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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Giffin's sophomore effort—which tells the story that her bestselling *Something Borrowed* did from a different character's point of view—stars such an unsympathetic narrator that it's a little like reading a Cinderella story featuring one of the wicked stepsisters. Perhaps beautiful Darcy Rhone isn't really wicked, but she is one of the most shallow, materialistic, self-centered and naïve 29-year-olds around. Ostensibly a high-powered PR person in Manhattan (though she never seems to work), Darcy spends most of her time shopping, partying and getting ready for her wedding to perfect guy Dex. But an alcohol-fueled Hamptons fling with one of Dex's pals, Marcus, starts to break Darcy's perfect life down; and discovering Dex hiding in her best friend Rachel's closet really shatters it. Pregnant with Marcus's baby, Darcy decamps for London, where she crashes in high school pal Ethan's flat and annoys the heck out of him with her endless shopping and complete disregard for her impending motherhood. But after a good lecture from Ethan, whom Darcy has started to fall for a little, Darcy embarks on a self-improvement plan, thereby demonstrating she can think about someone besides herself. And if readers don't mind the first 200 pages in which she doesn't, they'll enjoy her happy ending and the few surprises along the way. Fans of *Something Borrowed*, too, may relish the "she said, she said" fun.

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Starred Review Readers who enjoyed Giffin's stellar debut, *Something Borrowed* (2004), might be surprised to find that the villainess of that novel is the heroine of this one. Selfish but beautiful Darcy is reeling from the betrayal of her best friend, Rachel, and her fiance, Dex, even though she cheated on Dex with his friend Marcus. Darcy is carrying Marcus' child, so she assumes he'll take care of her. After all, she's always gotten everything she's ever wanted. But when Marcus dumps her, she finds herself pregnant and alone. Always the opportunist, Darcy contacts her childhood friend Ethan, now a writer living in London, and gets him to agree to let her visit for awhile. She jets off to the UK envisioning a charmed life where a handsome, rich Englishman will sweep her off her feet. The reality isn't so blissful--Ethan is critical of her selfish behavior and she finds herself incredibly lonely and unprepared for motherhood. After a confrontation with Ethan, she decides it's time for radical change. Making an unsympathetic character likable isn't an easy thing to do, but that's just what Giffin succeeds at in her second outing. Giffin's writing is warm and engaging; readers will find themselves cheering for Darcy as she proves people can change in this captivating tale. *Kristine Huntley*

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“Giffin's writing is warm and engaging. Readers will find themselves cheering for Darcy as she proves people can change in this captivating tale.” *Booklist (starred review)*

“Highly entertaining...Despite a happy ending, Giffin raises thorny questions. A long friendship can (like marriage) turn claustrophobic or abusive. Is infidelity the solution? And why are pretty girls so easily taken in by scheming Plain Janes?” *Boston Globe*

“[Giffin's] plotting and prose are so engaging that she quickly becomes a fun, friendly presence in your

reading life.” ?*Chicago Sun-Times*

“The author's impressive knack for intimacy and insight sparkles in this delightful novel.” ?*Hamptons magazine*

“SOMETHING BLUE goes beyond the traditional conventions in a witty and compelling way, and reaffirms a lesson we all should have learned long ago: Love doesn't need a fairy tale, fancy wrapping or a big price tag. Often, it's better without.” ?*Charlotte Observer*

“Darcy is Scarlett O'Hara set in modern [day]. Giffin orchestrates her gradual change ingeniously...[and] successfully answers any 'Gone With the Wind' fan who wondered if, after Rhett Butler decided he didn't give a damn, Scarlett ever morphed into someone softer.” ?*Newark Star-Ledger*

“Smartly written. The dialogue is real with lightly rendered lessons about what really matters in life...Emily Giffin knows what she's doing.” ?*Winston-Salem Journal*

“Emily Giffin's sophomore effort is a joy to read from start to finish, taking the egotistical villainess of her first novel and turning her into an unlikely heroine. Any woman who carries the scars of a broken friendship will appreciate this literary gem, which covers every emotional battleground possible--from rejection and betrayal to self-discovery and pregnancy.” ?*CanWest*

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