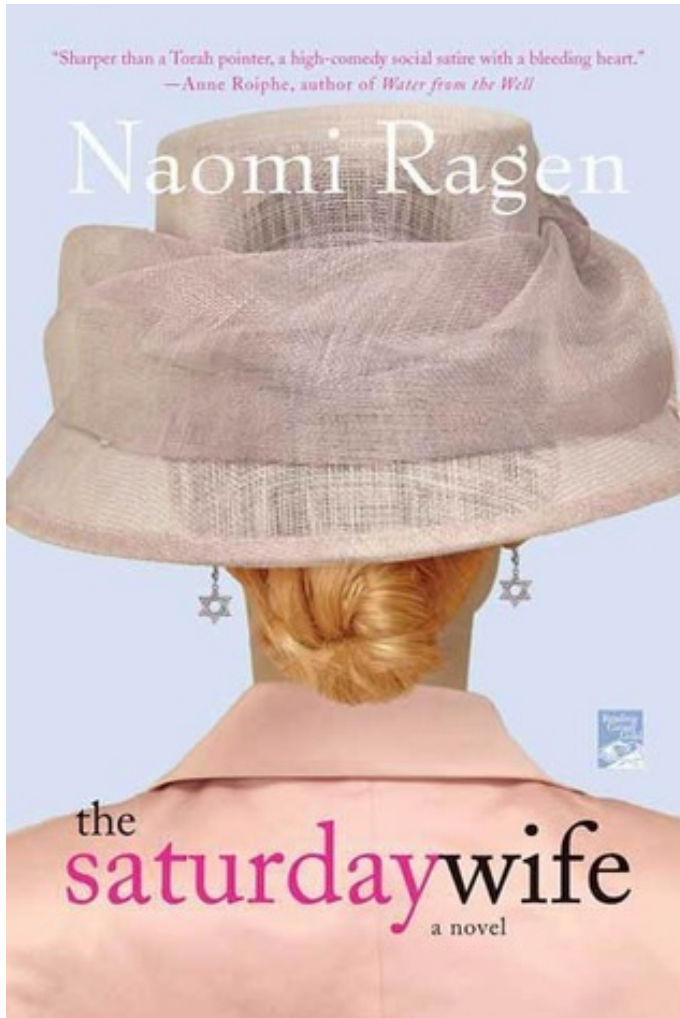

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The Saturday Wife



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Description

With more than half a million copies of her novels sold, Naomi Ragen has connected with the hearts of readers as well as reviewers who have met her work with unanimous praise. In "The Saturday Wife", Ragen utilizes her fluid writing style--rich with charm and detail--to break new ground as she harnesses satire to expose a world filled with contradiction.

Beautiful, blonde, materialistic Delilah Levy steps into a life she could have never imagined when in a moment of panic she decides to marry a sincere Rabbinical student. But the reality of becoming a paragon of virtue for a demanding and hypocritical congregation leads sexy Delilah into a vortex of shocking choices which spiral out of control into a catastrophe which is as sadly believable as it is wildly amusing.

Told with immense warmth, fascinating insight, and wicked humor, "The Saturday Wife" depicts the pitched and often losing battle of all of us as we struggle to hold on to our faith and our values amid the often delicious temptations of the modern world.

Insightful reviews

Joy: Ragen was inspired by hoochie-dancing Orthodox Jewish women and Flaubert's [Madame Bovary](#) to write this book and frankly, it shows. Ragen's strength is in loving yet clear-eyed depictions of Orthodox communities in America and Israel, but this time she moves out of it enough to show some of the excesses that can happen as these communities go upscale.

The protagonist (one dare not call her heroine), is Delilah Goldgrab, a relentless social climber whose name telegraphs her intent. Since the rabbi is the largest status figure in her confined, ultra-Orthodox world, she sets out to marry one, and succeeds in marrying a nice but not particularly dynamic assistant rabbi with a his grandfather's small, elderly congregation in the Bronx. Delilah's very conventional religiosity exists in tension with her relentless material and social-climbing goals and her desire for male admiration.

Unlike Emma Bovary, Delilah never actually commits adultery or suicide, but she does manage to lead her husband into an upscale (but blackballed!) congregation where the rabbi is expected to provide moral guidance without, you know, weighing against the excesses of the wealthy lifestyles. Whether the book ends badly or not is kind of up for debate. I was highly amused by the story of a particularly lavish bar mitzvah and Delilah's wacked-out idea of a charitable project.

This is not one of Ragen's best books. It's hard to pull off an unlikeable heroine in chick lit (and this is chick lit), and Ragen almost-but-doesn't-quite pull it off. And there are some jarring moments, including when Ragen listed one of Delilah's favorite books as [Jephte's Daughter](#), which is one of Ragen's own earlier (and better) works. An author ought to be able to resist this.

Cheryl: This is one of the worst books I have ever read. Not a single character in this book is likeable, the plot is so far-fetched that it is unbelievable, and it is poorly written. While I have

enjoyed Naomi Ragen's other novels (for the most part), not as great literature but enjoyable, it was not so with this one! I felt myself so bored that I skimmed sections and at the end found myself pondering why I wasted my time finishing the darn thing!

Anye: This is very different from Ragen's other work in that the protagonist is not a particularly sympathetic character. She is quite awful, actually. The book is a bit of a farce, which you have to be or have been Orthodox to truly understand. My sister read it despite my warning and didn't get it because she didn't have the same exposure to traditional Judaism that I have had...so she didn't get the "jokes". Jokes is a bit of a misnomer - there aren't any jokes, just crazy situations that are only humorous if you know enough halakha to appreciate them.

So if you think you're Jewish enough to grok the book - should you read it? It can't hurt, but it won't be the end of the world if you don't. It didn't grip me like her other books did, maybe because I really didn't like the main character. She's a social climbing, materialistic no-goodnik with a pretty face who lands a well-meaning but not-so-bright rabbinical student for a husband. She sets out to make sure that he provides for her the type of life she wants to have, no matter what the cost - which ends up being rather higher than any of them would have thought. Despite not being able to say I truly "liked" the book, I did read it in one sitting in hopes that Delilah would get her come-uppance at the end.

Dana: This was once five stars the entire means until eventually the epilogue on the finish of the book! I hate now not figuring out what occurs to characters in whom i've got invested days of my life! till that point, this used to be an all encompassing examine greed and longing, regularly short of greater than you have, even if you concept you had every little thing each time you were given more. A decrease heart type Orthodox collage girl, with nice beauty, goals of a great life, with a huge condo and fabric goods. She lusts after a charmer, briefly breaking from the legislation of Orthodox Judaism. to save lots of herself, she marries a difficult operating Rabbi who takes over his grandfather's congregation within the Bronx. this isn't the lifestyles Delilah coveted, and he or she won't ever cease short of progressively more and more. As she will get it, it really is nonetheless by no means enough. the writer has a wonderful method of stating the vile excesses of the wealthy, who can be doing actually strong deeds, yet continually need to one up their neighbors. it's not relevant that this is often the tale of a Jewish couple. it may be any couple with one accomplice who's by no means satisfied. Regan's descriptions of the venues within which she units her tale are only fabulous. Her characters are good drawn. even if Delilah may be shallow and greedy, there's something actual and weak approximately her. She is naive and trusting, and that's her downfall. I simply with Regan didn't supply a number of attainable endings. i would like to understand what as a result of Delilah and the Rabbi!!!!

Jessica: this is often an interesting, good e-book that sheds a few gentle at the hypocrisy of non secular observance, not less than from one person's perspective. It used to be a superb distraction and that i even discovered a couple of things.

Fiona: the truth that the tale was once advised in a number of POVs distracted from the capability intensity of the storyline. i did not want to know each shallow considered secondary

characters. That said, it was once exciting sufficient to complete in a day. My favourite half was once early on-- the residual feelings from yitzie and delilah's tryst. and having a rebitzin with a scandalous earlier and materialistic longings as a protagonist is daring.

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