

## Love Buzz

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### Introduction

**In this spectacularly enjoyable and serendipitous adventure, a chance romantic encounter during a wild night at a Mardi Gras bachelorette party sends strait-laced Serena Khan's carefully constructed life into chaos.**

A wretched maid of honor. A hangover from hell. Raucous Mardi Gras crowds. There isn't much Serena Khan is enjoying about this four-day New Orleans destination bachelorette party for her semi-estranged cousin, the bride-to-be.

UNTIL sparks fly with a handsome stranger, who—like her—is also from Seattle, at the ladies' last stop of the evening, a Bourbon Street bar. After their conversation is cut short, Serena is overwhelmed by the desire to find the charming man with the brooding eyebrows, but her list of clues is pretty short:

*His name is Julian*

*He lives on Chamber Hill*

*He works at a tech company*

*He loves Lil Wayne and Nirvana*

The need to find him is, for Serena, both irresistible and totally irrational. In a few short weeks, her college alumni magazine is featuring her in a "Life at Thirty" feature, cementing her as a success story. She will have officially achieved the safe, stable life her late mother insisted upon. Julian is not part of the plan.

As she combs Seattle for her New Orleans flame, stripping away the perfectly curated life that would have made her mother proud, Serena must decide if the pursuit of real passion is worth it, and fast, before she destroys the life she always thought she wanted.

In a sharply funny, thoughtful, and romantic debut combining the wistfulness of Rebecca Serle with the witty sizzle of Emily Henry, Neely Tubati Alexander prompts us all to ask if the life we're living is a life worth loving.



### Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever had that punch to the gut, love at first sight type of feeling? Do you believe in love at first sight?

2. Serena often wonders if her attempts to find Julian are absurd. How far would you go to find someone you had an instant connection with?
3. Serena feels the weight of her mother's expectations as she navigates the life she wants versus the life she's supposed to have. What parental pressures or expectations have you felt in your life? How have those expectations influenced your path?
4. Serena has stayed with Danny because she values his steadiness and stability. What attributes do you value most in a partner?
5. Clarence and Terrance meet in dramatic fashion. What is the most sensational way you could imagine meeting a romantic interest?
6. As best friends, Serena and Clarence hold a lot of silly dirt over one another's heads. Do you and your best friend threaten to reveal each other's embarrassing stories from the past?
7. Serena goes on several disappointing Dater Baiter dates. What is the worst date you've ever been on?
8. What do you think Serena's life will look like in another year? In five years?