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## Editorial Review

From Booklist
A socially awkward movie critic finds her moxie in Meister's winsome tale. Violet Epps might pen scathing movie reviews, but in real life she's too timid to break up with her louse of a boyfriend or stand up to a snippy assistant at work. When Violet visits the Algonquin Hotel, the favorite haunt of her idol, Dorothy Parker, she's shocked to discover the spirit of Dorothy Parker is still hanging around, connected to the hotel via its legendary guest book. Violet absconds with the book, taking it, and thereby her idol, home. The feisty and persistent Mrs. Parker urges Violet to buck up and fight for what she wants. Under Dorothy's guidance, Violet manages to dump her boyfriend, make a move on her cute kung fu instructor, and put the mouthy assistant in her place. But Violet's biggest challenge lies in her fight for the custody of her 13-year-old niece, Delaney, the daughter of her beloved older sister, Ivy, who died in a car crash with her husband. Meister's third outing, following The Other Life (2011), is magical fun. --Kristine Huntley

Review
"Magical fun." —*Booklist*

"[Meister] reveals the pathos behind the pith, and she instructs readers about the enduring legacy of a writer who produced not just 'scathing reviews, clever jokes, quotable poetry, and insightful short stories' but also championed social causes. Classic Parker zingers sprinkled throughout the novel add sparkle."—*Washington Post*

"Meister honors Dorothy Parker, her still-fresh political convictions, and her body of witty, insightful work in this very nice literary romp.... Parker was the perfect New Yorker: sharp, witty and eminently quotable. And it is clear that Meister had a lot of responsible fun paying tribute to her."—*Bookreporter*

"Meister skillfully translates the rapier-like wit of the Algonquin Round Table to modern-day New York ... [with] pathos, nuanced characters, plenty of rapid-fire one-liners, and a heart-rending denouement."—*Publishers Weekly*

"This funny yet tender homage...resurrects the iconic wit of the literary legend...Breezy and engaging...complete with Parkeresque banter."—*Library Journal*

"*Farewell, Dorothy Parker* is a delightful haunting. How wonderful to have the renowned wit—America's wisegirl—as resident ghost and adviser.... Ellen Meister's new novel is smart and fun."—Susan Isaacs, *New York Times* bestselling author of *As Husbands Go*

"Gone four decades and still missed, Dorothy Parker now has a starring role in Ellen Meister's delicious new novel. No doubt Mrs. Parker, wherever she is, must be smiling." —Marion Meade, author of *Dorothy Parker: What Fresh Hell Is This?*

"In *Farewell, Dorothy Parker*, Ellen Meister provides refreshing insight into Mrs. Parker as a wit, civil rights advocate, and writer. Both of this bitchin' novel's main characters—Violet and Dorothy—can visit me any time."—Mark Ebner, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Hollywood, Interrupted*

"What bliss to be in the company of a reimagined Dorothy Parker! Ellen Meister's wonderful novel delivers the wit, ingenuity and elegiac sass worthy of the Algonquin Table's most quoted member. Long live Dorothy

Parker and her zingers, resurrected so winningly in these pages."
—Elinor Lipman author of *The Family Man*

About the Author
**Ellen Meister** is the author of *The Other Life*, *The Smart One*, and *Secret Confessions of the Applewood PTA*. She teaches creative writing at Hofstra University School of Continuing Education and runs an online group where she mentors aspiring women authors.

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