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## Savage News Report

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Thanks to Harlequin MIRA US and Canada and NetGalley for an advanced copy of this book to read. All opinions are my own and are in no way biased ...more

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A really fun, sassy wild ride! ...more

Journalist Natalie Savage has dedicated her career to sharing relevant news and information. When she is coerced to enter a workplace competition for a top slot on air, Natalie must decide if she is willing to compromise her journalist integrity for a pay off down the road.

Witty and timely, Yellin's debut novel gives readers an all access pass to the world of news coverage, where people decide what does and does not get covered on a daily basis.

## Savage News Anchor

3.5 Candidly, I was predisposed to like this book just because I love the reporting Jessica Yellin shares on Insta. It was a fun, quick read. Smarter than average "chick lit."

Actual rating 2.5. I received a free copy of this book through a Goodreads Giveaway.

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Plot- and writing- wise, I think the book could still use some work. I realize that this was an advanced reader's copy, and there's a certain amount of typos/repeated words/partial edits to be expected with that. But some of the plot gets a little jack-rabbit at times, zipping from one thing to the next, and the writing could be smoothed and tightened up. I'm assuming these are things that will be polished up before final publishing, though.

My biggest frustration was with Natalie, the protagonist. Natalie feels like a paper doll; she's more or less carried along on the breeze of the story and the whims of the other characters around her. Occasionally she'll pipe up with a thought, concern, or supposedly deep-seated belief...which she promptly allows to be bulldozed at the slightest pressure from those around her. All in all, it felt like the flattest element of the story was the protagonist, which unfortunately made all the other elements of the story more shaky.

All in all, I enjoyed this for the satire and the commentary on society and the industry it shows. The main components that make me really enjoy a story, though - the characters, the plot, etc. - just weren't as fleshed out as I would have liked. ...more

## Savage News Book Review

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I often wonder how and why more news reporters don't "lose it" and say what they really think - reading this book, Natalie, I am amazed that you could keep it together. (I could NOT keep my mouth shut about current political events and ... ummmm ... leaders, that is for sure!) I am not sure how representative it is about the news game, but it was certainly an entertaining read. It was well thought out and written and it was an enjoyable way to ignore a raging blizzard that left me housebound.

As always, I try to find a reason to not rate with stars as I love emojis (outside of their incessant use on Instagram and Twitter) so let's give it some newsreels: 🗞️📺🗞️📺🗞️📺🗞️📺🗞️📺 ...more

## Savage Newsletter

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Toward the end of the story, Natalie did manage to pull her wits about her and come out a stronger woman and stronger reporter with an actual idea of what her moral compass was made of, but there were a few things that just left me unhinged. For example, did Natalie EVER feel any sort of remorse for being the reason why an innocent man's hand was shot just for the sake of a juicy story that didn't even turn out to be a real lead? It didn't even seem to phase her. She just continued to wail in misery about her own misfortunes and rue the people who mislead her. Nevermind some innocent man was recuperating in the hospital from a gunshot wound to the hand. I mean, even when she began to redeem herself at the end, that never came back into question. The only person who apologized for that debacle was the First Lady, Anita Crusoe- and she wasn't even the one pushing for the camera shot.

I know I shouldn't be hung up on one thing (namely, the main character's personality) and have that be my determinant for this book's rating, but it really broke the book for me. When the main character is that spineless and vanilla, it really does not make the rest enjoyable to read, especially when the intent is to root for her, as the underdog, in the end.

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Jessica's tale is zany, at times hilarious and intriguing, especially the sub-plot with the First Lady who may or may not be having an affair, plastic surgery or working against her husband, the President of the US. Jessica has a group of co-workers who become her friends and want her to succeed. She also has a shot at romance with a dishy guy whose godfather is Colin Powell, who has also named his dog the same. He's a too good to be true Prince Charming for Jessica, who I didn't mind because he takes away the stress Jessica has to deal with on a daily basis with her job.

Jessica Yellin has a background in politics and the news since she was a WH correspondence. Even though *Savage News* is rough around the edges at times, it was a real hoot to read. I look forward to more books by her to see how she grows as an author.

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## Savage News Jessica Yellin Review

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And since she's the main character she does get her redemption by getting the story of the decade after about 300 pages of her being sleazy. She knows it's wrong but does it anyway. Because her career. But she keeps saying she wants to be serious and then does the opposite.

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I received an ARC of this book from Harlequin publishers. ...more

## Savage News Barnes And Noble

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If you're looking for an enjoyable read, try this one. ...more

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## Savage Newspaper

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Yellen has an easy writing style that made reading the book enjoyable. This book can be enjoyed by both those in the industry and those who aren't. I look forward to reading her next book.

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