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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The sassy coauthor of *He's Just Not That into You* and former executive story editor for *Sex and the City* stays on familiar ground for her energetic fiction debut. It follows the dating lives of five single New York women, one of whom, narrator Julie, is writing a book about how bachelorettes across the world manage. A Yahoo-sponsored trip sent Tuccillo traveling the world interviewing women in preparation for her novel; Julie embarks on a similar journey while her four friends duke it out on the New York dating scene. The subsequent stories of courtship, marriage and romantic expectations from Julie's travels are revealing and compelling, but the narrator's interviews quickly give way to her own international affair. The friends back home engage in familiar behavior: the postdivorce fling, the forbidden workplace romance, the comfortable but boring relationship and the quirky pet as substitute-boyfriend. The women's plucky points-of-view are nicely intermingled, with Julie as the woman who ties them all together in Carrie-like fashion. Occasional shifts to issues like poverty in India, however, work against the book's strengths. (*June*)

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From [Booklist](#)

Tuccillo, coauthor of the enormously popular *He's Just Not That into You* (2004), ventures into fictional territory that distinctly echoes *Sex and the City*. Julie Jensen, 38, and her friends are singletons living it up in New York, but they would all much rather be in committed relationships. On a whim, Julie decides to write a book about the experiences of single women around the world. Taking a leave of absence from her job as a publicist, she jets off for parts unknown. Her first destination is France, where she encounters the enigmatic and charming Thomas, who is in an open marriage. Even as she visits other countries, Julie can't help but long for Thomas, who meets up with her again in Bali, jump-starting a whirlwind affair. While Julie is off seeing the world, her friends are back in New York, growing closer to each other as their lives take some disastrous twists and turns. Both entertaining and thoughtful, Tuccillo's debut is a must-read for women navigating the sometimes treacherous dating world. --Kristine Huntley

Review

"This book is a celebration of the 'magnificent, cruel, sublime, heartbreaking party' that is love. I'm quoting one of my favorite lines from *How to Be Single* here, and you'll be doing the same as soon as you crack open this delicious feast of a first novel that examines how it is to be single around the world. Liz articulates the quest for love and the nuance of friendship in such a fresh, soulful, humorous, modern, honest voice, you can't help but fall in love with her characters, and with Liz as well." -- Cindy Chupack, author of "*The Between Boyfriends Book*" and writer/executive producer of "*Sex and the City*"

"With a brutal honesty and an outrageous sense of humor, Liz Tuccillo achieves the impossible -- she gives a fresh, new voice to the world of the single-and-looking-for-love. Tuccillo forces us to think outside the box while taking us on a trip around the world and into the lives of single women everywhere. She has created a new genre: the chick-lit travelogue." -Josh Safran, Producer, "*Gossip Girl*"

"Liz Tuccillo's debut novel is part fascinating, hands-and-lips-on anthropological study and part whirlwind trip around the world. But most of all, *How To Be Single* is a tribute to female friendship with a double dose of hilarity and heart!" -- Claire Cook, author of "*Summer Blowout*" and "*Must Love Dogs*"

"A fun read that reminds single girls everywhere that it's fabulous to be single." -- Plum Sykes, author of "*Bergdorf Blondes*"

"In her energetic fiction debut, [Tuccillo] follows the dating lives of five single New York women, one of whom, narrator Julie, is writing a book about how bachelorettes across the world manage. The subsequent stories of courtship, marriage and romantic expectations fare revealing and compelling." -- "Publishers Weekly"

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