

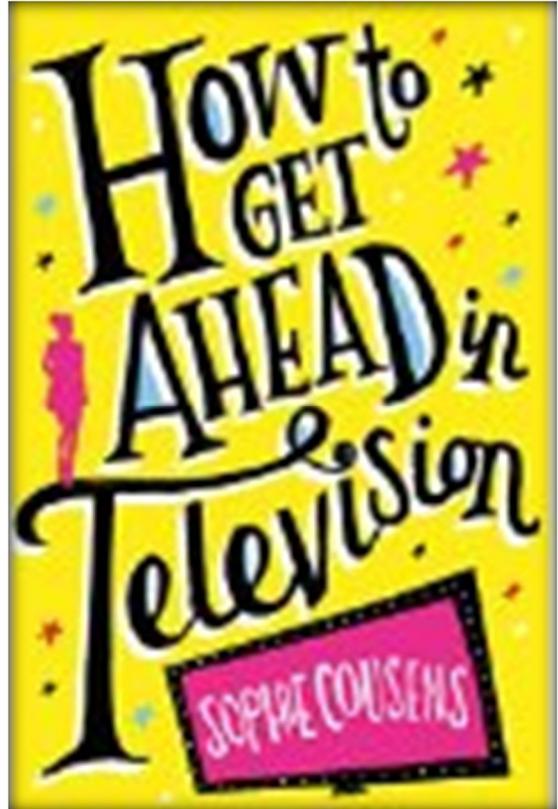
## LoveReading Reader reviews of How to Get Ahead in Television by Sophie Cousens

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.

### Kathy Martin

***Absolutely brilliant! Found myself going to bed early just so I could read more! Sorry when it was finished!***

*This is a worthy winner of LoveReading's 'Love at First Write Competition'. An absolutely brilliant first novel which left me craving more. The heroine, Poppy Penfold, is totally believable and instantly likeable. Poppy's clumsy mishaps reminded me of Bridget Jones - but cuter, brighter, and less foul-mouthed. It's so refreshing to find a contemporary book with writing of this quality. I expect this book to be a huge success and look forward to it being made into a film (which it certainly deserves to be). I've already spent the odd half-hour casting the roles in my head! I can't wait for a follow up!"*



### Karen McIntosh

***Hilarious insight into the world of television reality shows!***

*Poppy Penfold is a graduate desperate to get into the world of television and this hilarious first novel is her story. She gets up to all sorts of madcap adventures and into ridiculous but totally believable situations. I found it very funny and light-hearted and couldn't put it down and can't wait to read a sequel - PLEASE WRITE ONE SOPHIE COUSENS!*

***The main character, Poppy is very likeable and the other characters she comes across in her work and family life are brilliant. You can see some of the situations coming and can't wait to find out how on earth she is***

*going to send it all haywire.*

*I would thoroughly recommend this book to anyone who fancies a good giggle and an insight into the way television works.*

### **Annie Day**

***A witty take on the fickle world of TV production. This comical tale of Poppy's attempts to make her mark as a runner at RealiTV is hilarious.***

*'How to Get Ahead in Television' made me smile from start to finish.*

*This hilarious tale of a young woman trying to make a good impression while on her three month placement as a runner for the fictitious RealiTV is cleverly written and very funny. Hapless Poppy is delighted when she is offered a short term placement in the exciting world of TV production. But her enthusiasm is challenged as her efforts to learn the business include dealing with celebrity divas, dubious reality show formats, unscrupulous bosses and one or two potential romantic prospects.*

*Sophie Cousens writes some brilliant send-ups of many of the UK's favourite shows, and provides an amusing (if occasionally cynical) view of the world of light entertainment TV.*

*This book would be a great holiday read, and would be good for anyone who likes 'chick lit' that has a comedy feel.*

*The only thing about this book that I didn't like was the author's attempts to convey one character's Yorkshire accent as unusual, by writing out everything she said in almost phonetic English, as it seemed inconsistent with the style of the rest of the book.*

*Overall it is a good read and one that will definitely cheer you up!*

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### **Shriya Khambhaita**

***A face paced romantic comedy that will keep you hooked from start to finish.***

*Poppy Penfold is an ambitious 22 year old, graduated with a degree in History.*

*'Poppy's Steps Towards Becoming A Proper Grown Up' introduces the reader in*

*a humorous way of what to expect in each chapter. She realises life is not what it is cut out to be after graduating. Sending out several CV's in attempt to gain employment. Poppy finally discovers a placement at RealiTV.*

*The supporting characters were her family, friend Natasha and work colleagues.*

*I thoroughly enjoyed how each chapter was set out as a 'step'. Furthermore, the emails and text messages made me feel like I was a part of her life. At some points I thought 'Gosh look at all this gossip, I can't believe what kind of people I work with'.*

*My favourite characters had to be Poppy and Barbara Penfold.*

*I really don't want to say more since the book really speaks for itself - extremely funny, light read, highly recommend!*

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### **Janet Gilliard**

*I love this book. Sophie Cousens is the winner of a love reading competition and in the basis of this book I hope she is at the start of a long writing career. Poppy Penfold( I love the name) takes a job as a runner at RealiTV . She is in competition with Rhidian for a permanent job after the 6 month placement. She has a crush on JR a producer at the company. **This is chick lit but well written with likeable characters and a strong seam of humour. It doesn't read like a debut novel but like a novel from a well-established author.** I can't recommend this highly enough. I read it virtually in one go. So well written and funny. Loved the chapter headings. I love finding new authors and in Sophie I've found one to follow. Well done Lovereading for finding her.*

### **Humaira Kauser**

***Where do I begin with this book? It makes you laugh, cringe and smile like a goof. It's absolutely amazing.***

*Well for starters, this book is such a brilliant read. I read it within a day and left me wanting more- I want to know more about Poppy and Rhidian and the shenanigans they will get up to.*

*I absolutely love the main character Poppy Penfold- she's not the perfect character and I love how she always gets herself in hilarious disastrous*

*situations. She's not perfect and quite unconventional.*

*Rhidian is my new favourite fictional character- I can't love him enough. I've had a soft spot for him from the very beginning.*

*Overall the story was good and light-hearted- not taxing at all. It's a quick and easy read- thoroughly enjoyed it!*

### **Catherine Bryce**

***An upbeat brilliant book that will lift your spirits and make you laugh.***

*This is one of those books that you start to read and put it down when you finish it. A superbly written book about Poppy starting out in her career in media and the people, problems and pitfalls that she faces. The author has written this book in a light hearted manner and the constant struggle between Poppy and Rhidian for top dog for the one placement at the studio had me laughing out loud on several occasions, especially when Poppy's mums add her typical mum's advice too.*

*The idea of starting each chapter with a piece of advice regarding the world of work just adds more pleasure to reading the book and I can thoroughly recommend even just starting to read the book and you will be hooked.*

*Does Poppy succeed in her media career? Read the book and find out whilst enjoying Poppy's journey in her new career. Poppy is the central character and you are introduced to the other characters who all add fun to the story and these people will remind you of some real people that you yourself have met in your own life.*

*Excellent well written book.*

### **Edel Waugh**

***I really enjoyed this book and I would recommend this to fans of Sophie Kinsella as it has so many laugh out loud moments!***

*This is the story about a young woman called Poppy Penfold who dreams of working in television. Living at home with her mother constantly nagging at her to try for a real job and a man ,she could easily lie down and give up but Poppy is not one to give up on her dream job so she sends loads of CV's out in the world and is fortunate enough to get a trainee runners job on RealiTV. Poppy is hilarious and clumsy and unfortunate in a loveable way so you can't*

*help but wish her well as she stumbles through her new job with many ups and downs , meeting a whole host of interesting and excentric characters along the way.*

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