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POPSUGAR'S BEST BOOKS OF JUNE PARADE'S BEST CANINE BOOKS SUMMER 2021 Not all heroes wear capes. Some of them wear collars. A Dog's Purpose meets The Happy Ever After Playlist in this charming, pitch-perfect take on relationships as seen through the eyes of a wise pug named Doug, who is determined to play cupid to fix his owner's love life with his own four paws. Doug wants his rescuer, Julie, to be happy. He is loyal and loves her unconditionally—two things that can't be said about Julie's married boss and lover, Luke. Yet Julie is reluctant to break up, afraid to end up like her eccentric cat-owning neighbor. It's a prospect that horrifies

Doug, too. Newly divorced Tom, on the other hand, is perfect for Julie. Everyone can see it—except for Julie and Tom. Doug is confident that with his help they will get over their initial animosity toward each other. As Doug humorously navigates the quirks of human relationships, he knows he can't give up on Julie—after all, being a "rescue" works both ways.

A heartwarming and hilarious novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson When five women become friends, it's one for all, and all for one! When dynamic, power-dressing Christie blows in like a warm wind to take over their department, five very

different women find themselves thrown together at work. But none of them could have predicted the fierce bond of friendship that her leadership would inspire ... Anna, 39, is reeling from the loss of her fiancé, who ran off with a much younger woman. Her pride in tatters, these days Anna finds it difficult to leave the house. So when a handsome, mysterious stranger takes an interest in her, she's not sure whether she can learn to trust again? Then there's Grace, in her fifties, trapped in a loveless marriage with a man she married because, unable to have children of her own, she fell in love with his motherless brood. Grace worries that Dawn is about to make the same mistake: orphaned as a child, engaged to love-rat Calum, is Dawn

more interested in the security that comes with his tight-knit, boisterous family? When a sexy, footloose rock singer catches her eye, will Dawn have the courage to follow her heart? At 28, Raychel is the youngest member of their little gang. And with a loving husband, Ben, and a cosy little nest for two, she would seem to be the happiest. But what dark secrets are lurking behind this perfect facade, that make sweet, pretty Raychel so guarded and unwilling to open up? Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

With unforgettable characters, charming romance and lots of laughter, A Merry Mistletoe Wedding is a gorgeous Christmas read from much-loved and ever-popular author Judy Astley. Perfect for fans of Carole Matthews, Jenny Colgan, Lucy Diamond and Milly Johnson. 'Elegant, witty

writing, endearing characters and a wonderful romance. What more could you want?' -- Katie Fforde 'A light-hearted, romantic and escapist read' -- Good Housekeeping 'With dialogue that will have you laughing out loud, and well drawn characters to boot, this is an enjoyable light read' -- Sunday Mirror 'It was like putting on your favourite jumper - warm and cosy - and great to cuddle up with this winter' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Warm and witty' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Full of fun and charm' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Fantastic from start to finish!' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review \*\*\*\*\*  
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 \*\*\* CHURCH BELLS RING...ARE YOU LISTENING? It is almost a year since Sean and Thea met and it's been a roller-coaster ride: they're getting married on Christmas Day! Neither Thea or Sean want a big fuss - a simple wedding, with Christmas lights and just a few sprigs of mistletoe for decoration is all they need. But before they know it, things begin to get complicated... Trying to manage a long-distance relationship in the build-up to their Christmas wedding is one thing, but as one challenge after another comes their way, the happy

couple begin to wonder if they'll ever make it down the aisle . . . Thea and Sean's story begins in It Must Have Been The Mistletoe - have you read it?

It started with a wishlist... Now can she make it happen? 'A story bursting at the seams with sunshine' Milly Johnson 'Filled with warmth and laughter' Carole Matthews 'A delightfully uplifting, inspiring read. You might just want to change your life too' Fiona Gibson ----- 'I think flowers are sunshine for the soul.' Flowers have always made Fearnie smile. She treasures the memories of her beloved grandmother's floristry and helping her to arrange beautiful blooms that brought such joy to their recipients. But ever since a family tragedy a year ago, Fearnie has been searching for her own contentment. When a chance discovery inspires her to start a happiness wishlist, it seems that Fearnie might just have found her answer... Sometimes the scariest path can be the most rewarding. So is Fearnie ready to take the risk and step into the unknown? And what kind of happiness might she find if she does? Fall in love with this romantic, feel-good story from bestseller Cathy Bramley about one woman's search for happi-

ness! My Kind of Happy was originally published as a four-part serial. This is the complete story in one package. ----- Readers are LOVING My Kind of Happy! 'Inspiring and uplifting' 5\* 'Cathy just gets better and better' 5\* 'Like a dose of sunshine on a dismal day...' 5\* 'A feel-good story!' 5\* 'Draws you in from the beginning...' 5\* 'I laughed and cried my eyes out!' 5\* ----- -- Your other favourite authors love to curl up with Cathy Bramley too: 'Delightful!' Katie Fforde 'A page-turner of a story' Milly Johnson 'Delightfully warm with plenty of twists and turns' Trisha Ashley 'The perfect romantic tale, to warm your heart and make you smile' Ali McNamara

\*\*The BRAND NEW series from Holly Hepburn, perfect for fans of Cathy Bramley and Katie Fforde\*\* 'Joyous - a treat of a tale that whisks your heart away to the beautiful shores of Orkney. Prepare to fall in love with this fantastic series!' MIRANDA DICKINSON On paper, Merina Wilde has it all: a successful career writing the kind of romantic novels that make even the hardest hearts swoon, a perfect carousel of book launches and parties to keep her social life buzzing, and a childhood sweet-

heart who thinks she's a goddess. But Merry has a secret: the magic has stopped flowing from her fingers. Try as she might, she can't summon up the sparkle that makes her stories shine. And as her deadline whooshes by, her personal life falls apart too. Alex tells her he wants something other than the future she'd always imagined for them and Merry finds herself single for the first time since - well, ever. Desperate to get her life back on track, Merry leaves London and escapes to the windswept Orkney Islands, locking herself away in a secluded clifftop cottage to try to heal her heart and rediscover her passion for writing. But can the beauty of the islands and the kindness of strangers help Merry to fool herself into believing in love again, if only long enough to finish her book? Or is it time for her to give up the career she's always adored and find something new to set her soul alight? ?The brand new series from Holly Hepburn, first published as four ebook parts: BROKEN HEARTS AT BRIGHTWATER BAY, SEA BREEZES AT BRIGHTWATER BAY, DANGEROUS TIDES AT BRIGHTWATER BAY and SUNSET OVER BRIGHTWATER BAY ~\*~Praise for Holly Hepburn~\*~ 'A fresh

new voice, brings wit and warmth to this charming tale of two sisters' Rowan Coleman 'Warm, witty and laced with intriguing secrets! I want to pull up a bar stool, order a large G&T and soak up all the gossip at the Star and Sixpence!' Cathy Bramley 'The Star and Sixpence sparkles with fun, romance, mystery, and a hunky blacksmith. It's a real delight' Julie Cohen 'Like the dream pub landlady who always knows exactly what you want, Holly Hepburn has created the most delightful welcome to what promises to be a brilliant series, in the first Star and Sixpence. The sisters are warm and intriguing, the neighbours are (mostly!) friendly and the gossip is utterly addictive. I was very sad when it was time for last orders, and am already looking forward to the next round. Especially if a certain blacksmith happens to be at the bar...' Kate Harrison 'Warm, witty and utterly charming, Snowdrops at the Star and Sixpence is the perfect book to curl up with on a cold winter's day. It left me with the most wonderful happy glow' Cally Taylor 'A super sparkling star of a story and I can't wait for part two' Alexandra Brown From the Sunday Times bestselling author comes a novel of family, secrets, love and

redemption ... and broken hearts mended and made all the stronger for it 'With mystery, romance and humour, every page of this enjoyable tale is glorious' heat Marnie Salt has made so many mistakes in her life that she fears she will never get on the right track. But when she 'meets' an old lady on a baking chatroom and begins confiding in her, little does she know how her life will change. Arranging to see each other for lunch, Marnie finds discovers that Lilian is every bit as mad and delightful as she'd hoped - and that she owns a whole village in the Yorkshire Dales, which has been passed down through generations. And when Marnie needs a refuge after a crisis, she ups sticks and heads for Wychwell - a temporary measure, so she thinks. But soon Marnie finds that Wychwell has claimed her as its own and she is duty bound not to leave. Even if what she has to do makes her as unpopular as a force 12 gale in a confetti factory! But everyone has imperfections, as Marnie comes to realise, and that is not such a bad thing - after all, your flaws are perfect for the heart that is meant to love you. 'A lovely romantic comedy and, with its cast of colourful characters, is another masterpiece from

queen of romance Milly Johnson' My Weekly 'Heartwarming' Bella Praise for Milly Johnson: 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

The Reading Group follows the trials and tribulations of a group of women who meet regularly to read and discuss books. Over the course of a year, each of these women become intertwined, both in the books they read and within each other's lives. Inspired by a shared desire for conversation, a good book and a glass of wine - Clare, Harriet, Nicole, Polly, and Susan undergo startling revelations and transformations despite their differences in background, age and respective dilemmas. What starts as a reading group gradually evolves into a forum where the wom-

en may express their views through the books they read and grow to become increasingly more open as the bonds of friendship cement. In The Reading Group, Noble reveals the many complicated paths in life we all face as well as the power and importance of friendship.

THE QUEEN OF FEEL-GOOD FICTION! 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold - and this gem is no exception ... laughs, drama, romance and high jinks aplenty, there's nothing about this novel not to love (5 stars)' Heat When Lewis Harley has a health scare in his early forties, he takes it as a wake-up call. So he and his wife Charlotte leave behind life in the fast lane and Lewis opens the antique shop he has dreamed of. Bonnie Brookland was brought up in the antiques trade and now works for the man who bought out her father's business, but she isn't happy there. So when she walks into Lew's shop, she knows this is the place for her. As Bonnie and Lew start to work together, they soon realise that there is more to their relationship than either thought. But Bonnie is trapped in an unhappy marriage, and Lew and Charlotte have more problems than they care to ad-

mit. Each has secrets in their past which are about to be uncovered. Can they find the happiness they both deserve? The Queen of Wishful Thinking is the brand new novel from the Sunday Times best-selling author of *The Teashop on the Corner* - a gorgeous read full of love, life and laughter. 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' ROWAN COLEMAN 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' JANE FALLON, bestselling author of *My Sweet Revenge* Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' JILL MANSELL 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' KATIE FFORDE

From the Sunday Times bestseller comes a stunning novel that will warm your heart 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson 'Clear your house and clear your mind. Don't let life's clutter dictate to you. Throw it away and take back the control!' When Lou Winter picks up a dog-eared magazine in the dentist's waiting room and spots an article about clearing clutter, she little re-

alises how it will change her life. What begins as an earnest spring clean soon spirals out of control. Lou's loved ones grow disgruntled. Why is clearing out cupboards suddenly more important than making his breakfast, her husband Phil wonders? The truth is, the more rubbish Lou lets go of, the more light and air can get to those painful, closed-up places at the centre of her heart. Even lovely Tom Broom, the man who delivers Lou's skips, starts to grow concerned about his sweetest customer. But Lou is a woman on a mission, and not even she knows where it will end. . . . Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde It's nearly Christmas and it's snowing, hard. Deep in the Yorkshire Moors nestles a tiny hamlet, with a pub at its heart. As the snow falls, the inn will become an unexpected haven for six people forced to

seek shelter there. From the bestselling author of the "glorious, heartfelt novel" (Rowan Coleman, New York Times best-selling author) *My One True North*. Mary has been trying to get her boss Jack to notice her for four years, but he can only see the efficient PA she is at work. Will being holed up with him finally give her the chance she has been waiting for? Bridge and Luke were meeting for five minutes to set their divorce in motion. But will getting trapped with each other reignite too many fond memories—and love? Charlie and Robin were on their way to a luxury hotel in Scotland for a very special Christmas. But will the inn give them everything they were hoping to find—and much more besides? A story about knowing when to hold on and when to let go, of pushing limits and acceptance, of friendship, love, laughter, mince pies, and the magic of Christmas.

In Lori Lansens' astonishing second novel, readers come to know and love two of the most remarkable characters in Canadian fiction. Rose and Ruby are twenty-nine-year-old conjoined twins. Born during a tornado to a shocked teenaged mother in the hospital at Leaford, Ontario,

they are raised by the nurse who helped usher them into the world. Aunt Lovey and her husband, Uncle Stash, are middle-aged and with no children of their own. They relocate from the town to the drafty old farmhouse in the country that has been in Lovey's family for generations. Joined to Ruby at the head, Rose's face is pulled to one side, but she has full use of her limbs. Ruby has a beautiful face, but her body is tiny and she is unable to walk. She rests her legs on her sister's hip, rather like a small child or a doll. In spite of their situation, the girls lead surprisingly separate lives. Rose is bookish and a baseball fan. Ruby is fond of trash TV and has a passion for local history. Rose has always wanted to be a writer, and as the novel opens, she begins to pen her autobiography. Here is how she begins: I have never looked into my sister's eyes. I have never bathed alone. I have never stood in the grass at night and raised my arms to a beguiling moon. I've never used an airplane bathroom. Or worn a hat. Or been kissed like that. I've never driven a car. Or slept through the night. Never a private talk. Or solo walk. I've never climbed a tree. Or faded into a crowd. So many things I've never

done, but oh, how I've been loved. And, if such things were to be, I'd live a thousand lives as me, to be loved so exponentially. Ruby, with her marvellous characteristic logic, points out that Rose's autobiography will have to be Ruby's as well — and how can she trust Rose to represent her story accurately? Soon, Ruby decides to chime in with chapters of her own. The novel begins with Rose, but eventually moves to Ruby's point of view and then switches back and forth. Because the girls face in slightly different directions, neither can see what the other is writing, and they don't tell each other either. The reader is treated to sometimes overlapping stories told in two wonderfully distinct styles. Rose is given to introspection and secrecy. Ruby's style is "tell-all" — frank and decidedly sweet. We learn of their early years as the town "freaks" and of Lovey's and Stash's determination to give them as normal an upbringing as possible. But when we meet them, both Lovey and Stash are dead, the girls have moved back into town, and they've received some ominous news. They are on the verge of becoming the oldest surviving craniopagus (joined at the head) twins in history, but the ques-

tion of whether they'll live to celebrate their thirtieth birthday is suddenly impossible to answer. In *Rose and Ruby*, Lori Lansens has created two precious characters, each distinct and loveable in their very different ways, and has given them a world in Leaford that rings absolutely true. The girls are unforgettable. *The Girls* is nothing short of a tour de force.

'A total delight. Witty and fresh - I absolutely loved it!' MILLY JOHNSON In the modern tech-fuelled world of dating, is it possible to find true love? Hannah lives life on the edge. Never one to pass up on a new adventure, she has truly been living her best life. But once the adrenaline wears off, she wishes she had someone to spend the quieter moments with too. Learning that her best friend's online dating business has taken a hit, she comes up with an idea that just might solve both of their problems... Jess has been with her husband for twenty years. They have a stable marriage, great kids and run their own businesses. But what looks like a perfect life from the outside has its own problems within, and with her business on the brink Jess can't help but wonder where the spark has gone in her life, and whether settling down

is all it's cracked up to be. When Hannah embarks upon her latest scheme: finding a man using Jess's dating app and meeting him for the first time at the altar, both women start to realise the grass isn't always greener. Can Hannah help her friend save her failing business or will Jess stop her from making what could be the biggest mistake of her life? 'A very funny, feel-good read' HOLLY MILLER 'Fun, feelgood, fab!' KATE EBERLEN 'Refreshing, brilliantly-written and highly addictive!' HELLY AC-TON 'A witty, warm, wonderful read!' SOPHIE COUSENS 'Fresh, funny, and wonderfully timely - it's feel-good fiction at its finest!' LAURA JANE WILLIAMS 'Funny, feel good and full of warmth, love and friendship' LAURA KEMP 'A witty, tender story that packs a real emotional punch. I loved it!' NICOLA GILL 'A heart-warming and joyous page-turner. Impossible to put down!' HOLLY MARTIN 'If you're looking for a story to make you giggle, shed a few tears and cheer, this is the one!' MIRANDA DICKINSON 'Enthralling and entertaining!' HEIDI SWAIN 'I couldn't put it down. What a wonderful, warm, wise and witty book!' ALEX BROWN 'Fresh, funny and romantic, I totally loved it' SARAH MORGAN 'Fresh, funny,

and the perfect tonic for these gloomy times' LIA LOUIS 'Witty, fun and fresh, Married at First Swipe is the perfect book to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face' PHAEDRA PATRICK 'A fabulously fun, heart-warming novel' ANNA BELL 'Heart-warming, insightful and very, very funny' KATIE MARSH

Milly Johnson, the Queen of Feel-Good Fiction and The Sunday Times bestselling author, is back with a "glorious, heartfelt novel" (Rowan Coleman, New York Times bestselling author) about a woman trying to find her own place in the world, who through love, loss, and the kindness of strangers, discovers everything she needs in a village by the sea. Behind every successful man is a woman. Behind the fall of every successful man is usually another woman. Sophie Mayhew seems to have the perfect life. The glamorous wife of a rising political star who is one step away from the highest position in the government, she matches her husband in looks, pedigree, and money. But he has made some stupid mistakes on his way to the top, and some of those mistakes are just now threatening to emerge. Still, this can

all be swept under the rug so long as Sophie the Trophy plays her part in front of the cameras. But the words that tumble out of Sophie's mouth one morning on the doorstep of their country house are not the words the spin doctors drilled into her head. Bursting out of the restrictive mold that has been tightening around her since birth, Sophie flees to a small village on the coast, a safe haven from her childhood days, where she intends to be alone. But once there, she finds a community that warms her soul and makes her feel as if she is breathing properly for the first time in her life. Sophie knows she won't be left in peace for long, though, so she must decide: where does her real future lie?

From the bestselling author of the "glorious, heartfelt" (Rowan Coleman, New York Times bestselling author) novel The Magnificent Mrs. Mayhew comes a warm-hearted tale about two people brought together by fate. Laurie and Pete should never have met. But life has a different idea. Six months ago, on the same night, Laurie and Pete both lost their partners. Overwhelmed by their grief, they join the same counselling group...and change their lives forever. From their profound sadness, Pete

and Laurie begin to find happiness and healing. Except, the more they get to know one another, the more Laurie begins to spot the strange parallels in their stories. Then Pete discovers a truth that changes everything—one which threatens to reverse everything they've worked towards. But, as surely as a compass points north, some people cannot be kept apart. With Milly Johnson's signature "warm, optimistic, and romantic" (Katie Forde, best-selling author) style, *My One True North* is an unforgettable exploration of the power of love, friendship, and hope.

From the Sunday Times bestselling author 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson *Four friends, two crushes and a secret ...* After a bruising divorce, headstrong Juliet Miller invests in a flat and advertises for a flatmate, little believing that in her late thirties she'll find anyone suitable. But along comes self-employed copywriter Floz, raw from her own relationship split, and the two women hit it off. When Juliet's twin brother Guy meets Floz, he is overcome with a massive crush, just as his friend Steve develops the hots for Juliet. But be-

ing a shy, gentle giant, Guy communicates so clumsily with Floz as to give her the opposite impression. Can he turn Floz's affection for his family into love for him? And then Juliet makes a discovery, which will turn their lives upside-down ... Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Forde

A list of recommended readings for children, intended for home use and arranged by age, not school grade. Included in the list are fairy tales that are free from horrible happenings. Omitted are all writings which tolerate cruelty or unkindness to animals.

From the Sunday Times bestseller comes a warm, tender and utterly hilarious story about love and betrayal 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on

the NHS' Debbie Johnson *Love can sting. Or make you fly ...* Romance writer and single mum Stevie Honeywell has only weeks to go to her wedding when her fiancé Matthew runs off with her glamorous new friend Jo MacLean. It feels like history repeating itself for Stevie, but this time she is determined to win back her man. She isn't going to act as he might expect. She isn't going to wail and dig her heels in, she is simply going to pretend to let him go whilst she pursues a mad course of dieting, exercising and self-improvement. And it feels like history is repeating itself for Adam MacLean too, who is also determined to win his lady, Jo, back with the same basic psychological tactics. Then he is going to initiate his master plan: Getting together with Stevie to drive Jo wild with jealousy. So, like the Scottish country jig 'The Birds and the Bees', the couples all change partners and learn some revealing truths about each other along the way. But what happens when Adam's master plan actually starts to work? And just who will Stevie be dancing with when the music stops? Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt

novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fford

From the much-loved Milly Johnson comes three new short stories, exclusive to ebook, along with a sneak peek at her new novel, *A WINTER FLAME*. If you have not yet had the pleasure of reading *WHITE WEDDING*, beware that the title story, *THE WEDDING DRESS*, is a mini sequel and contains spoilers!

Chronicles the marriage of Morton Kondracke and Millicent Martinez, examining how their relationship changed after Milly was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, and Morton's development into a caregiver and political activist.

Sweet Home Alabama meets Emily in Paris in this hilarious romp through the world of extravagant southern weddings. When floundering and unlucky-in-love twentysomething Lottie Jones lands a new career as a wedding planner at a top-tier boutique event firm, she begins navigating a cutthroat workplace specializing in over-

the-top details, unlimited budgets, and a broad spectrum of taste. Whether planning for parachute landings or wrangling intoxicated groomsmen, she has her hands full at every million-dollar wedding she helps organize. After her boss announces he's opening a new office, Lottie sees her chance to finally carve out her place—and earn an income that justifies her dating app subscription fees. The weddings get bigger, the clients get wilder, the mishaps get funnier, and the stakes get higher. And Lottie's forced to discover what she'll risk for love and how far she'll go to find herself. Set against the glamorous, ruthless world of high-end Southern weddings and inspired by real events in the authors' lives, *Without a Hitch* is a hilarious romp about taking ownership, facing fears, planning your ex-boyfriend's wedding, and choosing a happy ending that wasn't what you once expected. Praise for *Without a Hitch*: "Without a Hitch is a delightfully quirky novel that proves the age-old adage 'We plan, God laughs.' Filled with fascinating insights into the world of high-end wedding planning, you can't help but cheer for Lottie Jones as she learns that you can't script your life and that, some-

times, the best laid plans are the ones you never make." —Emily Giffin, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *All We Ever Wanted* and *The Lies that Bind* "Put a ring on *Without a Hitch*—a sweet, Southern confection of a book about what it takes to orchestrate everyone else's happily ever after when your own heart has been broken. This sneak peek into the world of high-end wedding planning will keep you laughing as Lottie deconstructs the fairy tale and finds her authentic self." —Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Wish You Were Here* and *The Book of Two Ways* "*Without a Hitch* is a must read. It is absolutely fabulous. As someone who works in the wedding industry, I found this book's brevity, humor, and the glamorous over-the-top world of Southern Weddings a true joy to read. This is the book you will be gifting to all your friends!" —Mindy Weiss, bestselling author of *The Wedding Book* Stand-alone novel Book length: 106,000 words Includes discussion questions for book clubs

It's the day they've always dreamed about. But will it turn out to be a nightmare ...? Bel is in the midst of planning

her perfect wedding when disaster strikes and everything she thought she knew is turned on its head. Can she hold it all together and, with the help of her friends, and a mysterious man she meets unexpectedly, turn disaster into triumph? Bel's friend, ice-cream parlour owner Violet, is engaged to Glyn, who is besotted by her although Violet fell out of love with him long ago. But however trapped she feels in the relationship, she can't quite say the words, 'I don't want to marry you anymore.' Then, just when she's about to give up and resign herself to married life, she finds love in the most surprising of places. Will duty rule her heart or will she allow herself to be swept off her feet? Max was planning a quick registry office do with her fiancé Stuart until she sees a TV programme about traveller brides and becomes determined to have the most extravagantly glitzy wedding ever. But in all the excitement has she lost sight of what's really important? Does she want the wedding more than she wants the groom? And as all three friends find the dress of their dreams at the White Wedding bridal shop, its owner, the lovely Freya, guarantees that her gowns will bring them happiness - though

maybe not quite in the way they expected ...

To reassure herself that she is about to marry the right man, Ellie Andrews reflects on her past loves, including teenage crush Jay, adoring but dull Rupert, and sexy bad boy Marcus.

From the Queen of Feel-good Fiction! Lara Cliffe and her three friends are off on a mini break for her hen party. It's three weeks before her wedding to 'Steady Freddie', one of the kindest men on the planet. But something is worrying Lara. Her friends say it's wedding jitters, but she isn't so sure. Fifteen years ago the love of her life, Danny Belfont, walked out on her three weeks before their wedding and she has never been able to fully get him out of her heart. Then, on the overnight ferry, Lara finds out that Danny is playing in the on-board band and he spots her in the crowd. Will she meet him the next night to talk? As the wonderful city of Amsterdam works its magic on Lara, she tries to sort out her thoughts. And if fate has brought Lara and Danny back together ... is it really for love or for something quite different?

Milly-Molly-Mandy lives in a tiny village in the heart of the countryside, where life is

full of everyday adventures! Join the little girl in the candy-striped dress as she goes blackberry picking, gets ready to throw a party for her friends and goes to her village fete - whatever Milly-Molly-Mandy and her friends are up to, you're sure to have fun when they're around. Milly-Molly-Mandy Stories contains thirteen short stories that are wonderful to read aloud and are the perfect way to introduce younger readers to the enduringly popular heroine, not forgetting her friends little-friend-Susan and Billy Blunt! This first book in Joyce Lankester Brisley's Milly-Molly-Mandy series, which have charmed generations of children since their first publication in 1928, brings the characters to life with the authors original, iconic black and white illustrations.

The magical and feel-good novel from the Sunday Times bestseller 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson Life is full of second chances, if only you keep your heart open for them. Spring Hill Square is a pretty sanctuary away from the bustle of everyday life. And at its centre is Leni Merry-

man's Teashop on the Corner, specialising in cake, bookish stationery and compassion. And for three people, all in need of a little TLC, it is somewhere to find a friend to lean on. Carla Pride has just discovered that her late husband Martin was not who she thought he was. And now she must learn to put her marriage behind her and move forward. Molly Jones's ex-husband Harvey has reappeared in her life after many years, wanting to put right the wrongs of the past before it is too late. And Will Linton's business has gone bust and his wife has left him to pick up the pieces. Now he needs to gather the strength to start again. Can all three find the comfort they are looking for in *The Teashop on the Corner*? And as their hearts are slowly mended by Leni, can they return the favour when she needs it most? Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and ro-

mantic' Katie Fforde

A heartwarming and hilarious novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson Tis the season to be jolly... But can Eve find happiness through the frost? Eve has never liked Christmas. So when her adored elderly aunt dies, the last thing she is expecting is to be left a theme park in her will. A theme park with a Christmas theme ... And that's not the only catch. Her aunt's will stipulates that Eve must run the park with a mysterious partner, the exotically named Jacques Glace. Who is this Jacques, and why did Aunt Evelyn name him in her will? But Eve isn't going to back down from a challenge. She's determined to make a success of Winterworld, no matter what. Can she overcome her dislike of Christmas, and can Jacques melt her frozen heart at last? Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from

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Where there's always a second chance at first love...

A heartwarming and feel-good read from the Sunday Times bestseller 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson A getaway to remember. But is a holiday romance on the cards? Best friends from work May, Lara and Clare are desperate for some time away. They have each had a rough time of it lately and need some serious R & R, so they set off to a luxurious spa for ten glorious days. But when they arrive at their destination, it seems it is not the place they thought it was. In fact, they appear to have come to entirely the wrong village ... Despite the strange atmosphere, the three friends are determined to make the best of it and have a holiday to remem-

ber. But will this be the break they all need? Or will the odd little village with all its secrets bring them all to breaking point? Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

The perfect escapist read from the Sunday Times bestselling author 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson New beginnings, old secrets, and a place to call home - escape to Wildflower Cottage for love, laughter and friendship ... Viv arrives at Wildflower Cottage, a tumbledown animal sanctuary, for the summer. Her job is to help with the admin, but the truth is she is here for something much closer to her heart. Geraldine runs the Wildflower Cottage sanctuary. She escaped from her past to find happiness here, but now her place of refuge is about to come under

threat. Can she keep her history at bay and her future safe? Two women join forces for one shared cause - with unexpected results ... Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

The heartwarming and feel-good read from the Sunday Times bestselling author 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson When Connie discovers that Jimmy Diamond, her husband of more than twenty years, is planning to leave her for his office junior, her world is turned upside down. Determined to salvage her pride, she resolves to get her own back. Along with Della, Jimmy's right-hand woman at his cleaning firm, Diamond Shine, and the cleaners who meet at the Sunflower Café, she'll make him wish he had never under-

estimated her. Then Connie meets the charming Brandon Locke, a master chocolatier, whose kindness starts to melt her soul. Can the ladies of the Sunflower Cafe help Connie scrub away the hurt? And can Brandon make her trust again? Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

From the Sunday Times bestselling author, *The Mother of All Christmases* is a gorgeous read full of love, life, laughter, a few tears - and crackers! 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson Eve Glace - co-owner of the theme park Winterworld - is having a baby and her due date is a perfectly timed 25th December. And she's decided that she and her husband Jacques should renew their wedding vows with all the pomp that was missing the first time. But grow-

ing problems at Winterworld keep distracting them ... Annie Pandoro and her husband Joe own a small Christmas cracker factory, and are well set up and happy together despite life never blessing them with a much-wanted child. But when Annie finds that the changes happening to her body aren't typical of the menopause but pregnancy, her joy is uncontainable. Palma Collins has agreed to act as a surrogate, hoping the money will get her out of the gutter in which she finds herself. But when the couple she is helping split up, is she going to be left carrying a baby she never intended to keep? Annie, Palma and Eve all meet at the 'Christmas Pudding Club', a new directive started by a forward-thinking young doctor to help mums-to-be mingle and share their pregnancy journeys. Will this group help each other to find love, contentment and peace as Christmas approaches? 'Full of love and laughter' Daily Express 'Full of characters you can identify with and an uplifting sense of warmth' Debbie Johnson 'Johnson is a bona fide commercial blockbuster author and her latest offering is a treat ... a properly juicy novel' Grazia 'Always rooted in the deep issues that shape and shake wom-

en's lives ... Sprinkled with festive cheer' The Lady 'Brings love, life and laughter' Yours 'A festive-themed, big-hearted feast bursting with love, laughter, tears, a cast of characters that readers will love as much as their own best friends' Lancashire Post 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat

From the Sunday Times bestseller comes a heartwarming and uplifting story of how three women find themselves empowered by unexpected pregnancies 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat Three South Yorkshire friends, all on the cusp of 40, fall pregnant at the same time following a visit to an ancient fertility symbol. For Helen, it's a dream come true, although her husband is not as thrilled about it as she had hoped. Not only wrestling with painful ghosts of the past, Helen has to deal with the fact that her outwardly perfect marriage is crumbling before her eyes. For Janey, it is an unmitigated disaster as she has just been offered the career break of a life-time. And she has no idea either how it could possibly have happened, seeing as she and her ecstatic husband George were

always so careful over contraception. For Elizabeth, it is mind-numbing, because she knows people like her shouldn't have children. Damaged by her dysfunctional childhood and emotionally lost, she not only has to contend with carrying a child she doubts she can ever love, but she also has to deal with the return to her life of a man whose love she must deny herself. Praise for Milly Johnson: 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

'Rich, warm and sunny. A story that stays with you long after the last page is turned' Milly Johnson Could the lemon groves of Sicily be the perfect place to start over? This irresistible novel from Jo Thomas, author of *Escape to the French Farmhouse*, will transport you to the island of mountains and sparkling blue seas. When life hands you lemons ... is it ever too late for a second chance? Zelda's impulsive nature has got her precisely nowhere up until now. A fresh start in a beautiful hilltop town in Sicily

looking for new residents, together with her best friend Lennie, could be just what she needs. And who better to settle down with than the person who knows her best? But the sun-filled skies and sparkling seas can't hide the shadow hanging over Citta d'Ora, which means not everyone is pleased to see their arrival. The dreams Zelda and her fellow new residents had of setting up a new life might be slipping away. But a friendship with restaurateur Luca could be about to unlock the possibilities that lie in the local lemon groves. And there's a wedding on the horizon that might be just what the town needs to turn it around... Could a summer in Sicily help Zelda learn to trust her instinct and follow her heart?

From the Sunday Times bestselling author 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson It's the day they've always dreamed about. But will it turn out to be a nightmare? Bel is in the midst of planning her perfect wedding when disaster strikes and everything she thought she knew is turned on its head. Can she hold it all together and, with the help of her friends, and a mysteri-

ous man she meets unexpectedly, turn disaster into triumph? Bel's friend, ice-cream parlour owner Violet, is engaged to Glyn, who is besotted by her although Violet fell out of love with him long ago. But however trapped she feels in the relationship, she can't quite say the words, 'I don't want to marry you anymore.' Then, just when she's about to give up and resign herself to married life, she finds love in the most surprising of places. Will duty rule her heart or will she allow herself to be swept off her feet? Max was planning a quick registry office do with her fiancé Stuart until she sees a TV programme about traveller brides and becomes determined to have the most extravagantly glitzy wedding ever. But in all the excitement has she lost sight of what's really important? Does she want the wedding more than she wants the groom? And as all three friends find the dress of their dreams at the White Wedding bridal shop, its owner, the lovely Freya, guarantees that her gowns will bring them happiness - though maybe not quite in the way they expected ... Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel'

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If you liked *The Flatshare*, you will LOVE this book... 'Abigail Mann is a sparky new talent on the scene. *The Lonely Fajita* is comforting, witty, wise and thoroughly entertaining. (And it made me crave fajitas)' Milly Johnson

Looking back at her lengthy career just four years before her death, modernist painter Nell Blaine said, "Art is central to my life. Not being able to make or see art would be a major deprivation." The Virginia native's creative path began early, and, during the course of her life, she overcame significant barriers in her quest to make and even see art, including serious vision problems, polio, and paralysis. And then there was her gender. In 1957 Blaine was hailed by *Life* magazine as someone to watch, profiled alongside four other emerging painters whom the journalist praised "not as notable women artists but

as notable artists who happen to be women." In *Central to Their Lives*, twenty-six noted art historians offer scholarly insight into the achievements of female artists working in and inspired by the American South. Spanning the decades between the late 1890s and early 1960s, this volume examines the complex challenges these artists faced in a traditionally conservative region during a period in which women's social, cultural, and political roles were being redefined and reinterpreted. The presentation—and its companion exhibition—features artists from all of the Southern states, including Dusti Bongé, Anne Goldthwaite, Anna Hyatt Huntington, Ida Kohlmeyer, Lois Mailou Jones, Alma Thomas, and Helen Turner. These essays examine how the variables of historical gender norms, educational barriers, race, regionalism, sisterhood, suffrage, and modernism mitigated and motivated these women who were seeking expression on canvas or in clay. Whether working from studio space, in spare rooms at home, or on the world stage, these artists made remarkable contributions to the art world while fostering future generations of artists through instruction, incorporating

new aesthetics into the fine arts, and challenging the status quo. Sylvia Yount, the Lawrence A. Fleischman Curator in Charge of the American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, provides a foreword to the volume. Contributors: Sara C. Arnold Daniel Belasco Lynne Blackman Carolyn J. Brown Erin R. Corrales-Diaz John A. Cuthbert Juilee Decker Nancy M. Doll Jane W. Faquin Elizabeth C. Hamilton Elizabeth S. Hawley Maia Jalenak Karen Towers Klacsmann Sandy McCain Dwight McInvaill Courtney A. McNeil Christopher C. Oliver Julie Pierotti Deborah C. Pollack Robin R. Salmon-Mary Louise Soldo Schultz Martha R. Severens Evie Torrono Stephen C. Wicks Kristen Miller Zohn

The emotional, uplifting and completely relatable new novel from Sunday Times best-seller Milly Johnson. Shay Bastable is the woman in the middle. She is part of the sandwich generation - caring for her parents and her children, supporting her husband Bruce, holding them all together and caring for them as best she can. Then the arrival of a large orange skip on her mother's estate sets in motion a cataclysmic series of events which leads to the collapse of Shay's world. She is forced to put

herself first for a change. But in order to move forward with her present, Shay needs to make sense of her past. And so she returns to the little village she grew up in, to uncover the truth about what happened to her when she was younger. And in doing so, she discovers that sometimes you have to hit rock bottom to find the only way is up. Praise for *The Woman in the Middle*: 'An unputdownable tale of redemption and hard-won wisdom, this is a book that speaks for us all wherever we are in our lives. Milly Johnson always delivers an absolutely cracking read' Katie Fforde 'The main characters are wise, loveable and so relatable. The humour is down to earth, the emotions are real and the storyline compelling. No one else writes quite like Milly and, with *The Woman in the Middle*, she has produced yet another winner'' Jill Mansell 'Written from the heart ... honest, inspirational and great fun ... I loved it' Janie Millman 'This book is delicious. As moreish as a freshly made sandwich, full of your favourite filling. It's well worth the wait and joyous to bite into' Jo Thomas 'Immensely relatable, tender and wise; Milly's magic sparkles from every page' Cathy Bramley 'A complex family drama with a

big heart, a light touch and lots of surprises' Veronica Henry 'The perfect pick-me-up that you won't be able to put down. I loved it' Matt Dunn Praise for Milly Johnson: 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'WOW! From the first page I was absolutely hooked...Would highly recommend to get you in a feel good mood!' (5 stars) Netgalley reviewer Uplifting and full of heart - this is an utter treat of a book! The perfect feelgood read for fans of Heidi Swain, Cathy Bramley and Sue Moorcroft, from the bestselling author of *Summer at the Kindness Cafe*. Beth Williams hasn't been home for ten years. After falling pregnant at sixteen, she ran away from her family and the imposing Scottish estate where she grew up, working hard to build a life

for herself and daughter Isabelle - but now she's returning to Glendale Hall. As Beth tries to mend her broken family ties, and fights to bring the community of Glendale back together, she realises that the story she has told herself for a decade might well be a very different one from the truth. Even though she ran from Glendale it has never left her heart. And, she soon realises, neither has Drew - Beth's first love. Will Beth be able to forgive her mother and grandmother (and herself) for what happened ten years ago? What will Drew say when he discovers the secret she's been keeping from him for so long? Can a festive trail bring the village back together? Will returning to Glendale bring back the old magic that she's been missing - or will Beth be forced to run away from it all over again? A charming, magical novel that will warm your heart - the perfect read to curl up with this winter. Fans of Trisha Ashley, Debbie Johnson and Cathy Bramley will love this gorgeously romantic read. Readers are loving *Coming Home to Glendale Hall*: '5☆ A Heart Warming, Cosy Romance, Full of Festive Cheer that will Melt Your Heart!' Dash Fan Book Reviews 'It's a feel good, heart warming

read bursting to the seams with family bonds, romance and hope and goodwill.' By The Letter Reviews 'Full of charm, heart, humour, pathos and emotion, Coming Home to Glendale Hall is a brilliant read I absolutely adored.' Bookish Jottings 'An amazing, emotional roller coaster festive second-chance romance and just - wow! - what a great read.' Splashes into Books 'all the ingredients you'd want in a wonderful festive fiction treat; warmth, tra-

dition, family, joy and hope...An utter treat full of heart and guaranteed to lift your spirits.' Bee Books Beauty 'I adored the beautiful storytelling, the outstanding seasonal descriptions and attention to detail, but most of all I adored the poignant and emotional underlying message.' The Writing Garnet 'an idyllic setting for a winter romance novel. The story is about family and friendship, rediscovering roots and the

magic of first love.' Waggy Tales Blog 'I loved this book, it's so cosy and happy...the sort of book you can curl up on a cold day to read. 5 stars all the way' (5 stars) Netgalley reviewer 'I just could not put this book down, it had me sad, happy and every other emotion you can think of. I loved every minute of it.' (5 stars) Netgalley reviewer  
Includes readers guide discussion questions.