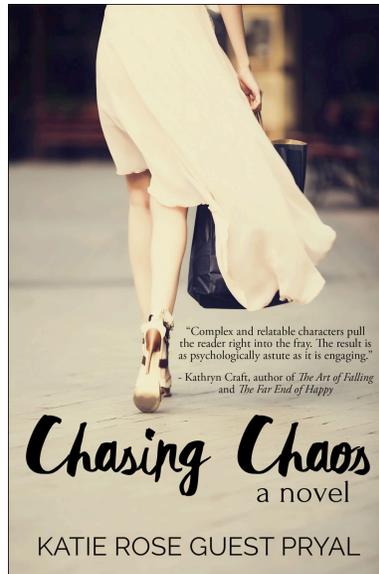


"Chasing Chaos" by Katie Rose Guest Pryal



Love, friendship and betrayal in glamorous, yet often vicious, Hollywood.

Daphne Saito, a beautiful and talented Hollywood screenwriter, might look like she has the perfect life, but on the inside she's lost. She's wandered from one meaningless relationship to the next, and now—just as she breaks up with her longtime boyfriend Dan—she meets someone new, someone she could fall in love with. But Daphne, still traumatized by an accident involving her best friend, Greta, five years earlier, is afraid to love. Harm has always come to those close to her. Over five life-changing days, Daphne lets her guard down and steps toward this new love. But trouble is never far behind. Dan, angry at Daphne's departure, has targeted an innocent young woman, someone close to Daphne's new love, as part of a plan for revenge. And an enigmatic woman from Daphne's past returns with a vendetta of her own. Danger is on the horizon for all of Daphne's friends—and for her.

Tana French meets Donna Tartt in this tense, evocative love story. And fans of Lisa Scottoline's *Betrayed* will enjoy the strong female protagonists found in Pryal's novel.

Where can I get a copy?

Available now for pre-order through Amazon (Search for “Chasing Chaos”)

Due for release on June 6, 2016.

My Review: **1/2**

Daphne Saito has been blessed with good looks and writing talent, but these gifts do little to negate the impact of her unhappy childhood. Daphne is a young woman who has difficulty forming relationships (both friend and romantic attachments) and goes out of her way to avoid confronting the realities of her life, preferring instead to engage in self-destructive behaviours. Daphne is insecure and self absorbed, believing

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that all of the negative events in hers and her friend's lives are somehow the result of her actions.

When her best friend announces that she is to marry her long-term partner, Daphne goes out of her way to create a wonderful day for the couple. But all of her chickens come home to roost, when her ex-boyfriend decides to cause trouble, a friend she wronged years ago comes on to the scene, and her recent on-night stand shows up at the wedding. Will Daphne be able to confront her demons and allow herself the opportunity to find true love?

I am not usually one for "Chick Lit" books, but I really enjoy Katie Rose Guest Pryal's style of writing. The characters are easy to relate to and I am pretty certain that everyone has or has had a friend like Daphne. The book makes for a great read and would be a wonderful addition to any holiday reading library.

A quick interview with the author:

What was your inspiration to write Chasing Chaos?

I wasn't sure I was going to write a series set in the world of Entanglement back when I was writing Entanglement. But once the book was out, after every book event and when I met people who read the book, everyone seemed to ask, "What happens to Daphne?" And they were right. She deserved her own story.

This seems like it might be more of a love story than Entanglement. Is this a romance?

In Entanglement, the two main characters, Greta and Daphne, were just out of college and learning to explore the world beyond their friendship. At the beginning of Chasing Chaos, they're both late twenty somethings, and Greta is about to get married. Their friendship has matured. Daphne, though, struggles to believe she is worthy of love. Sure, there is a love story, but this book is about a woman who has to learn to love herself first.

Should I read Entanglement first?

Because Chasing Chaos is set five years after the end of Entanglement, it very much stands alone as a story. And you can read Chasing Chaos first without spoiling Entanglement.

What do you enjoy reading?

I will read any book except ones where the female characters are afterthoughts or non-existent. I love historical romance, urban fantasies, Booker Prize winners, SF (especially by women, and I wish there were more), Tana French (she's her own category), P.D. James (so is she), and of course that great big category called Women's Fiction.

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About the Author: Katie Rose Guest Pryal



Katie is a novelist, freelance journalist, and lawyer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She is the author of the Entanglement Series, which includes “Entanglement”, “Love and Entropy” and “Chasing Chaos”, all from Velvet Morning Press.

As a journalist, Katie contributes to QUARTZ, THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION, THE TOAST, DAME MAGAZINE and other national venues, including THE HUFFINGTON POST, where she writes a monthly column on writing. She earned her master’s degree in creative writing from the Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins, where she attended on a fellowship.

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