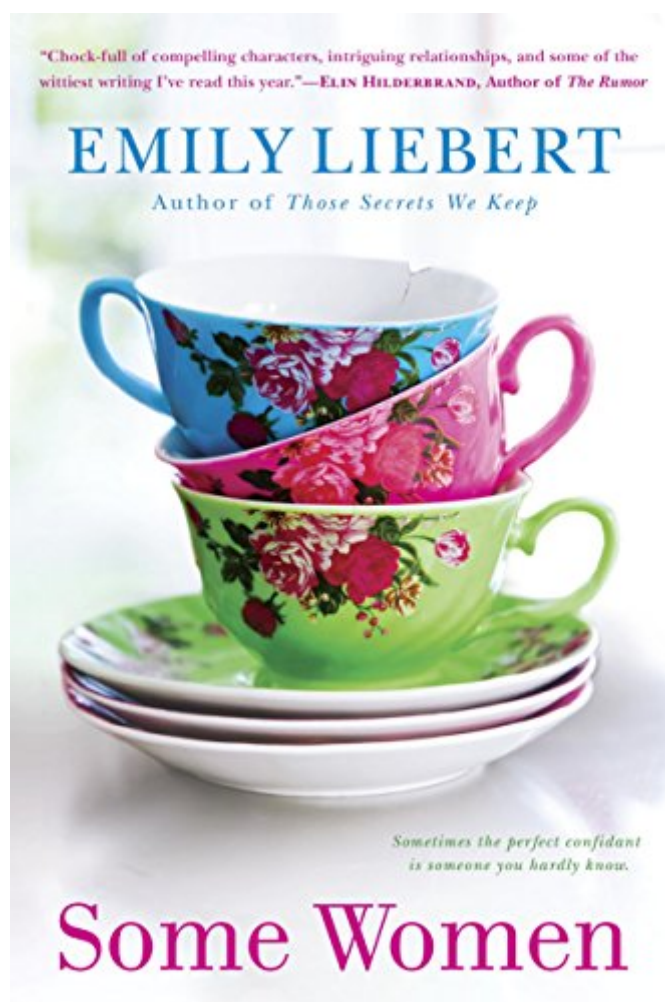


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Some Women



Synopsis

An engrossing novel that examines the intricacies of marriage, friendship, and the power of unexpected connections. Annabel Ford has everything under control, devoting her time to her twin boys and keeping her household running smoothly. But when her husband of a decade announces that he's leaving, she's blind-sided. And suddenly her world begins to unravel. Piper Whitley has always done her best to balance it all—raising her daughter Fern by herself while advancing her career as a crime reporter. Only now that she's finally met the man of her dreams, Fern's absentee father shows up, throwing everything into a tailspin. Married to the heir of a thriving media conglomerate, Mackenzie Mead has many reasons to count her blessings. But with an imperious mother-in-law who's also her boss and a husband with whom she can no longer seem to connect, something has to give. On the surface, these three women may not have much in common, but just when they each need someone to lean on, their lives are thrust together, forming unlikely friendships that help each woman navigate her new reality. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

The concept of a "beach read" is hard to define and can really only be explained by example. In

other words, you'll know it when you read it. *Some Women* is one of those books that you'll recognize very quickly as a beach read. Of course, there is nothing wrong with that. This is a book that will pull you in and, if you are looking for something light and entertaining, it will fit the bill. It is also a fairly quick read, which is perfect for someone looking for something like that. However, I would warn those who want to read this book not to think too deeply about it. While I enjoyed passing the time with Annabel, Piper, and Mackenzie, I found this book to be ultimately unsatisfying--admittedly because I do think too much about what I read. I lost some confidence in the book early on--the friendship between the three women (they all recently met in a barre class) just seemed too contrived and convenient to take seriously. I suspect that if Liebert had set up this friendship so that the three women had known each other for more than a month, the entire book would have been more convincing. This is also a book where there are multiple plots going on at once. I do believe that Liebert tried her very hardest to weave them all together but, in the end, it just didn't work. For one thing, every time I would get into one woman's story, the action would shift to another character and I'd feel torn away from something I found interesting and forced to start over with another character. I also found all the story lines to be predictable and the ending to be too neat and clean to be fulfilling. On the positive, I did enjoy Liebert's writing--it was clean and sassy and perfect for a lighter read such as this one.

I was a little hesitant to request this despite loving the blurb. This was because I had problems with Emily Liebert's last book, specifically with not liking any of the characters really. When I first started I was scared this one was headed in the same path. But turns out I was wrong and this book was quite lovely, including the characters. The story is centered around three different women -- Annabel, Piper and Mackenzie. The three become unlikely friends and help each other through the various points and obstacles in their lives. We deal with divorce, being a single mom, new relationships, fertility, children, mother-in-laws from hell and workplace issues. I feel like this story had something for everyone to relate to in some capacity. We start with Annabel and her current situation. She is bitching at her husband for EVERYTHING. Which is when her husband walks out on her. Honestly, after the opening exchange I didn't blame him. This is what had me worried I got myself into another book with awful characters that I would not enjoy. Thank god she had other facets to her personality, grew and changed into a better person as the story went on. I believe the other ladies really helped with this. Piper is a single mom who is an investigative reporter. Things are going well with her boyfriend until her daughter wants to find her biological father and does find him. Piper is awesome. She is an amazing mom, great at her job and finds time for barre class. I want to

figure all that out myself. Best part though is she is super laid back and really good at handling what life throws at her. I want to be her friend. When we meet Mackenzie, I made another snap judgment I wouldn't like her.

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