

FRIENDS OF BRIDGET JONES

For readers who enjoyed *Bridget Jones's Diary* by Helen Fielding, here are further adventures of the single woman in search of love, happiness and the perfect manicure.

As Francesca by Martha Baer

[F/BAE]

Elaine, ambitious and hardworking, plays by the rules at the office so well that she's on the brink of an impressive promotion. But in the cyberspace world she visits every day as "Francesca", her daytime self disappears. As she becomes obsessed with finding her real-life paramour, her speculations about cyberspace "Inez" true identity quickly run wild and soon all of her once innocent encounters with friends and colleagues are charged with sexual overtones.

The Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing by Melissa Bank

[F/BAN][LP/F/BAN]

This book maps the progress of Jane Rosenal as she sets out on a personal and spirited expedition through the perilous terrain of sex, love, relationships and the treacherous waters of the workplace.

Four Blondes by Candace Bushnell

[LP/F/BUS][F/BUS]

This is a story of four women caught at crossroads in their lives, facing choices and realizations that will define them forever.

Pink Slip by Rita Ciresi

[F/CIR]

Lisa Diodetto's mother wants her to get married so badly that anything in pants will do. But Lisa's just not ready. Looking for a fresh start, Lisa trades her great job in New York publishing for a spot in the editorial department of the highly conservative Boorman Pharmaceuticals. To amuse herself, she begins writing a novel that pokes fun at corporate life.

Happy All the Time by Laurie Colwin [LP/F/COL]

Guido and Vincent are cousins. Guido loves Holly to desperation and she finally agrees to marry him. When Vincent meets Misty Berkowitz he soon loves her to distraction. The story of Guido and Holly's marriage and Vincent and Misty's courtship is an exercise in charm, love and happiness.

Girl's Poker Night by Jill Davis [F/DAV]

After landing a job as a reporter at the "New York News," Ruby Capote joins three other women for evenings playing poker and finds herself falling for her intriguing and challenging boss, Michael.

Heartburn by Nora Ephron [F/EPH][LP/F/EPH]

Rachel is a cookbook writer and she's just found out that for the past seven months, while she's been pregnant with little Nathaniel, Mark has been on the couch too, with Thelma Rice. From the moment when Rachel discovers the worst, to the moment, six weeks later, when she wraps it all up with a final joke, she's suffering heartburn, terminal heartburn.

Stately Pursuits by Katie Fforde [F/FFO]

When Hetty Longden, freshly dumped and broken-hearted, agrees to look after her great uncle's long abandoned mansion in the countryside, she is at something of a lifetime low. With no job, no lover, no prospects and no particular talent for resuscitating crumbling estates, she hopes for nothing more than a good old-fashioned escape. What she finds, though, is a cast of quirky and ever present neighbors.

Otherwise Engaged by Suzanne Finnamore [F/FIN]

When Michael pops the question, Eve is deliriously happy. She tells grocery clerks and subscribes to bridal magazines. The prospect of being with one man for the rest of her days reverberates through her consciousness like a Chinese gong. Suddenly the sight of Michael's discarded socks on the floor and his passing mentions of his former live-in French girlfriend incite doubt, argument and public fainting.

Two Women by Marianne Fredriksson [LP/F/FRE][F/FRE]

After meeting one day at the local garden center, two very different women, both single mothers, from widely divergent backgrounds form a unique bond that reveals the remarkable healing power of friendship.

The Accidental Bride by Janice Harayda [F/HAR]

This book is a romantic comedy about a bride who wants to have her wedding cake and eat it too.

About A Boy by Nick Hornby [F/HOR][LP/F/HOR]

Will is thirty-six and doesn't really want children. Then he meets Angie. He's never been out with anyone who was a mom. It dawns on Will that maybe Angie goes out with him because of the children. Marcus meets Will and finds he is cool. Marcus needs someone who knows what kind of sneakers he should wear and who Kurt Cobain is. They could all in move together!

Le Divorce by Diane Johnson [F/JOH]

This book is about Americans in Paris, worse, Americans from Santa Barbara, California, in Paris. Also, French cultural superiority and American innocence, one sister's marriage, another's illicit love, infidelity, family disapproval and a crime of passion, perhaps murder.

Watermelon by Marian Keyes [F/KEY]

In this very funny, very fresh novel, the author delivers an unforgettable debut and a heroine so irresistible that she feels like a new best friend.

The Way Men Act by Elinor Lipman [F/LIP]

This novel is about friendship based on Main Street geography; about having no degree in a snobby college town; about being an ex-cheerleader and ex-boy-crazy girl in a politically correct landscape; about getting what you deserve; and about getting luck in love after giving up hope.

The Crasher by Shirley Lord

[F/LOR]

This book is about a hair-raising suspense, keenly observed psychological detail and an insider's look at the often-Machiavellian world of big money and haute couture.

Flame by Connie Mason

[LP/F/MAS]

Prepared to face any hardship on her journey west in order to clear her brother's name, Ashley is horrified to learn that single women aren't welcome on any wagon train. Desperate to cross the plains, she decides to pay the first bachelor willing to pose as her husband.

Looking Back by Belva Plain

[F/PLA]

Friends since college, three women – Cecile, the elegant daughter of privilege; the talented but trouble Norma; and Amanda, determined to rise above her humble origins – find their lives torn apart by a single shattering act of betrayal.

Jackie By Josie by Caroline Preston

[F/PRE][LP/F/PRE]

Josie Trask is a thirty's graduate student whose husband is the pet of their American Civilization Department and whose three-year-old son is the apple of her eye. But Josie has two pressing problems. One, she's utterly bored by her unfinished dissertation on an obscure nineteenth-century poetess. Two, her husband Peter, whose career is zooming ahead, seems to be spending an awful lot of time with their fellow student and "friend" Monica.

Hunters and Gatherers by Francine Prose

[F/PRO]

With the acerbic wit and compassion that have marked her widely acclaimed previous works, the author offers a sharp-eyed consideration of how men and women differ in their pursuit and avoidance of power, sex and competition.

American Pie by Michael Lee West

[F/WES]

This is a story rich in texture and color, a multilayered tale of human foibles, commitments and the vast idiosyncrasies that pass for eccentricity when it comes to family.

The Trails of Tiffany Trott by Isabel Wolff

[F/WOL]

Tiffany Trott is not one to give up. So she's holding her nose and plunging right back into the mating pool and she is going to do her best to find her knight in shining armor.

The Cigarette Girl by Carol Wolper

[F/WOL]

Elizabeth West is a twenty-eight-old smart girl in search of Mr. Mabe. The problem is, she lives in Los Angeles and as a writer of testosterone heavy screenplays, blow'em-up vehicles for eight figure stars, she deals with men who traffic in bimbos, which, like smog and palm trees, are a fixture of the L.A. landscape. Even though her job requires her to sound like one of the guys, she's every inch the girl, from her fear of bad lighting to her weakness for some of Hollywood's finest bad boys.

Asking For Trouble by Elizabeth Young

[F/YOU]

Unmarried and in no hurry to find a husband, thirty-year-old Sophy invents a boyfriend named Dominic to keep her mother quiet, but problems arise when Sophy is forced to produce her imaginary beau for her sister's wedding.

Animal Husbandry by Laura Zigman

[F/ZIG][LP/F/ZIG]

Jane met Ray who was the young executive producer with the J. Crew good looks and, it seemed, a love life as lonely as Jane's. They met for drinks, fell in love and looked together for an apartment. Then suddenly, inexplicably, in only the third month of their phase, Ray was gone. Not gone gone, but lost to a jungle of unreturned phone calls and unrequited love.

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