



A novel about the adventures and regrets of a Texas Oil Princess's quest for finding love...

Stupid By Choice

By Leighton Summers

Women's Fiction (Drama, Romance)

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Stupid By Choice centers around Melanie St. John—a smart, beautiful, hopeful debutante Texas Oil Princess—as she attempts to find true, lasting love amongst the handsome, wealthy, jet-set, spoiled, sought-after playboy bachelors in the elite worldwide social circles of Palm Beach, Texas, Monte Carlo, New York City, Newport, and Aspen. Her journey spans from her first love in high school to the even deeper ones that take her into her late-thirties, showing all the rewards, expectations, passions, and struggles along the way that constantly have her having to decide between being smart or stupid with her choices in love and life in order to be truly fulfilled and happy.

Though the story is fiction, it's written by a sixth generation Texan (Leighton Summers) who was born into this unique, privileged world, giving you—the reader—an up-close, insider's view of both it and the way love and relationships are found. Does Melanie ever find the true love she's seeking, or will this world of wealth and excess always get in the way? Read *Stupid By Choice* to find out!

Book Club Members:

Have a themed "T.O.P. Champagne Party" (that's short for "Texas Oil Princess Champagne Party") for your next gathering! Menu suggestions and free recipes are available on the book's website, **StupidByChoice.net**.

About the Author:

Leighton Summers is a sixth generation Texan who has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe her whole life. During her travels she was always surrounded by interesting, successful (and often eccentric) people who encouraged her to find her passion and live life to

the fullest. Writing novels always intrigued her, and so one day while in New York City she took out her laptop in a café and decided to jot down some notes about how a female character created from her own world could “love smarter.” Over the next four years the notes turned into both funny and sad adventures of a woman’s quest for finding friendship, love, self, and family and she weaved them all together into this, her debut novel.

Editorial Reviews of *Stupid By Choice*:

What a story she (the main character Melanie St. John) tells! This book is a great read, so if you are looking for a beach read or an afternoon read this is the book for you! Happy Reading!

—Diary of a Book Addict.com

Stupid by Choice is an enticing “how the other half lives” novel that takes us on an exotic world tour to the most luxurious places imaginable, and explores the hidden vices of the privileged class, complete with addictions and consequences, while also providing insight into how they handle divorce, infidelity, family problems, motherhood, and career goals with grace and fearlessness. It is a fun but often sad story of finding courage in the face of the unknown, taking risks, and following your heart on a journey to personal happiness... More importantly this is a story of the “aha” moments that ultimately brings the realization that to be loved well, one must learn to love smarter.

—Carol McCoggins, The Islander Magazine

The characters were really real to me and spoke to me. And whether in Texas, New York, or France the author was descriptive with the areas letting you visualize it. Melanie was a wonderful and rich character and so was the book. This is a great “weekend at the beach” book!

—Reading Renee.com

What I loved: I loved her sister’s antics! And I really loved seeing Melanie’s growth, especially towards the end of the novel. All in all, a really strong first novel for this author. I look forward to seeing what she (Leighton Summers) writes next!

—Whitney, Barbetti’s Books.com