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From New York Times Bestseller Mimi Jean Pamfiloff Comes a New, Standalone, Romantic Comedy, SKINNY PANTS.

(Book Three, The Happy Pants Café Series)

**SHE ACCIDENTALLY CATFISHED THE PERFECT GUY.
BUT WILL HE EVER LOVE THE REAL HER?**

DR. JACK REED has been through hell. His wife cheated on him, broke his heart, and lied for years. But moving on isn't easy, and it's impossible to trust women again. Until he meets Macie, a nurse at his new hospital. There's something about her honest heart that makes him want to fight to get his life back.

NURSE MACIE FRANKLIN was always known as "the fat girl." After decades of failed diets, she doesn't dream of ever being anything but invisible to the opposite sex. One moment of weakness and two glasses of bubbly later, she's in a steamy online chat with "Dr. J-Love" as the fake, size 8, bubbly Catrina.

Their passionate conversation convinces her it's time to make big life changes. But when she goes to see Dr. Reed, the new amazing surgeon everyone's talking about, it's Dr. J-Love! And he's way hotter in person.

They hit it off a second time as friends, but now Macie's heart is at risk of falling hopelessly in love. Will he ever love the real her back?

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From Reader Review Skinny Pants for online ebook

Melanie Marnell says

While Mim Jean Pamfiloff's dark and paranormal writings are outstanding her romantic comedies are extraordinary. These lighthearted romances keep you smiling if not laughing outloud. This final book in the Happy Pants Cafe series is no exception.

Macie and Jack are disastrous at every turn. Macie is a warm, generous, carrying spirit who has walled herself off from close relationships other than her best friends. Jack is a talented surgeon whose bitter divorce two years ago has left him cold, callous and distrustful. Mistrust and miscommunications and meddling friends and family end up separating Jack and Macey before they ever really get started. It takes 6 months away from each other to really deal with their own baggage before they can deal with falling in love. But it does happen. Ms Luci ends up planning and scheming her last wedding before she retires from The Happy Pants Cafe.

Anima says

Mimi's style is very refreshing, spots of humor and sarcasm with moments of honest love. Even though this one is a standalone there is a connection to the others, Jack Reed is the brother of Taylor from the previous book. He doesn't believe that a magical happy face cookie could help someone find true love. I love the feelings I get from this book and the subtle twists and turns had me smiling and laughing. Although this is a fictional romance I like how Mimi wove a true event into the book, the devastating fires of the Napa Valley. Just a reminder of how well she writes and researches for her stories. Thanks to Mimi for my early copy, my review was written voluntarily.

Dianne says

What's not to love about a sweet romance that involves humor, heart and COOKIES? Add a little too much wine, an online dating service and several "Oh, crap," moments, a few "What the Heck?" paragraphs, not to mention laugh-out-loud dialogue and without a doubt, you know you have fallen into another Mimi Jean Pamfiloff tale!

SKINNY PANTS is going to tickle your fancy, warm your romantic heart and offer up a prayer to the gods that women can finally learn to love themselves for who and what they are, no matter their shape or size!

Macie is the woman who always ends up in the friend zone. She's a little overweight, but fit, intelligent, giving, caring, cool under pressure. She has true friends, is an excellent, compassionate nurse, BUT, she is looking for love and here is where things get verrrry interesting!

It seems that after a couple of glasses of bubbly, her fingers did the walking over the keyboard on an adult chat/dating site. So maybe the picture she used wasn't actually her, and maybe, just maybe she was pretty hot and heavy online with Dr. J-Love with the razor-sharp abs, chiseled face, it wasn't like she was going to actually meet him...Last. Famous. Words.

Macie decides it's time to get drastic with her weight, so why not go to the best surgeon around? The new guy at the hospital, Dr. Jack Reed...or as she knows him, Dr. J-Love. Holy heart palpitations, his picture online doesn't do him justice, but he is now all business. And why would this Adonis need a dating site? Could it be that even he knows the pain of heartbreak and loneliness? And what is Macie supposed to do now?

Jack DOES know the pain of betrayal, divorced and bitter, the last thing he wants is a romantic entanglement, but Macie, with her zest for life, quick wit, sincerity and down-to-earth attitude is just the kind of "friend" he needs, until he sees her bite into one of those special cookies from the Happy Pants Cafe. Can you say, Doc, you are an ass, jumping to the totally wrong conclusion? NOT that Macie isn't hiding some big secret...it just has nothing to do with the cookie!

Hang on tight for the "ride of miscommunications" of your life as Macie and Jack straddle the rails of life downhill without brakes! Lies by omission, arrogant pig-headedness and life-threatening flames make this love story a kaleidoscope of comedy and a collage of pain as two souls make affairs of the heart about as jumbled and abstract as a Picasso painting.

Face it, there is NEVER a dull moment when Mimi Jean Pamfiloff wields her mighty pen!

I received a complimentary ARC edition from Mimi Jean Pamfiloff!

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Shiboune says

Even the strongest among us has moments of weakness and insecurity

Skinny Pants is story packed full of mixed signals, missteps, regrets, laughs, possibility and ultimately hope.

Nurse Macie Franklin is active, smart, self-confident, calm in the face of chaos, and unflappably happy. So how does the local man-whore doctor send her into a spiral of self-doubt?

Macie doesn't think about her appearance. She exercises regularly, eats healthy, loves life, and works hard. She's also given up on ever dating. Why? She happens to be overweight, and constantly landing in the friend

zone of anyone she could find herself attracted to.

After a unusually bad day Macie finds herself unable to let the latest snub from the “Chadster” go. What better way to relax than drink a bottle sparkling wine, drunkenly signs up on a dating app and accidentally catfishes Dr. J-Love and making what could be a real connection. Unfortunately, it’s too late to undo the lie once she meets Dr. Reed in person.

Jack Reed just wants to move on with his life. He’s not looking for a fling he’s looking for the one. Only problem is that he’s not exactly over the deception his ex-wife dealt him. In Macie he finds someone who is caring, easy to talk to and a joy to be around.

How do two damaged individuals find a way past their hang ups and insecurities? Skinny Pants is the fourth and final book in the Happy Pants Café series. This is another of those easy “poolside reads” that although lighthearted, delves into situations that anyone of us could find ourselves in. Jack and Macie are inherently relatable, as you find yourself alternately wanting to smack some sense into them and rooting for them to find their happy ending.

Nothing worth having ever comes easily and Mimi does an excellent job of painting the humanity of her characters with words, wisdom and laughs as they struggle to become who they were meant to be. It’s easy to lose yourself in her world for a while as you laugh, cry, yell, and probably see very real similarities to things in your own life. I know I did.

Nadine says

I'm not sure how to rate this book. I like some things very much, others were rather unrealistic and strange.

Macie is an overweight nurse who gave up dating years ago, even though she is only 30 years old. The men she's interested in don't give her a second look. And in order not to settle for second choice, she has just completely renounced men.

However, one evening under the influence of alcohol she gets weak and logs on to a dating portal - with a fake photo. This can only go wrong - and it does. She meets a gorgeous guy who is instantly fascinated by her fake personality. It gets really uncomfortable when she meets this man the next day in real life. He's the doctor who's supposed to operate her so she finally loses weight.

Dr. Jack Reed is everything Macie is looking for: successful, smart, charming, funny, incredibly handsome and not a man for one night only. There's only one tiny problem: He hates liars.

I liked Jack and I liked Macie. They were great together as friends, even if they are both incredibly blind when it comes to reading each other.

Macy's low self-confidence didn't bother me. She was confident when it came to other things. There was always this little voice in her head that told her she wasn't pretty enough. What woman doesn't know this feeling?

What bothered me and what can't led me give this story more than three stars is this thing with the fake profiles (yes, several). I didn't like the resolution at all. I don't want to spoil at this point. Let me just say: I wish there had been a solution without a strange third person.

DJ Sakata says

Favorite Quotes:

Like I'm lower than a cockroach wearing stained underwear.

She wanted a man who was romantic, but not needy. She wanted someone who would love her forever even when she was ninety, wrinkled, and peed just a little when she sneezed because she'd had beautiful children with him.

Honey, we are all attracted to him. Reed is complete husband material. And bean-flicking material. And heartbreak, fan-club, tramp-stamp material.

When you do see him, just remember that he's only hot on the outside. On the inside, he's covered in scabs and festering boils.

My Review:

This was my first time experiencing the talented Ms. Pamfiloff's creatively witty word skills, and I am giddy with delight and bawdy glee over my discovery. I enjoyed this cleverly amusing and engaging tale from beginning to end and had marked several pages of favorite quotes, although many of them could not be used due to Macie's amusing filthy and creative use of profanity. I adored the robust Macie; she was spunky, endearing, and highly relatable. The storylines were fresh and entertaining with more unexpected curves than Macie's ample shapeliness. Ms. Pamfiloff's writing was highly entertaining, thoroughly engaging, and just plain fun. I could kick myself for my careless sloth in taking so long to notice her work. I have been remiss and greedily covet her words.

Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

Apart from having the worst book slump ever I think I'm also suffering from review slump, is that even a thing?

I just remember they spent almost the whole book without being a couple or sleeping together and the pathetic heroine falling in love with a man that hadn't even kissed her yet.

Oh and hero wasn't over his ex wife.

Michele says

See the full review at HarlequinJunkie.com

A romantic comedy that will give you ALL the feels, Skinny Pants is the (reportedly) final book in Mimi Jean Pamfiloff's magical & sexy Happy Pants series. And oh what a terrific pair Nurse Franklin and Dr. Reed made once they finally, finally gave in to their attraction.

If you're a fan of Mimi's work and have read—and of course enjoyed—her Fugly series, then I think you'll connect easily with Macie in this story. It touched upon some of the same types of self-doubts and putdowns as what Lily faced. Only with Macie it was about her weight. Now she was no shrinking violet. Nor was she shy or meek. Macie was a kickass heroine who owned her curves and had the kindest, most caring heart you've ever seen. [Read More](#)

Hannah says

ARC REVIEW

Last book of the Happy Pants series. MJP stated previously and in the author's notes at the end that she has more new series in line... but I can wait years for one more book if I have too. Lucia's matchmaking hijinks are legendary and now with Taylor slowly taking over for Lucia she has said Jack Reed will be her last match. But has Lucia taken off more than she can chew with this stubborn but sexy plastic surgeon?

Macie was fine with her life until everything in her life started to point out and make a big deal about her weight. After a wine induced night of stupid mistakes including creating a fake dating profile and meeting Dr. J-Love, a decision she regrets immediately and deletes her profile. Macie is discouraged the fact that her fake profile got so much attention because the skinny model she picked to represent Catrina. Top it all off with the argument she got in with her best friends has Macie reevaluating her life. As a nurse she knows all the problems she can face in her future especially now that she's over 30 and her metabolism is slowing down and it's not like she isn't healthy she eats right and walks every weekend; overall, Macie decides for health reasons she doesn't want to be fat the rest of her life and starts to look into gastric bypass. One of the two surgeons who has to sign off on her surgery is new and apparently very sexy, very professional, and he's also Dr. J-Love.

After learning of his wife's lies and ultimate betrayal Jack wasn't sure he was ready to trust his love with someone else but meeting Macie made him want to try and it's something he wants to do on his own without the help of a magic cookie. Macie automatically assumed Jack friend-zoned her, because why would a guy like Jack want a girl like her. By the time Macie realizes the truth she feels even worse about the whole Catrina thing. As perfect as they seem for each other circumstances just keep getting in the way, maybe they aren't meant for each other after all.

Overall, it's another emotional rollercoaster ride full of humorous situations and fantastic relatable characters. I love when MJP slips in her own books so nonchalantly into other books. She also hits the nail on the head with Macie's emotional battle with her weight and once again we see a love story that focuses on learning to love yourself before you can fully love someone else. I'd put this one in the same category with her other book Fugly, potential ugly cry but such a good book and a happy ending.

#RefuseToBelieveThisIsTheEnd

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

RATING 4.5 STARS

Skinny Pants is the third and final book in the Happy Pants series by Mimi Jean Pamfiloff.

Nurse Macie Franklin had long ago accepted that she would never be like her skinny best friends. She'd tried numerous diets, she ate healthy and she worked out regularly. But she just couldn't seem to shed the extra pounds. Macie loved her life, her family and her friends. She was a great nurse and she loved helping people. But she was tired of being friend zoned by men that she was attracted to. It was after one of the doctors at the hospital where she worked embarrassed her with his comments, that she decided it was finally time to make a change. She'd tried to lose weight by taking care of herself with diet and exercise. Now it was time to consider getting rid of the weight a different way.

It was on this night that she was feeling pretty low which was completely uncharacteristic for her, that she might have had a couple or so glasses of wine. And in her slightly intoxicated state she might have made an online profile on a dating site. And the picture she posted of herself might not have actually really been her but a much skinnier woman. She immediately met Dr. J. Love and they exchanged several messages. He sounded like a great guy but then again, she was a little tipsy. Much to her shock, when she visits the surgeon at her hospital to discuss weight loss surgery, in walks the man she was messaging with last night according to the pictures he sent. Dr. J. Love himself.

“How could he or any man love her for what was inside if they couldn't get past the exterior wall?”

Dr. Jack Reed had his heart broken two years ago when his wife who was also his childhood best friend and the woman he had given his whole heart to, left him for another woman. He felt like his entire marriage had been a lie. He didn't know if he could ever trust a woman again. Truthfulness was everything to him, especially after what had happened. Then in walked Macie to his examination room. He instantly felt like he wanted to get to know her better. That she was different than the other women he knew.

These two's start was complicated to say the least. Macie had connected with Jack via her online fake profile. The picture wasn't really her but the words were. If Jack found out she had lied to him, he would never forgive her after what he's been through. But she knows herself well enough that she's not going to be able to live with the lie. It will eat away at her until she tells him.

The attraction was immediate between these two. But they both still needed some fixing before they could commit to any sort of relationship between them. Jack had to get over his ex. He still carried so much anger and betrayal. And Macie needed to learn to really love herself. She needed to feel like her outside was just as beautiful as her inside. Do these two even stand a chance together?

Then there are those magic Happy Pants Café cookies. Jack is adamant that he doesn't believe in the foolishness of the cookies bringing true love within seven days to those who eat them.

I felt like this book was different than the previous books in the series. It dealt with something real that we all suffer from at one time or another, accepting and loving ourselves as we are. I feel like it also deals with forgiveness. That you have to forgive those that have hurt you in the past before you can truly move on. And you have to be able to forgive the people you love. That no one is perfect, we all make mistakes. The problem here is that Macie and Jack made so many mistakes in the beginning that they definitely had a lot to

forgive each other for.

I have loved this entire series. It's been so much fun. And I will never look at a smiley face cookie and not think of it. This was the perfect ending. I loved the way the author wrapped it all up. Or is it really the end? Only Miss Luci from the Happy Pants Café and Mimi Jean really know the answer to that.

chandler ainsley ? says

a book about a "fat girl" catfishing a doctor. sign me tf up

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Once again, Mimi has proved what a versatile author she is. Whether it's dark mysteries, dysfunctional deities, or in this case, matchmaking tinged with a bit of the supernatural, she always manages to deliver something that is wholly unique with characters you can't help but fall in love with.

In what I hope is not the last book in the Happy Pants series, we meet Macie and Jack. Two people that are so perfectly matched that the universe pushes them together time and time again through the oddest series of schemes and coincidences. Whether by accident or design, these two meet and discover that, regardless of outward appearances, the people they are deep down were made for one another.

Macie reminded me very much of Lily from Fugly, another one of my Mimi-favorites. While the outward appearance of both of these women may not typify conventional beauty, it housed a quick intellect, a good heart, and a strong character. They are both women who know who they are, and are not about to let anyone devalue their self-worth. Macie is such a beautifully written, well rounded character that I couldn't help but want her for my best friend. Or want her attitude for my own! She was smart, blunt, and fiercely loyal to her friends. She knew herself and what she wanted and she went for it, and I loved watching the transformation in her, both physically and mentally.

Jack took a few more minutes for me to fall in love with. He was handsome, but very direct. He was honest and trustworthy, but he was carrying around a lot of emotional baggage I was glad to see him shed in order to come out of his shell. He let his misery get the better of himself for too long, and he needed someone like Macie to give him a wakeup call.

Most of all, what I loved about this book was the way Mimi didn't take herself seriously. She communicated an important message, but in a way that was charming and laugh-out-loud adorable. She weaved in characters from other stories so I got to see long lost friends, and she made references to other books to keep fans on their toes. I don't know how she does it with each book she writes, but she has a style that is so perfectly her own that I'd know it anywhere.

If you're in the mood for a feel-good, adorable treat, you need to check this one out. Although third in a series, it can certainly be read as a stand alone.

And Mimi, I hope your reference to a new deity was a prelude of more to come....I could definitely go for reading a book about the "God of Man Asses"!

Nadine Bookaholic says

This was such a fun read but also a little bit of a sad one, because I knew this was the end of a series that I have enjoyed very much. The laughs are plentiful, the sexy times are hot, we have a great story line, and two great characters so honestly there isn't much to not like about this book.

You can see my full review along with a #giveaway here: <https://nadineisobsessedwithbooks.blo...>

Sana Zameer says

I have enjoyed this series and loved all the characters. I refuse to believe that this is the last book of this awesome series.

Dali says

I loved it so so much. I loved Macie! She's an incredible heroine. Hers and Jack's story had me hooked and smiling throughout. I'm thrilled about this book coming out! It has MJP's signature twist, the crazy, meddling Ms. Lucy, great characters from past books, great new characters I'd love to get to know, AND cookies!
