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Editorial Review

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Standing in front of a three-way mirror in the most gorgeous dress she's ever seen, Abby Wilkes finally feels like a bride-to-be. Then her fiancé sets his Facebook relationship status back to "single." After storming out the of the bridal boutique and confronting her now ex-fiancé, she heads back to her apartment and falls into the comforting arms of reality television and Ben & Jerry's ice cream. After quite a bit of wallowing, Abby accepts her best friend's offer to share a summer rental house because she knows a change of scenery could be helpful. The next few months bring plenty of sun, cheap drinks, and a complete overhaul in Abby's dating philosophy. This story of "love in the time of Facebook" follows Abby's journey from bereft dumpee to content single woman. Duffy's second novel is tenderly introspective, lacking the sharply pointed wit of her debut, *Bond Girl* (2012). Abby's attempts to navigate the ever-changing rules of dating are infinitely relatable and will prove to be an ideal beach read for fans of Elin Hilderbrand and Sarah Pekkanen. -- Stephanie Turza

Review

"*Bond Girl* is a witty and very racy...Trust me, you won't be bored with this Wall Street story." (Washington Post on *Bond Girl*)

"*Bond Girl* is a sparkling debut, smart and snappy but never weighed down by financial terminology. Who knew Wall Street could be this much fun? A-" (Entertainment Weekly on BOND GIRL)

"Writing with an addictively acerbic sense of humor, Duffy gives readers a sassy new heroine and an unforgettable tour of financial trading." (Chicago Tribune on *Bond Girl*)

"Told in first person in Alex's voice — and what an appealing voice it is, one that makes Alex likable from the first page — "*Bond Girl*" is a smartly written comic novel that's great fun to read." (Richmond Times-Dispatch on *Bond Girl*)

"A compelling, fun read." (Kirkus on BOND GIRL)

"Despite financial details that may make your head spin and a workplace that will make your stomach churn, Duffy's fresh take on the single-in-the-city tale does a terrific job of reviving chick lit (not every girl works in publishing or PR, after all)." (Library Journal (starred review))

"If you're looking for a great weekend retreat or a great book for the beach, look for this one. For any woman who's ever had a love-hate-detest relationship with a job *Bond Girl* is truly perfect." (Wisconsin Rapids Tribune on BOND GIRL)

"I'm crazy about *Bond Girl*. Erin Duffy is a fresh, funny, and fabulous new voice in literature....Great story. Delicious debut." (Adriana Trigiani, author of *Lucia*, *Lucia* and *Brava, Valentine*)

"With its more realistic and modern ending, this engaging novel offers readers relaxing and light yet thoughtful summer escape." (Library Journal on ON THE ROCKS)

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Pekkanen. (Booklist on ON THE ROCKS)

“Alternately humorous and touching, this novel is a fast, fun read...[Abby] is someone you’d want to friend, freezer full of ice cream and all.” (*Romantic Times*, four stars on ON THE ROCKS)

“Duffy’s first novel is a sharp, witty look at the intricacies of the trading floor and the people who populate it. The writing is clever and articulate, and Alex’s story of personal growth makes her a sympathetic, likable heroine...an entertaining and timely read.” (Booklist on BOND GIRL)

From the Back Cover

A funny, bittersweet, yet heartwarming novel about friendship, family, and finding love in the Facebook age—not to mention the perils, pitfalls, and dubious pleasures of life as a modern young single woman—from Erin Duffy, the author of the acclaimed *Bond Girl*

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Six months and twenty pounds later, the usual remedies—cupcakes, a freezer stocked with pints of Ben and Jerry's, sweatpants, and a comfy couch—haven't worked their magic. Worried about her best friend, Grace devises the perfect plan to get Abby back on her game. The two of them are going to escape sweltering Boston and its reminders of Ben and head to Newport for the summer. In a quaint rented cottage by the sea, the girls will enjoy cool breezes, cocktails, and crowds of gorgeous men.

But no matter which way they turn, Abby and Grace discover that in this era of social media—when seemingly everyone is preserving every last detail of their lives online and prying eyes are everywhere—there is no real escape. Truth to tell, dating has never been easy. But now that the rules have changed and the boundaries are blurred beyond recognition, will they ever find true love? And if they do, how can romance stand a chance when a girl's every word and move can go viral with a single click?

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