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## Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Gruenenfelder's scriptwriting background comes through loud and clear in her third chick lit romance (after 2009's *Misery Loves Cabernet*). Nic is about to get married; Seema is stuck in platonic misery with an Orlando Bloom look-alike; and Mel can't get her divorce lawyer live-in to commit. At the bridal shower, Nic hatches a wonderful plan for each woman to pull a wish-granting charm out of the cake. The plan goes astray, of course, leaving them to fear their unintended fates and fail to cope with real life in maximally dramatic fashion. The temptation to echo Nic's nine-year-old stepdaughter is almost irresistible: "Suck it up, grow a pair, and let's go!" In a girls-just-wanna-have-fun way, however, this is a good read, hip and amusing without ever thinking too hard. (Jan.)

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It began with a silly bridal-shower game. Each guest pulls a charm that corresponds to a fortune out of a cake. Nic, the bride-to-be, pulls the pram, much to her chagrin. She loves her fiancé's two young daughters but isn't ready to be a fulltime mom to a needy newborn. Seema draws the shovel, symbolizing hard work ahead, but she really longs for romance with her best friend, Scott. Mel gets the chili pepper, promising her a hot fling, yet she's ready to settle down with her longtime boyfriend. The three women are quick to dismiss the charmed cake, until the other guests' fortunes start to come true. The latest romantic comedy from the author of *A Total Waste of Makeup* (2005) is funny and clever. Despite its whimsical premise, the characters' searches for fulfillment in life and love are quite believable. --Aleksandra Walker

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