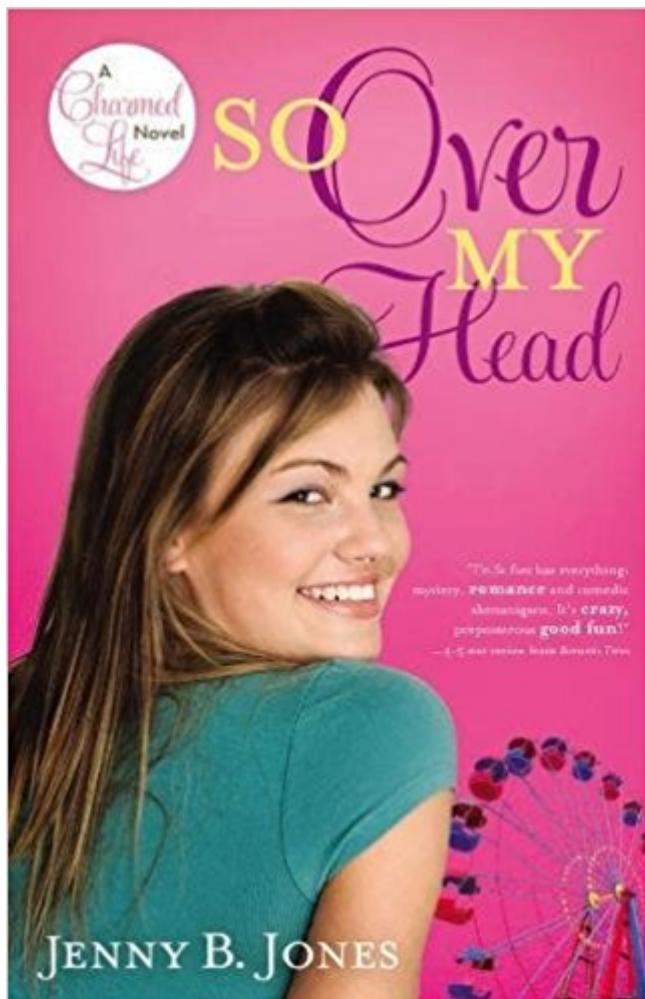


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# So Over My Head (The Charmed Life)



## **Synopsis**

In the third Charmed Life novel, Bella trades her Manolos for clown shoes in order to unravel the secrets of the big top and the drama of high school. Fresh from saving the prom from a disastrous end, Bella--the amateur sleuth of Truman High--is ready to relax with her new boyfriend, Luke. Or so she thought. When Luke's ex shows up, Bella has to wage a full-scale war to win him back. Her father is moments away from saying "I do" to a diva with shady motives. And a murdering magician has disappeared, leaving Bella dangling on a tightrope of one crazy adventure after another. Can Bella stop a wedding, win back the boy, and catch a killer before he strikes again?

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 6-9-In the third book in Jenny B. Jones's "The Charmed Life" series, Bella Kirkwood discovers the subject of her interview for the Truman High newspaper face down in a lemon meringue pie with a sword sticking out of her back. A modern day Nancy Drew, Bella is determined to solve the mystery of who killed the bearded lady of the Fritz Family Carnival. All signs point to the magician, but Bella's not so sure. She and her friend, Ruthie, take jobs as clowns in order to conduct their undercover investigation. When the carnival owners catch onto the ruse, Bella becomes the recipient of threatening messages and suspicious accidents. Also, Bella's boyfriend's old flame is back in town and the two of them are spending an inordinate amount of time together. On top of that, Bella is convinced that the woman her father is about to marry is up to no good and plans to stop the wedding. Brooke Heldman does an excellent job of voicing the various characters, from

Ruthie's country twang to the Fritz brothers' accented English. She keeps the pace moving and the humor high with her spirited reading. Teen girls will like this humorous, non-stop adventure, and it will be especially welcome where there is a need for young adult Christian fiction.-Cary Frostick, Mary Riley Styles Public Library, Falls Church, VA © Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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I can't believe The Charmed Life series is over. I happened upon So Not Happening (The Charmed Life) about this time last year. I LOVED it. I read it all in one day, not able to put it down. I passed it on to a friend's teen daughter, who not only, thanked me for the book, but also told me she hated me because the next in the series, I'm So Sure (The Charmed Life), wasn't due out for 6 months. We enjoyed the second book as much as the first and eagerly awaited book three, So Over My Head (The Charmed Life). It did not disappoint. I just wish this series could go on as long as The Nancy Drew series went on, rather than limiting it to 3 books. One of my concerns before I read the first book was that the author, Jenny B. Jones is described as a Christian fiction writer. I was pleased to find out that the religion is subtle and not in your face at all. I did find more references to Bella's faith and dependence on it in this third book. One of the interesting things that was done in this book and not the other two, was there were \* periodically. When you turned to the back of the book, Jenny explains the connection to her own life with what was happening in the book. One of these side bars says, in part, "A Charmed Life Series is not really about teaching major lessons, but more about seeing how a Christian girl does life." I am sad to see that this series has ended, but it has opened my mind to reading young adult fiction. You don't have to be a young adult to enjoy Jenny B. Jones' excellent writing. I'm sure I will find that true of other writers as well. If you are looking for a series that will hold your attention throughout the entire series, give this one a try. If you are looking for a series that you can buy for pre-teens and young teens without worrying about it becoming too sexually graphic, this series is an excellent choice. I shared it with a friend's daughter and never worried about whether they would find anything in it inappropriate. Ms. Jones is a high school English teacher, so I am sure this makes sure her books are suitable for the teenage

set.

I really like the way this story is written. The characters aren't perfect. They are human and make mistakes. Their relationship with God isn't forced or whitewashed on by the author to make the story a spiritual tome. The twists and turns of the plot really hold your interest. Once again I am sorry to see this series come to an end. So why only 4 stars? I don't know if it is because I am reading this on a Kindle app on my phone or what, but there are an extremely large number of words pushed together without spaces between them. It interrupts the flow of reading to have to stop and say "What was that again?" Probably a programming glitch, but annoying just the same.

Review by Jill Williamson Just when we all thought that Bella's life was roses, things start to smell bad. While she's on assignment, covering the circus that's come to town, Bella discovers a dead body. The police make an arrest, but Bella is sure they've got the wrong guy. Then Bella catches her boyfriend kissing his ex! So she focuses on finding the real killer. Only problem, the real killer might be focusing on her! Sigh. I love me a good Jenny B. Jones book. Yes I do. Here's another wild tale of Miss Bella Kirkwood and her charmed life. It made me laugh, it made me cry, and I may have had to lock the door just in case there were any deranged circus performers in my neck of the woods. All in all, a completely satisfying end to this series. Nothing left to do but make everyone else read these books while we wait for Jenny B. Jones' next installment of hysterical teen novels. Hope the wait isn't too long.

I have read all three books in this series and really liked them. I do have to say that there were terrible typos in the Kindle versions of all three books. I also have to admit that the setting of the carnival pushed the farce a little far for me and consequently my rating went down one star but there was still the zany cast of characters I really like. Rating 3.5

Another wonderfully written book by Ms. Jones! It sums up the Charmed life series really well. I would recommend to teens of all ages. Bella and Luke are the perfect team and you will fall in love with them!

I got hooked on JBJ books from reading her first adult novel, Just Between You and Me. Loved it so much that I immediately clicked on over to [and got The Charmed Life Series](#). At the time only So Not Happening and I'm So Sure were out... I don't think I've ever read books that made me laugh

out loud so much!! So Over My Head was just as fantastic! You are missing out if you haven't read these books yet!! Buy all three. If you don't, I guarantee you'll be back to buy the others and then you'll have to pay shipping all over again :)

I've said this before about Jones' books--I've never read one that I didn't love, and it's happened again with So Over My Head. I loved this tale about Bella dealing with the drama in her life, along with a couple mysteries thrown in. Bella is a terrific protagonist--she's not perfect, in fact she's pretty flawed. So are her friends, her parents, and her boyfriend. But she's trusting God and learning to trust everyone else, all while never giving up the dream that she'll get her father's credit card back. A YA book that's perfect for adults too, So Over My Head is a winner!

I love being inside the heads of her characters. Fascinating dialogue and plot. But the formatting for the kindle version was full of run together words. It made reading difficult. Still Jenny B Jones is one of my favorite authors.

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