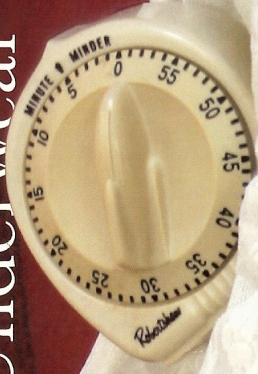


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Lucy Pescitelli is a virgin pushing 30, working part-time at a funeral home and still living with her mother Marge, a woman so domineering that she writes Lucy step-by-step instructions, like a recipe for deviled eggs, to assist her suicide. Now Lucy is on her own for the first time.

The social mores of Jane Austen meet the city streets of Rocky Balboa as Lucy must negotiate a world of rigid expectations and comical characters as she decides her future in the still tradition-bound South Philadelphia of the early 1900s.

In this beautiful first novel, imagination sparks the late blooming of a most practical heart. Old family secrets and betrayals are revealed with rare comic sweetness. Out of the tangle new life seeks daylight-sexy, romantic delight.
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