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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
As a teen Allie Denty believed the cure for most anything could be had in a cosmetics jar. Now, with her 20-year high school reunion approaching, she's facing insecurities she'd never imagined—aging, weight gain and her single status. When her best friend Noah shows up accompanied by a beautiful woman who was the most evil girl in high school, Allie warns him off her and risks damaging their long friendship. Orlagh Cassidy's mellifluous voice makes this mundane and predictable story far more interesting than it is. She gives the characters more personality than was written for them and finds the perfect voices to portray each. Chapters begin with quirky quotes that any baby-boomer would recognize, and Cassidy imbues them with dry, overly dramatic tones, making them the novel's comedic highlight. *A St. Martin's hardcover (Reviews, Mar. 2). (July)*
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“Harbison continues to wow readers with charm and genuine characters.” ?*Booklist*

“...fun nostalgia for those of us who loved Bonne Bell Lip Smackers and Sun-In.” ?*Fort-Worth Star Telegram*

“Harbison creates vivid, convincing characters and handles them well.” ?*Publishers Weekly*

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HOPE IN A JAR

“Readers will root for these four plucky women. Like the designer shoes that pepper its pages, this book is pleasing and stylish. This frothy confection is sure to fly off the shelves this summer.”

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