

# Chick Lit

## What's it all about...

This is a fiction genre that speaks to issues of modern womanhood through a lighthearted lens. Chick Lit is not a subcategory of Romance: the heroine's relationships with her family and friends is often just as important as her romantic relationships. Settings are contemporary and urban, with attention to details about fashion and *au courant* locales.

The term gained traction in the 1990s after being coined by the *New Yorker* to describe the self-conscious femininity of female reporters in New York. The publishing industry then adopted it.

Titles can be recognized by their bright and colorful covers, often with a cartoonish and pop-art sensibility

## The classic works:

- *Sex and the City* (1996) by Candace Bushnell
- *The Girls' Guide to Hunting and Fishing* (1998) by Melissa Bank
- *Bridget Jones' Diary* (1999) by Helen Fielding
- *The Devil Wears Prada* (2003) by Lauren Weisberger

## Resources to find the best in Chick Lit:

- **Novelist:** search for Chick Lit and click on "Lists and Articles"
- **Chicklitbooks.com:** regularly updated blog with reviews
- **Chicklitclub.com:** regularly updated blog with news and reviews

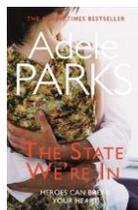
## Your list of recent titles:

- *Wedding Night* (2013) by Sophie Kinsella



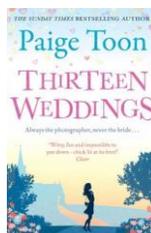
It's all gone wrong with the man Lottie thought was Mr Right. Then out of the blue she gets a call from her first love. She decides it must be Fate, and rushes off to marry him and rekindle their sizzling romance.

- *The State We're In* (2013) by Adele Parks



What are the odds that the stranger sitting next to you on a plane is destined to change your life? Especially when they appear to be your complete opposite in every way.

- *Thirteen Weddings* (2014) by Paige Toon



Bronte meets newly single Alex at a wedding in England. After a night of passion they parted, and Bronte returned to home in Sydney. Now working for a magazine in London, Bronte is about to meet her new colleague, who turns out to be all too familiar.

- *The Memory Book* (2014) by Rowan Coleman



The name of your first-born; the face of your lover; your age... What would happen if your memory of these began to fade? Is it possible to rebuild a life? Raise a family? Fall in love again?

- *The One and Only* (2014) by Emily Griffin



Thoughtful, funny, and brilliantly observed, *The One & Only* is a novel about finding your passion and most of all, believing in something bigger than yourself . . . the one thing that truly makes life worth living.

# Enjoy!