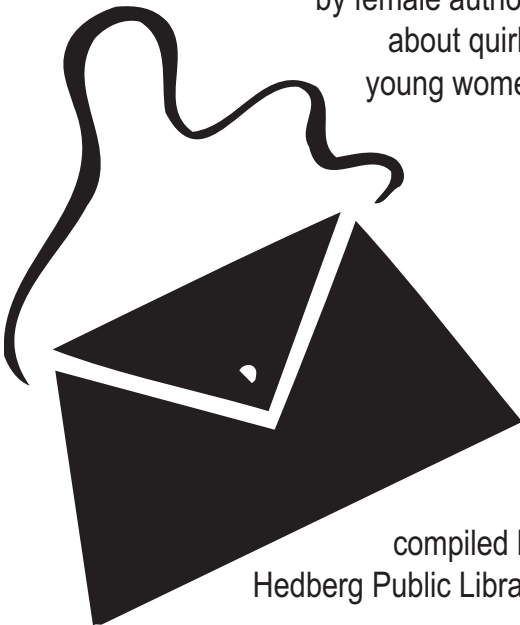


Chick Lit



A list of novels
by female authors
about quirky
young women



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***Little Bitty Lies* by Mary Kay Andrews**

Shocked when her husband leaves, taking all their money with him, Mary Bliss opts to fund her mortgage, expensive teenage daughter and eccentric mother-in-law's nursing home by staging her husband's death in order to claim his insurance money.

***The Thin Pink Line* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted**

When she discovers that she is not really pregnant, although she has told everyone that she is, Jane Taylor decides to keep up the charade when her boyfriend proposes marriage and she is finally the center of attention.

***Call Waiting: A Novel* by Dianne Blacklock**

Dissatisfied teacher Ally envies her best friend Meg's seemingly idyllic life, which includes a loving family and successful career; while Meg, hiding her own discontent, longs for more passion and spontaneity in her life.

***Fat Chance: A Love Story of Food and Fantasy* by Deborah Blumenthal**

Full-figured columnist Maggie O'Leary, a.k.a. America's Anti-Diet Sweetheart, despite many attempts of sabotage and subterfuge, transforms herself into a svelte goddess, but her new look forces her to make some difficult decisions.

***Diary of a Working Girl* by Daniella Brodsky**

A struggling freelance writer desperate to sell an article to pay her rent, Lane Silverman makes a successful pitch to *Cosmopolitan* on how to find true love in the workplace. Now all she has to do is meet a successful eligible man who will find her irresistible — in the next two months.

***Family Trust* by Amanda Brown**

Loving their careers and harboring no desires for marriage or family life, Wall Street executive Becca Reinhart and playboy Edward Kirkland find their situations turned upside down when they are jointly named as legal guardians of a high-spirited toddler.

***Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman* by Elizabeth Buchan**

Her happy marriage and successful career falling apart after 25 years, Rose Lloyd struggles with the prospect of starting over before finding unexpected fulfillment in her new independence and the reappearance of an old flame.

***Trading Up* by Candace Bushnell**

A lingerie model whose fame and success have gone to her head, Janey Wilcox becomes involved in a world of too much money and too little ethics where she is forced to reexamine her values to determine how far she is willing to go to succeed.

***Burning the Map: A Summer Vacation That Changed One Woman's Life* by Laura Caldwell**

Twenty-six-year-old Casey Evers, who has her life perfectly mapped out, joins her two best friends on an illuminating trip to Rome and Greece, where she unexpectedly embarks on a journey of self-discovery that causes her to question her life and long-term relationship with her boyfriend John.

***Amanda Bright @ Home* by Danielle Crittenden**

Leaving the working world in order to become a full-time mom, Amanda finds that her education and professional connections have not prepared her for the challenges of raising two children and keeping a home.

***Bet Me* by Jennifer Crusie**

Agreeing not to pursue a relationship after one date, unlikely lovers Min Dobbs and Cal Morrisey are thrown together again in the wake of such factors as a jealous ex-boyfriend, a determined psychologist and a bizarrely intelligent cat.

***Girls' Poker Night* by Jill Davis**

After landing a job as a reporter at the "New York News," Ruby Capote joins three other women for evenings playing poker and finds

herself falling for her intriguing and challenging boss, Michael.

***The Future Homemakers of America* by Laurie Graham**

Meeting in 1952, a group of women married to pilots stationed at a U.S. Air Force base in Norfolk, England, are drawn together by their mutual fears for their husbands' safety and their desire to help the war-ravaged British natives to form intimate friendships that survive 40 years of marriage, divorce, separations and reunions.

***Jemima J: A Novel About Ugly Ducklings and Swans* by Jane Green**

Plus-sized Jemima Jones struggles with weight, dating and work issues as she navigates a treacherous world dominated by thinner women.

***Ladies With Options* by Cynthia Hartwick,**

Thanks to the efforts of 18-year-old Skye, the diverse members of the Mostly Methodist Club develop an interest in investments, as their hopes for a comfortable nest egg take off when their investment in a company called Microsoft suddenly strikes it rich.

***Three Bedrooms in Chelsea* by Liz Ireland**

In order to pay the bills, struggling actress/waitress Edie Amos takes on two roommates — a blonde Amazonian beauty and a pampered Texas princess — who drive her crazy, but when the going gets tough, Edie discovers the true meaning of friendship as they all band together to survive life's challenges.

***Peyton Amberg* by Tama Janowitz**

Having grown restless in her marriage, a young woman moves through a succession of lovers in her unending quest for excitement but gradually loses her youthful looks and mental stability as the men she chooses prove increasingly rough.

***One-Hit Wonder* by Lisa Jewell**

Moving back in with her mother after her geeky boyfriend ends their relationship, Ana dreams about living the life of her pop singer half-sister, Bee, whose untimely death introduces Ana to the mysterious dangers of Bee's world.

***The Cinderella Rules* by Donna Kauffman**

Leaving her ranch to return to Washington, D.C., to escort an important client of her father, Darby Landon turns to Glass Slipper, Inc., an exclusive makeover salon, to get ready for a round of glittering high-society parties.

***Lucy Sullivan Is Getting Married* by Marian Keyes**

When Mrs. Nolan reads her tarot cards and predicts that Lucy will be getting married within the year, Lucy Sullivan refuses to believe it, until she starts meeting a variety of charming men.

***Can You Keep a Secret?* by Sophie Kinsella**

After the worst day of her life, Emma Corrigan spills her darkest secrets to a stranger on an airplane, but when he re-emerges in her life, she will have to face the things she said to him, and her growing feelings for him.

***How to Meet Cute Boys: A Novel* by Deanna Kizis**

A young journalist who chronicles her romantic disasters for women's magazine *Filly*, Benamina Franklin believes that she has finally met the man of her dreams in Max, until she discovers that he is a lot younger than she is and is demonstrating signs of male commitment phobia, in a zany look at the joys and sorrows of the modern dating scene.

***Does She or Doesn't She?* by Alisa Kwitney**

Longing for some excitement in her life, Delilah is surprised to discover that her husband is having an affair, and that the sexy plumber he hired is an undercover FBI agent.

***Starting from Square Two* by Caren Lissner**

When her single girlfriends decide that it is time for her to brave the often-confusing world of dating, young widow Gert Healy finds herself searching for a second chance at love amidst the leather-jacketed and miniskirted crowds.

***I Do but I Don't* by Cara Lockwood**

A divorced wedding consultant finds her professional and personal life turned upside down by her demanding boss, psychotic clients and neurotic friends.

***Milkrun* by Sarah Mlynowski**

A delightful and hilarious foray into the world of dating follows lively Jackie Norris as she searches for the man of her dreams amidst Boston's singles scene, where she learns to deal with life's various challenges and discovers what she really wants.

***The Second Assistant: A Tale From the Bottom of the Hollywood Ladder* by Clare Naylor**

A former congressional intern who takes a job as second assistant at a powerful Hollywood talent agency, Elizabeth Miller copes with the trials, tribulations and dirty dealings of the film world.

***Tales of a Drama Queen* by Lee Nichols**

A rollicking debut novel follows Elle Medina, a newly single drama queen who has never worked a day in her life, as she, while trying to find a job that does not result in legal action, wreaks havoc on the city of Santa Barbara.

***Spanish Disco* by Erica Orloff**

When arrogant, yet adorable, celebrity editor Cassie Hayes moves in with Roland Riggs, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author-turned-recluse, to coerce him into writing a sequel, her charmed life begins to unravel.

***Larger Than Life* by Adele Parks**

After 14 years of waiting, Georgina is delighted when Hugh Carter, the man of her dreams, finally moves in with her, but her fairy tale life is turned upside down by her discovery that Hugh is not turning out to be the Prince Charming she expected.

***I Don't Know How She Does It: The Life of Kate Reddy, Working Mother* by Allison Pearson**

In a pointed dramatization of the problems of working mothers, Kate Reddy, a hedge fund manager and mother of two, struggles to juggle her professional and personal lives and to balance — often unsuccessfully — the tightrope of work and home.

***The True and Outstanding Adventures of the Hunt Sisters: A Novel* by Elisabeth Robinson**

An unemployed actress, Olivia Hunt is forced to leave Hollywood to return home at the request of her younger sister, Madeleine, and finds herself struggling to help her sister keep her parents under control and reconnect with an old boyfriend.

***The Solomon Sisters Wise Up* by Melissa Senate**

As their father prepares to marry trophy wife # 3, three sisters join forces and discover the true meaning of family, trust and love.

***Hit Reply* by Rocki St. Claire**

Three very different women united by their quest for love search for new meaning in online romantic relationships, in a story told through a series of instant messages and e-mails.

***Bergdorf Blondes* by Plum Sykes**

A wealthy and spoiled young woman living in New York searches for the meaning of life while coping with her broken engagement

and telephone calls from her mother in England pressuring her to marry the Earl next door.

***Elegance* by Kathleen Tessaro**

Insecure wife Louise Canova consults a faded volume titled “Elegance” that promises to transform plain women into creatures of grace and poise.

***The Dirty Girls Social Club* by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez**

In the years after graduating from Boston University, six Latina friends from widely varied backgrounds meet every six months to dine, share the stories of their everyday lives, and offer advice to one another.

***Winner of the National Book Award: A Novel of Fame, Honor, and Really Bad Weather* by Jincy Willett**

Fiercely devoted to each other, twin sisters — the former a woman of certain sexual appetites, the latter prim and virginal — find themselves targeted by predatory poet Conrad, who finds in the sisters an irresistible challenge to test his skills as a manipulator and seducer.

***Diary of a Mad Bride* by Laura Wolf**

Impulsively accepting her boyfriend's proposal, Amy, an independent, career-minded New Yorker, finds her common-sense approach turned upside down as she becomes embroiled in the agonizing preparations for the wedding of her dreams.

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