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## Marian Keyes

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## Description

A hilarious and bittersweet tale of baby-blues and fruitless men.

At twenty-nine, fun-loving, good-natured Claire has everything she ever wanted: a husband she adores, a great apartment, a good job. Then, on the day she gives birth to her first baby, James visits her in the recovery room to tell her that he's leaving her. Claire is left with a beautiful newborn daughter, a broken heart, and a body that she can hardly bear to look at in the mirror. So, in the absence of any better offers, Claire decides to go home to her family in Dublin. To her gorgeous man-eating sister Helen, her soap-watching mother, her bewildered father. And there, sheltered by the love of her (albeit quirky) family, she gets better. A lot better. In fact, so much better that when James slithers back into her life, he's in for a bit of a surprise.

## Insightful reviews

Alyse: I love Marian Keyes' style of writing. Easy to read and witty. I found myself laughing out loud on several occasions.

Irene: This book has the distinction of being the only book I've ever read that earned an extra star based on the author's pandering to my relationship psychoses. Had I read this book, say, 4 years ago, I would have given it 2 stars max because the main character spoke directly to me. Really. She spoke DIRECTLY to me as if narrating her whole life to someone she just met on the bus. It grated on my nerves for 200+ pages. But I kept going, cause that's what I do when I make it past page 100. Her asides (thoughts she had in her head during the pregnant pauses in her conversations with other people) were like nails on a chalkboard.

But then the pandering started and I got suckered in. All because, yes, the circumstances of her divorce were similar to mine (minus the baby). I found myself reading entire chapters of the fighting with her estranged husband as if reading the transcripts of my own life painfully read back to me by an annoying court reporter. It was, frankly, unpleasant for me. The fact that the main character (shoot, I forgot her name already) got to sleep with a freakishly muscled (and intuitively sensitive) hottie 2 months after giving birth was a little like salt on the wound of my fragile ego. After all, I'm a smart, nice, young-ish gal, so where's my rebound hottie?

Ok, I've abused poor Marian Keyes enough. I gave this 3 whole stars, but it deserves 2. I won't read her again. Rather, for my fluffy (and inevitable) chick-lit needs, I'll continue looking to Kathleen Tessaro, who creates stronger female characters that don't quite act like airheads. That's all. Oh, and she used the word "Pyrrhic" so that was cool. Giving Ms. Keyes some additional props.

Lucie Wheeler: I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book!

This was a recommendation from a friend and I have not read any of Marian Keyes's other books, so I cannot compare it to her other work; all I can say is what I thought of this particular one.

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If I'm honest, when I read the first few chapters I had mixed feelings. Marian has written this book in first person, which is great, but the way she addresses the reader so often is very strange. But in a good way, I might add.

It is just something new to get used to, and it makes her writing style very unique. (Well, I haven't come across another book as yet that talks so much to you, the reader, so personally.) It is as if you are in a room with Claire Webster, having a nice girly chat with her about everything. As I said, it took me a couple of chapters to get used to this style of writing but once I had, I loved it. It really makes you connect with the character.

So, about the story itself. Well, It's about a young woman called Claire Webster and the book opens with her giving birth to her first child with husband James. But it all goes downhill from there for poor Claire. James then leaves after admitting to an affair and leaves Claire to deal with the fact that she now has a newborn baby to look after and no husband. She returns home to Ireland to stay with her family and grieve over her loss. Everyone rallies around and we meet most of her family; Mum, Dad, and two of her sisters Helen and Anna. Time goes on and she begins to come through the ordeal when a guy comes along to throw her emotions into turmoil. I won't spoil it by saying what happens but at some point James returns but he isn't as apologetic as maybe he should be. Claire is left with the decision of whether to take him back or not, but does she make the right decision and who, if anyone does she end up with....

The way Marian Keyes describes the long list of emotions Claire suffers after the initial abandonment from James is brilliant and so well written.

This book is an amazing insight to single mothers and their struggles. An extremely well written book which has made me want to buy more of her work. I can't wait to read the next one.

RLA: I learn a number of Marian Keyes's books again whilst I used to be in my past due teens, I consider liking her sort so I assumed I'd supply this one a go. Although, to be honest, I hadn't realised that this was once first released the entire long ago in 1996. If I say something it really is that this had held up well, and except a couple of components this does not suppose elderly at all. I enjoyed examining the adventure that Marian Keyes takes us on together with her heroine. She was once in a correct ol' mess and we're along with her for each excessive and each low. there isn't 'perfect' heroine here, faraway from it, and there's no loss of honesty from the writer approximately her character's occasionally negative behaviour. The low moments within the trip are tricky to learn but in addition funny, in addition to endearing. I discovered I used to be unhappy for and pissed off on the heroine in equivalent measures. The narrative and 'breaking the fourth wall' sort is not my favourite, so for me this sometimes felt a bit forced, but the writing is ideal - tough to think this was once Marian Keyes's debut. This is a mystical tale of a lifestyles in tatters and discovering the desire to get via it. Originally published at <http://everyday-is-the-same.blogspot....>

Lauren: I picked this publication up after I stopped Lucy Sullivan is Getting Married. Like Lucy Sullivan, I loved Marian Keyes chatty style. Interpreting this publication seems like a talk with a chum and that I came across that I obtained to grasp the most personality very well. Marian Keyes excels at personality development. As you most likely know, this tale is ready Claire, a 29

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yr outdated Irish lady residing in London. a couple of hours after she gave birth, her husband James publicizes that he does not love her anymore and that he's leaving her for one more woman. Devastated, Claire left London for her kinfolk in Dublin. In Dublin we event with Claire her levels of "mourning," which look fairly actual for a girl in her predicament. First, she wishes her husband again to her and for every thing to come the way it was, then she is angry, after which she reveals acceptance. As Claire is going on together with her lifestyles and meets a person knew, her husband James pops again into her lifestyles and desires her back. Claire contemplates taking him again simply because she desires to have the suitable family members and her previous lifestyles back. within the end, she realizes that she can't forgive her husband. The booklet is a predictable plotline, of course, yet what's certain approximately it truly is how Claire wrestles together with her altering notion of her husband and herself. She realizes that she had put her husband on a pedestal and she or he figures out that he used to be fairly now not the man she proposal he was. Yes, Claire will get demanding at times. do not we all? and are not so much poeple who struggle through great breakups type of egocentric and self-centered? the actual fact is, Claire is a truly actual person. She has her flaws and faults, however the reader grows to care approximately her. I gave this publication 4 stars simply because a few sections have been type of wordy and at a few issues (e.g. the luggage declare scene whilst Claire first arrives in Dublin) the place it appears like the writer is making an attempt too difficult to be funny. yet this can be a incredible publication when you are searching for a light, humorous read.

Shrxn: I by no means suggestion I'd meet a pleasant guy who desired to marry me. lots of lunatics, undoubtedly.- ClaireThere's a time and a spot for spontaneity.- ClaireI enjoyed books. and that i enjoyed reading. and that i enjoyed males who read. I enjoyed a guy who knew his existentialism from his magic-realism.- ClaireI knew i used to be taking a look at my destiny. My future.- ClaireI may possibly type of have in mind the pain, however it now not had the ability to harm me.- ClaireI could not remeber the main points yet i may be mindful the feeling.- ClaireI did realize, in a few humorous way, throughout the self-pity and the self-rghteousness, that someday, while all this was once over, i would be a nicer individual because of it, that i might be more advantageous and wiser and extra compassionate.- ClaireI had lived fortunately ever after--well, a minimum of for a while.- ClaireIf you lose somebody or something, you are feeling a loss, then after it slow you fill within the gap on your lifestyles and the loss steadily will get smaller and smaller and finally is going away. there is a element to the pain. there is a cause and a direction.- ClaireDrink by no means drowns anyone's sorrow. It purely teaches them how one can swim.- ClaireMaybe he'll come back, probably he won't, yet both way, you've obtained to pass though this.- MomIt'll get back if it's intended to be. No element in forcing it. it may in simple terms force it away.- ClaireI used to be loopy to imagine that i'll have gotten him again simply because i wished him back. transitory madness had come a-calling and that i had shouted "Come on in, the door is open."- ClaireMy lifestyles was once the following now. not less than for the moment.- ClaireI'd have him know, lots of males stumbled on me attractive. Well, i used to be yes there has to be a few someplace who did. there have been 3 billion humans in this planet.- ClaireHe used to be gorgeous! I beloved him myself.- MomIf i used to be 20 years more youthful I'd supply him a run for his money- MomThere's not anything i like greater than seeing other folks arguing. It makes me believe like I'm no longer the one individual on this planet who's miserable.- girl within the streetI'd like to have the capacity to go back and forth via time.- AdamSometimes I want i may commute again in my very own life. You

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know, return to a time while i used to be rather happy. Or return and alter things. make things better that I did wrong. Or do issues that I must have performed and didn't.- AdamI simply couldn't inform her. i actually didn't understand why. or even I did.- AdamMaybe since it was once now not innocent. might be it by no means was.- ClaireI have a weigh down on Adam. Or should still I say i've got A weigh down ON ADAM!!!!- ClaireGet over it, and if you happen to can't recover from it, recover from conversing approximately it. – LauraPeople are consistently encouraging one another to do issues that they comprehend the opposite individual won't do. after which get the surprise in their lives whilst the individual really does it.- ClaireI too used to be caring in regards to the unimportant and ignoring the vital. occasionally it's more uncomplicated that way.- ClaireI wanted there has been a few form of turn on my brain. That i may flip it off within the related method that i'll flip off the television. simply click on it off and instantly empty my brain of these kinds of pictures and caring thoughts. and easily go away a clean screen. Or if i'll simply eliminate my head and placed it on my bedside desk and ignore it till morning. after which connect it back whilst i wished it.- ClaireThe basically challenge with time mending issues is that it takes longer.- ClaireFailed relationships could be defined as quite a bit wasted makeup.- ClaireI'd hit him the place it hurt.- ClaireThere are extra tears because of replied prayers than unanswered ones.- ClaireI knew I enjoyed him. yet I couldn't fairly take into account what it was once that I enjoyed approximately him.- ClaireHe's now not worthy going to felony for.- ClaireAnger is good, I informed myself. Anger retains the soreness away. Anger empowers me.- ClaireUsually, there's not anything I take pleasure in greater than seeing a grown guy cry. specially if I'm the person who made him cry. That feeling of power! you simply can't beat it.- ClaireChoose your subsequent phrases very carefully, you asshole. they are your last.- ClaireI'll continually be real to what i do know I am. I'm going to be me, even if it's stable or bad.- ClaireI sought after my existence to be like a working laptop or computer game. Make the inaccurate determination and that i lose a life. Make the perfect one and that i achieve points. I simply desired to know. I simply desired to be sure.- ClaireGod! I hated this enterprise of being grown-up. I hated having to make judgements the place I didn't comprehend what used to be in the back of the door. i needed a global the place heroes and villains have been in actual fact labeled. the place ominous track starts off enjoying the minute the villain comes on-screen so that you can't very likely mistake him.- ClaireMaybe i used to be within the improper job, probably I didn't have a real vocation, might be i used to be simply bone lazy. Well, no matter what it was once I wasn't a type of fortunate humans (although I simply imagine they're weird) who get nice pleasure from their job. At top i presumed of it as a method to an end, at worst a hell on earth.- ClaireAnd from time to time like that, while my defend was once down, I allowed myself to overlook him, to believe unhappy that he wasn't there. yet just for a moment. I didn't wish to leave out him. I didn't fairly prefer to take into consideration him at all.- ClaireSometimes, you meet a superb person, yet it's just for a quick instant. might be on holiday or on a educate or perhaps even in a bus line. they usually contact your lifestyles for a moment, yet in a unique way. And rather than mourning simply because they can't be with you for longer, or since you don't get the opportunity to understand them better, isn't it greater to be completely satisfied that you simply met them at all?- ClaireNo one is aware how powerful they're until eventually they must be. – MomI consider i have to be appearing like I don't supply a rattling simply because i really don't supply a rattling i used to be in basic terms human.- ClaireIf you prick me do I now not bleed? should you stick a stunning guy lower than my nose, do I now not are looking to rip the garments off him? I mean, I don't make the rules.- ClaireWhen happiness makes a visitor visual appeal in one's life, it's very

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important to utilize it. it might probably no longer remain round for lengthy and while it has long gone wouldn't or not it's poor to imagine that every one the time you'll were satisfied was once wasted caring approximately whilst that happiness will be taken away?- Claire

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