Not Quite Dating (Not Quite Series Book 1)
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 Mann is practical to a fault. Even if she had time to date, which she doesn’t, she’d be determined to provide her son with a more secure upbringing than the one she had and that would mean a husband with big bucks. When Jack Morrison, a sexy-as-sin, seemingly broke customer with a cowboy hat and a seductive grin 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 him—not his wealth. He set his sights on Jessie, though her hardened heart just might get in the way. To be sure, he conceals his true identity and offers to help Jessie find the rich husband she seeks. But Jack’s daring charade may rob him of the holiday wish he wants most of all.

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Customer Reviews

The blurb which describes this book is rather promising. Jessie is a single mom struggling to make
ends meet while Jack is a billionaire who is looking for a woman who is interested in him rather than his pocketbook. As the story begins, Jack is dealing with an ex-girlfriend who wants him back because she misses his money, but he has come to a realization that he doesn't want to be with another fake woman; he wants someone who is down-to-earth and honest. Great start, right? Unfortunately, when Jack first meets Jessie, he decides she's THE ONE before he knows a single thing about her other than the fact that she's a waitress at Denny's. There's nothing to indicate an immediate soul-deep connection or an overwhelming physical attraction between the two; he simply sees her as a normal girl working as a waitress, and he decides that he's going to make her fall in love with him. Don't get me wrong, everything from the narration and the conversation between the two indicates that Jessie is a nice, attractive girl, but I just didn't see why Jack would decide that she was worth all the time and effort he went to to get to know her after she did nothing but serve him and his friends after they stopped into Denny's one night. If I could have bought an instant attraction, I could probably have gotten over some of the other roll-my-eyes moments in the book, but I couldn't. There are too many things that happen that fall just shy of being utterly ridiculous. For example, Jack wants to keep his wealth a secret, so what does he do to help Jessie out? He sets up an elaborate party at one of the hotels his family owns, pretends to borrow a dress and shoes from the lost and found at the hotel (which both just happen to be Jessie's exact size), he "calls in a favor" to have her car repaired...

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