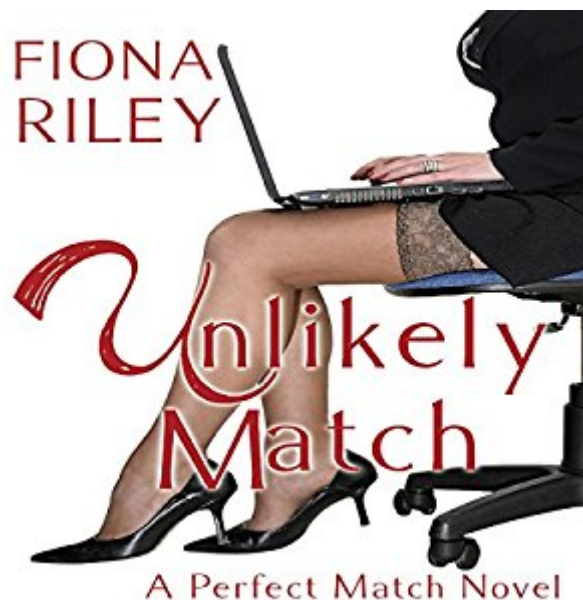




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Unlikely Match



Synopsis

Shelly White is a coding genius who has mastered the IT world but hasn't quite mastered dating. While she searches for Ms. Right with the help of Samantha Monteiro's matchmaking agency, Shelly embraces her inner nerd, and when one of her newest ideas turns into a creative goldmine, she hires PR exec Claire Moseley to help her professional dreams become reality. But is Claire the girl of her dreams in more ways than one? Being raised by four brothers has made Claire tenacious. Her assignment to Shelly's high-profile project focuses her desire to prove her worth, even though she secretly fears she's out of her depth. And she absolutely, positively isn't going to let her growing attraction to Shelly White derail her career. When passions and ambitions overlap, Shelly and Claire must decide whether mixing business and pleasure can result in a perfect match.

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Customer Reviews

God there were moments when I screamed out loud laughing. Other moments I had tears in my eyes and others where I was like damn. It's so good and I get to see the continuation of characters from the first book. I hope there's another in the series so I can see more..

Great read! I loved these characters. I am looking forward to reading more from this author. There is nothing better as a reader then finding a writer you will be able to go back to again and again for equality stories, characters, writing.

Didn't want the story to end

Although this book is the sequel to Ms. Riley's debut novel, "Miss Match", one could read this book as a standalone. It is a very cute romance which is fast paced. The main characters from book one in the series are Samantha, who owns a match making company, and Lucinda, a business executive during day and a dance instructor in the evenings. In the first book, we are also introduced to Shelly, a highly successful computer geek who owns her own business. Shelly is seeking out the services of Samantha to find the perfect match. In this sequel, Samantha and Lucinda are planning their wedding and Shelly is still dating. Shelly meets Claire and there is an instant attraction. All the characters are well developed and enjoyable. Ms. Riley has presented a very well thought out storyline. As a result, Ms. Riley should be able to write several more books to the series. I recommend this book. The plot is believable and has just enough angst to hold the reader's attention. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars. I was given this ARC in return for a fair and honest review.

I have been patiently waiting for this book to be released. I loved the first one but after reading this one, I think I love this one more. Shelly and Claire were very likable and they made sense together. Nothing was too dramatic or over the top about the romance or the "fall out," which made me like it more...it felt kinda real. I also am a fan of series books that have previous characters like Lucinda and Samantha but they are not main characters. Those two probably took up 25% of the book and 75% of that involved the two main characters. I cannot wait for the next one.

Regardless of the fact that the lesbian romance genre has become more and more crowded, Unlikely Match rises above the din. Clare and Shelly make their debut in Miss Match (book 1) but their story had to wait to be lovingly fleshed out here in the sequel. While I still recommend going back and reading Miss Match so that you don't miss out this author's delectable writing, I'm also impressed that she has made this sequel seamlessly its own stand alone with Lucinda and Samantha contributing as friends and colleagues. Speaking of which, Samantha has put her prowess at match-making to work by deviously getting Clare's and Shelly's paths to intersect and she's just certain that they have potential. It's all up to them after that little push together. It's a classic story of two falling in love then freaking out, but their intensity together is undeniable and the characters so likable you can't help but root them on for their own happy ending. It was enjoyable spending time in their world while laughing, crying, and worrying about them. I received a copy from

NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

This is the second book in the series by Riley. The first is *Miss Match* which was published last year. I thought this book was charming, friendly and fun. The second book has many of the same characters, and is better read after the first. In the first book, Samantha runs a dating agency. She was trying to find a partner for her geeky, awkward genius of a client, Shelly. Part of this is about re-socialising Shelly, which included dancing lessons from Lucinda, who runs a PR company and teaches dance in her spare time. In this book, Samantha realizes that Claire, a PR specialist working for Lucinda, might be a perfect match for Shelly. But how to get them in the same room, when Claire thinks that dating agencies are a waste of time? Even presuming they're going to get on, it will become complicated if Claire picks up Shelly as a client. Riley has a light touch with her characters. The main characters in this book, Shelly and Claire, are well written and there is a lovely sense of them both, even though they are quite distinct. What Riley does so well is create characters who are very likeable, and I could easily see how they would like each other's company. There was a patch of conflict between the main characters, and I thought the resolution of this was a bit quick and a bit shallow. It was the only wrong note in the development of the relationship though. I liked how the characters gradually got to know one another, and depend on one another. It was fun to be in their company, and it was a lovely, light book to read. Enjoy. Advanced reading copy provided by NetGalley for an honest review.

This was a really great follow up *Miss Match*. Now I want the next one to be about finding Sasha the love of her life. I am sure Samantha would be up to the challenge to find her a perfect match. Now back to *Unlikely Match*... The relationship with Shelly and Claire was fun to watch and be a part of. I really wanted the pendant to be found or replicated and given as a gift, maybe that can still happen and maybe fences can be mended with past heartache and scars. Now they both have each other to ensure that healing takes place. I really enjoyed getting to know these characters and those closest to them. Claire's brothers were really a nice balance of supporting characters and I loved how quickly they embraced Shelly in the competitive nature of all things Mario Kart and the other video games they played. Hedy Lemeow... priceless. The vulnerabilities of each character and their strengths were a nice compliment to each other. I found myself rooting for them from the very beginning. Nice job once again to Ms Riley, I look forward to your next one for sure. Be well and thank you again for sharing such genuine and believable characters with your readers.

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