were only interested in what his billions and he wants someone who's down to earth.After meeting Jessie at her place of work, Denny's, he pretends to be a waiter at the hotel that he really works in. Jessie struggles throughout the book with her feelings for Jack. She likes him but doesn't like that he's poor. She doesn't see a future with him because he doesn't have anything to offer her but "dreams" and she feels that he's going to leave her sooner or later. Jack knows exactly what he wants and that is Jessie.Here's the reason why the book only got 3 stars--- I don't think that Jessie grows as a character. She doesn't want to be with Jack because he's not rich. She sleeps with him, states in her head that she loves him, but pushes him away to protect herself and him. She then decides to be with him but hours later find out he's rich and she thinks he's playing her. I just didn't see any character development in her at all. She wanted a rich husband throughout the whole book and her opinions didn't change much. I didn't feel that she grew as a character when she left Jack. I wish the author showed her growth more.

I became a fan of Catherine's books with her Weekday Brides series (of which I am impatiently

awaiting the next installment). Not Quite Dating is the first of her Not Quite series and is an excellent beginning. I really enjoyed this book and will no doubt be re-reading it sometime very soon. Jack and Jessie had a beautiful love story. I always love it when one character for one reason or another thinks "We'll be just friends" of someone they're wildly attracted to. It makes me giggle since you know there's no way that's going to happen. Jack Morrison the millionaire heir to the Morrison hotel chain is tired of women looking only at his net worth and decides to woo single mom Jessie without disclosing his vast wealth. Jessie is looking for stability for herself and her young son and as much as she is attracted to Jack she is afraid of falling for a dreamer and being either resented or left when he gets tired of being tied down. This book has some of the typical ups and downs of the secret millionaire storyline but it isn't predictable. I loved Jack and Jessie and I really enjoyed getting to know the secondary characters as well and look forward to seeing them again in the next book, Not Quite Mine. Gotta go, time to re-read this one. :-)

This is a really solid book that's worth the read. The story-line is a bit unique but is a take on the "How To Marry A Millionaire" movies with Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable and Lauren Becall. It's intriguing and definitely keeps you reading. The challenges that both characters face does have you rooting for them in the end.

I really love the author and how well she writes. The story never bogs down send the editing is great. The characters are real and lovable. Although finding a billionaire in a Denny's is a little far fetched, it worked for this story. Sex scene too much and way too detailed. A sexy kiss and closing the bedroom door leaving all else to the imagination would have made the book a 5.

Loved the storyline from the very first page, it was exceptional.The characters were exceptionally well-written with lots of love, romance and great dialogue. I enjoyed how the author developed this story and all of the characters.Definitely a five star rating.

The author held my interest all the way thru. Sometimes people don't really know what they want. When they get what they thought they wanted, they realized that wasn't what they wanted. We are all guilty of fantasizing and not recognising what is in front of us.

Loved your storyline. The depiction of the characters and their feelings were very strong and believable. Danny was totally awesome. Lies are never good small or large. Thankfully all turned out

tremendously full of Love and happiness.

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