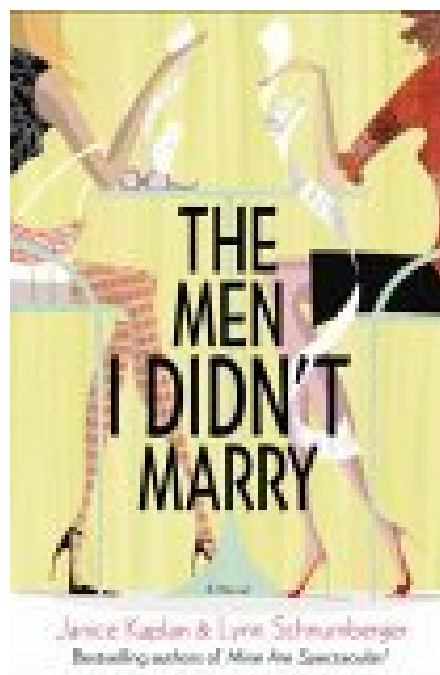




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The authors of the national bestsellers *Mine Are Spectacular!* and *The Botox Diaries* apply their trademark wit and wisdom to another delicious read. Join Hallie Lawrence Pierpont as she's whisked away on a journey into her past love life that leads to her future.

Hallie's husband, Bill, doesn't even wait until they get home from dropping off their youngest daughter at Yale to announce that he's leaving—for fitness trainer Ashlee (two e's, perky breasts, and shiny hair to boot). After first succumbing to an Oreo-induced coma, Hallie is determined to get her life back. An unexpected call from an old college boyfriend sets a plan in motion. Whatever happened to all those men she didn't marry?

First up is Eric, now an international businessman and number 277 on Forbes's "Richest People in the World" list. He and Hallie used to put a nickel in the piggy bank every time they made love. Now Eric would like to renew the investment. Next she finds Rav Jon Yoma Maharishi—formerly known as Barry. Her onetime backpacking boyfriend has become the spiritual leader at the Heavenly Spirit Retreat Center, and their reunion would be a little smoother if he weren't in the midst of a three-day silent meditation. Kevin, the sexiest man she ever met, is now a scuba-diving photographer working on Angelina Jolie's latest movie. When he seduces her into joining him at his beachfront paradise on Virgin Gorda, Hallie can overlook his gaggle of bikini-clad friends, but can a woman survive on a steady diet of sex, sharks, and air tanks?

Back at home with her best friend, Bellini Baxter, Hallie visits an all-night spray-tanning salon and Soho's legendary Cellulite Exorcist, whose secret weapon looks suspiciously like an Oreck vacuum cleaner. Hallie's college-age children are protective of their mom but embarrassed to have her back in teenage territory—the world of dating and condoms. Finally, Hallie confronts the great love she swore she'd never see again and resolves an old family secret.

Janice Kaplan and Lynn Schnurnberger tell a heartfelt and hilarious story about moving forward by looking back. By turns poignant and laugh-aloud funny, this is a must read for every woman who's ever wondered about the men she didn't marry.

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Ruth Santana Valencia says

Un libro muy femenino donde vas de la risa, a la reflexión y al coraje, etc.
Si eres mujer en la edad media o recién divorciada o soltera este libro es para ti.
Muy divertido.

Lisa Harris says

This book warmed my heart. I especially liked reading a story about a woman closer to my age. I was a bit worried that the story would take an ugly turn when the character seemed to be reconsidering her ex husband, but it all worked out well. Thank goodness. :)

Julie says

Book

Diane Large says

A light read about a woman whose husband dumps her after they drop their youngest daughter off at college. She decides to look up her old boyfriends to see what happened to them.

Amie says

Total chick lit, really funny book. I liked this one.

LillaLovesBooks says

A nice, entertaining escape from reality about a woman whose husband just leaves her suddenly and trying to figure where to go from there. Hallie thinks the secret to feeling happy again may be in one of the men she didn't marry, but the lesson in this book is that oftentimes the path not taken was for a reason. Pretty witty book, but as another review pointed out there is a point in story about sister that seems very random and then is quickly resolved, making the reader question why authors added that plotline in the first place. Though I hate using the term "chick-lit," since it demeans books written for women by women, but this chick-lit was surprisingly poignant in its message about not dwelling on the past because you don't know where life may lead.

Elle says

Such an entertaining read. Hallie drops off her daughter and Yale and before she even gets to the car, he is breaking up with her after decades of being married. He drives to Manhattan even though they live in the suburbs. So this jerk drives to an apartment in Manhattan and leaves her the car and says that he lives in the apartment with his girlfriend, Ashlee. She is a young personal trainer that he met with the Equinox membership his wife bought him.

Hallie spends some time just trying to deal with the separation and what it means to be in her forties and suddenly single. She decides to go on a hike and has a horrible time. She falls and is bitten by ants and wasps. She gets lost and a handsome friendly stranger helps her. It so happens that he is the best friend of her first love. She ends up going on a date with him and it makes her wonder about the exes that she didn't marry.

She goes to an ashram and meets the European love she had who went with her across Europe. She finds that he is some Yogi and is doing well. She finds out why he never tried to have sex with her all of those years ago.

Kevin she has to go to a remote tropical island to find. She books herself a trip to go by herself but her adult children surprise her by showing up. Her plans to meet up with her high school boyfriend is sabotaged. He is resentful as he takes Angelina Jolie out with them as they go out scuba diving. She ends up making it up to him and stays on the island much much longer than she intended.

There is still one love she can't confront but she is finding herself by finding who she was and learning how to move on to be who she is now.

Tiah says

I enjoy a thoughtless funny book every now and again. This was a perfect mix of comedy and "oh my god, this is my life" moments!

LauraSt says

5 AMAZINGLY FUNNY AND ENTERTAINING STARS!

*Re-read for GR.

These authors are just amazing, I love their books and their writing, their characters and plots. It's amazing I can't get enough, only thing that would make this better is if we had a sequel or a shortie in the future. Pretty please.

So we have Hallie Lawrence Pierpont, after leaving her youngest daughter in Yale, her husband Bill doesn't even wait to get home before announcing that he's leaving her for a fitness trainer named Ashlee. After succumbing to an Oreo induced coma, Hallie is determined to get her life back on track, an unexpected call from an old college love sets plans in motion and so this story starts. *Whatever did happen to those old boyfriends? All the men I didn't marry? It just may be time to find out.*

The cookies taste much better this way, and I'm pretty sure the freezing process kills off the calories. Plus everybody knows that any food you eat standing up doesn't count.

This was such a funny and uplifting story, you find yourself laughing from the moment the story starts, it's an adventure that you can't help but feel addicted to, it's amazing.

Time stops and I stand frozen. For a moment, the whole world goes silent and the only sound I hear is a bird off in the distance, with a persistent, mournful call: *You'll be alone you'll be alone you'll be alone.*

But I can't even think about that possibility. Anyway, what does a bird know?

The secondary characters are great, Bellini -Hallie's best friend- is witty and free and happy; the kids, are wonderful, and I hope I have kids like that some day lol; Kevin is fucking gorgeous in my mind, I adore him (view spoiler) and the ex's too, gosh even Bill was amusing in his mid-life-crisis way!

Bellini shakes her head at my awkwardness. "You're hopeless. But if you're not going to talk to Tom, let's cruise."

"Did you really just say 'Tom' and 'cruise' in the same sentence?"

"Not on purpose," Bellini grins. "But Tom Cruise. That could be our secret code when we're meeting men. Girlfriend talk for 'Let's go find someone else.' "

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Apparently I saved money in a 529 plan all those years so my daughter could go to Yale—and learn to do laundry and have sex.

A MUST READ

Carrie Marston-Jennings says

Another cute, fast read. I loved the scenery.

Cheryl says

Chick Lit. A fun, quick read.

Caitlyn says

I really didn't expect this book to be more than just a book for a middle aged woman to talk about her past love life and get all cliché about chances we miss when we're young but it was so much more than that. Sure there was a fair share of cliché (especially with her best friend) but nothing overpowering.

This book was so nice to read at the time in my life where I'm going through boys like that (snaps fingers Lol) like Hallie is looking back on. I get to see things from her (or my) POV twenty years in the future. And I love books that make me question and challenge my current POV.

And I LOVE the way the book ends and that doesn't happen often.

The author does a really good job connecting pieces she slipped in early in the book at the end too which is always appreciated.

Jen says

I wanted to like this book more, but there were so many false starts, with Hallie repeatedly committing some huge goof or other just as things got going. I get it. Life is messy. Things aren't perfect, but getting ready to settle into her giving Ashlee a good telling-off, only to mistakenly hand her a Sam's Club card, instead of a family photo... and a few other such instances... that was really discouraging. I did feel the book picked up nicely about halfway through, and I enjoyed reading about the time spent on Virgin Gorda- though the arrival of Hallie's kids was really annoying. Again, I get it, the reader is experiencing the same thing the main character is going through, but still...

The BYOB party was a fun twist and a nice way for things to come to a close, though!

Valerie says

This is just a fun read. It won't change your life. It won't really make you think...although the authors do try and throw in a bit of be grateful for what you have, etc...it was fun to read and I did enjoy it. The book does have a lot of totally unbelievable coincidences but...if you can get through that then it's fun to read! Enjoy!

Barbara Cozens says

This book was a fun and easy read. It was witty and playful. It made me think (and cringe) about the men I didn't marry.
