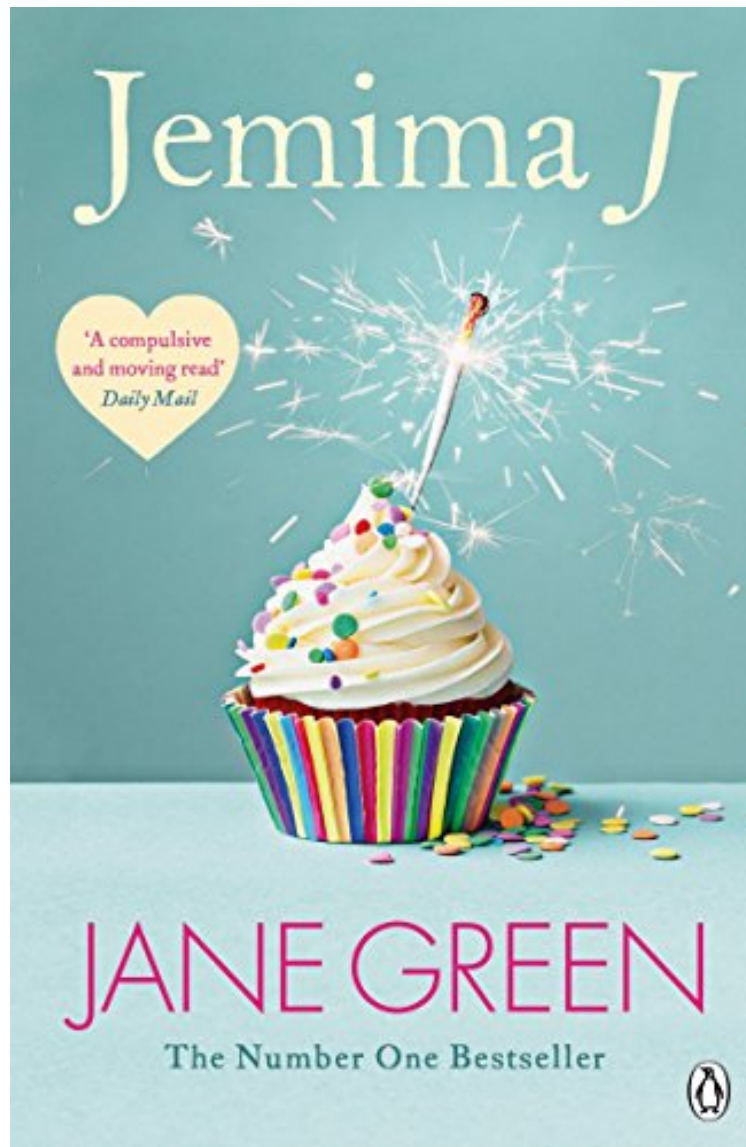


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Von Jane Green

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**Von Jane Green : Jemima J.** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jemima J.:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Jemima J by whitestonebooks.comVon Ein KundeOccasionally you find a book that strikes a personal cord; A book where you can completely identify with the main character. Random House sent over an advanced reading copy of Jemima J by Jane Green--an author I had never heard of before last week. The novel is based in a suburb of London and the main

character, Jemima, who is a hundred pounds overweight, is a columnist with a small, local paper. The story revolves around a co-worker, Ben, who is doing his time at the local paper before he moves on to bigger and better things. The book addresses self esteem issues, internet dating and the treatment of large people in our society. Jemima J also discusses when weight loss is taken to extremes and becomes an obsession. Jemima takes us on a whirlwind trip to California with her internet romance gym owner, Brad, for whom she loses all the weight. Inside, she is still fat and questions her new dalliance--with good reason! The book has some great twists and I inhaled it in two days. All 416 pages. This is one of those books that you look up at the clock and it's three in the morning and you wish you didn't have to get up in a few hours to go to work so you could finish it!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not So GreatVon DandelionSFI was so excited to read this book, as it seemed like something I could relate to and enjoy. Unfortunately, I was disappointed. Yes, I finished the book (record time = EASY reading), but I was frustrated with it all the way through. The switch from first to third person storytelling was annoying, and the writing seemed either condescending or ... does the author really think we are idiots? I guess she chose this style intentionally, but - why? Plus, I think it sends a bad message about women, men, image... believe me, I like Cinderella stories as much as the next person (probably more), but this just didn't work for me.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Empowerment for curvaceous women everywhereVon Sandi ShoragoThis is BY FAR the best book I've read in a very long time. It is at once touching, inspiring, heartbreaking and hilarious. I was late to work several times because I couldn't put it down. If you've ever felt alone in a world where your negative body image dictates how you choose to live your life and whether or not you'll allow yourself to be happy just as you are, this book is for you.

KurzbeschreibungNumber one best-seller Jane Green - author of Babyville and Straight Talking - explores reinvention and self-discovery in Jemima J. Jemima Jones is overweight. About seven stone overweight. Treated like a slave by her thin and bitchy flatmates, lorded over at the Kilburn Herald by the beautiful Geraldine (less talented, but better paid), her only consolation is food. What with that and her passion for her charming, sexy colleague Ben, she knows her life needs changing. But can Jemima reinvent herself? And should she? Jemima J. is a brilliantly funny, honest novel about ugly ducklings and swans, attraction, addiction and the meaning of true love. 'Green writes with acerbic wit about the law of the dating jungle' Sunday Express 'The kind of novel you'll gobble up in a single sitting' Cosmopolitan 'The ultimate makeover novel' Sunday Times From Publishers Weekly Yet another take on the singles scene, and from yet another British writer, this jaunty novel has one slightly new focus--the Internet as a dating device. "Bored, fat and unhappy" Jemima Jones is a hack writer on a small London paper, whose weight precludes both promotion (which she richly deserves, because she's smart) and getting together with the man of her dreams: kind, modest and gorgeous reporter Ben Williams. The Web opens a new world to Jemima, and when she begins an online correspondence with L.A. gym owner Brad, identifying herself as JJ, her friend Geraldine encourages her to send Brad a doctored photo of what she would look like if she were thin. Jemima joins a gym, goes on a diet and even becomes a blonde, preparing to accept Brad's invitation to come to L.A. Lucky JJ: Brad turns out to be a hunk, and the sex is great... but JJ senses that something is wrong. Meanwhile, Ben has become a celebrity "presenter" on British TV, but while the whole country goes gaga over his looks, he too feels that something is missing. By the time several coincidences produce a dreams-come-true ending, readers are fond of plucky Jemima, but somewhat tired out by her adventures. Green's determination to provide texture results in too many scenes that brim with London and L.A. local color, but fail to add verve to the narrative. Outside of Geraldine, who, surprisingly, is both beautiful and a true friend, the other characters tend to be stereotypes: Jemima's roommates, airheads on the make; the predatory female TV producer; the editor who offers Jemima a promotion once she is blonde and svelte. Though the concept is clever and nicely handled, the broad humor lacks true comic brio. (As the online initiated would say: it's not LOL.) Green does, however, capture the nuances and neuroses of the singles scene with a gimlet eye and an uninhibited voice. A bestseller in England, the book should also hook female readers here as they relate to Green's frank comments about body size and social acceptability. (June) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Over the past few years, novels about single women in their twenties and thirties looking for love and success have become steadily more plentiful. Green's entry into the field is one of the best to come along. Jemima Jones is 100 pounds overweight and feels that her size is holding her back. Her boss at the Kilburn Herald doesn't promote her, and the handsome deputy news editor, Ben Williams, whom she adores, thinks of her only as a friend. So Jemima turns to the Internet, where she meets Brad, a hunk who runs a gym in Los Angeles--if she can believe what he says. But when she sees Ben with another woman, Jemima decides she's had enough. She joins a gym, starts dieting, and soon she's losing weight rapidly, until she weighs only 121 pounds. She's now a stunning beauty, but she's still insecure about herself. However, with the encouragement of her friend Geraldine, she goes to L.A. to meet Brad. He turns out to be everything he promised, at least on the surface, but is he the man of Jemima's dreams? The book has an almost fairy-tale quality as Jemima discovers that while being thin helps, it doesn't automatically guarantee that one will find true love. Charming, witty,

good-hearted fun. Kristine Huntley