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It's uncanny! Within six months of breaking up with her, Peg Silver's ex-lovers always meet and marry the women of their dreams. Even worse than being the eternal bridesmaid, she's the last girlfriend, the one who awakens in a guy theknowledge of what he's always wanted in a relationship ... and it's never with Peg. Obviously, a major lifestyle change is seriously called for, which is why the distraught interior landscape designer says good-bye to Manhattan and late-night lattes with pal Nina, and hello to a farmhouse on ten acres in tiny, backwater Manshire, Vermont, hoping to meet the ultimate, all-organic country man (without too much facial hair) to keep her warm in those frosty New England winters.

Instead, Peg finds herself at Inward Bound -- a proactive adult-education retreat for the hapless and hopelessly lovelorn -- to try to lift her dreaded "girlfriend curse." A steamy (and expressly forbidden) dalliance with gorgeous woman-eater Ray probably isn't going to help cure her. But some romantic insight could arise from her attraction to Linus, Inward Bound's sexy, scruffy, smart and still-single founder. Perhaps there is a secret to be unearthed in the crunchy Green Mountains, one that will magically transform Peg Silver from the Perpetual Also Ran to the Big Winner in love.

## **The Girlfriend Curse Details**

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### Chellii says

Very enjoyable! I laughed out loud several times.

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### Laura says

I bought this book at a library book sale because I had read "The Accidental Virgin" by Frankel and really enjoyed it. This book was written after TAV and was also good, but not quite as good as TAV. I was pleasantly surprised that Stacy Temple from TAV was featured in the book and we got an update on her life. I read a fair bit of it ON the beach, so it was definitely light.

It got a little silly at the end, which slightly turned me off. Frankel gives readers resolution on several characters in the final, brief chapter, which was a plus. The book could have ended without that chapter, but the book would not have been as satisfying.

If you are looking for light-hearted chick lit for the beach or pool, this book would be a good fit. If you're looking for something deep, look for something else!

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### TaleTerror says

This is a fantastic novel!

Characters were great to read, they never bored me, the plot was the best thing about this book and the writing was funny and quirky that made me laugh in places and others that i just couldnt supress a smile in if i wanted too.

Peg is the ultimate last girlfriend, a year of dating then six months after the breakup all Peg's ex's have changed minds and get hitched. So she picks up and leave's New York City behind and moves to Vermont. Meets Ray on the train, her house is infested with mice, that get eaten by cats, that attract ants and then they send in the dogs. Literally.

So she has nowhere to live, so her plan is to go seek out Ray at Inward Bound- a proactive adult-education retreat.

This part of the book is where it gets interesting. The wise relationship advice really makes you think. It's continuoios all throughout the book which is great!

I would recommend this Little Black Dress book for a good fun read.

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### **Kelly Morrissey says**

A perfect beach read. You'll laugh as you follow the big life change of the sarcastic Peg- a woman who realizes she's the last girlfriend of her exes. Pick this up if you want something easy and entertaining. There will be at least one character you relate with.

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### **Stephanie says**

Fun quick light read! Does bring up interesting relationship there's though!!

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### **Lauren says**

Peg is getting over her ex when he calls her for a reunion. Thinking they may be getting back together, she agrees to meet with him but when he brings his fiancee, Peg can't take it anymore. Looking back at all her ex's, she finds that almost all of them got engaged with the next person they started dating after Peg. Peg is the chronic last girlfriend. She decides she needs to get out of New York and start fresh.

Peg buys a home on a huge plot of land in Vermont and moves there. On the train, she almost settles back in to her old habits when she finds herself attracted to a guy on the train, but instead ends up at Inward Bound, a camp to help those develop better relationship skills.

I'm not usually much of a chick lit reader but I wanted something a bit lighter to read and this hit the spot. It didn't invoke any cringe from me, which I find some chick lit can do. It's not going to win any awards but it serves a purpose and didn't commit any throw-able offenses!

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### **LyndaIn Oregon says**

Sassy and funny combo of chick-lit, fish-out-of-water tale, and a sendup of touchy-feely "retreat" experiences.

When a dyed-in-the-wool Manhattanite decides to change her dating field by pulling up stakes and buying an old Vermont farmhouse, her plans get derailed by an invasion of mice. Then, with perfect logic, she follows the fellow she met on the train to a New Age retreat where he hoped to turn his lousy romantic track record around. Things develop from there.

There's a fair amount of sex talk but little action, which is a nice twist on the genre's formulaic hot-monkey-love episodes.

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### **Jennifer says**

This book belongs in the Sex and the City era... it felt almost too dated even though it was only written in the

early 2000s. But somewhere around 3/4 through the book, I started to see the charm in it.

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### **Roxanne says**

I am a massive massive sucker for romance/comedy books and "The Girlfriend Curse" really hit it for me. I thought it was going to be one of those predictable girl meet boy, girl/boy fall in love kind of story but it wasn't, there were so much twists and unpredictable things happening, my imagination went crazy. I actually laughed so much on the sex jokes, yes, there are sex jokes, i didn't expect them but they were there and the thing is, i usually get a bit uncomfortable reading about people making out and doing other things, because some authors really make it sound nasty, but Valerie Frankel wrote it so that it seems so natural and normal, sometimes funny too.

So on to the story line; Peg thought that having a man by her side all the time was such a blessing, the feeling of having a boyfriend to cater for was happiness for her, until the boys she took care of decides that her relationship superiority scares them. Once she had enough of the 'curse' that is her love life, she hauls herself to the middle of nowhere in search of a new beginning, little did she know that, her knew beginning ,would be in a place where her sleeping and eating times are scheduled, activities are planned and monitored and mostly she is surrounded by people she never thought she would interact with on the street. Her journey 'Inward Bound' is full of sexual frustrations and many 'metawhores'.

A quirky and humorous book by Valerie Frankel, it gives insight to how the psyche of men and women are when they are shown what they do wrong in their relationships.

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### **Lora says**

In all honesty, I'd give this book a 2.5. I didn't love it but I didn't dislike it either. The premise is interesting but I have to say that I found the characters rather ridiculous. Are there really people in the world like this? And this isn't my first Frankel book, and I'm no prude, but the language is pretty crude at times. I don't feel like her descriptions of sex or male/female genitalia needed to be so rude and it didn't add anything to the story for me.

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### **Patrice says**

I received this book as a gift for Christmas 2006. Life tends to get in the way and I hadn't read it until now. It is a contemporary romantic comedy. Peg Silver is the main character who finds out that her ex-boyfriends from the past few years or so have all married, or are about to marry, the girl they dated after their break-up with Peg, hence the title of The Girlfriend Curse. Peg's best friend, Nina, hired a private investigator to see if it was true, after she ran into a few of Peg's exes. It seems her exes and their spouses want to thank her for helping them be open to a new and committed relationship. Peg wants to scream and put a stop to the girlfriend curse.

I enjoyed this book. It was refreshingly different and humorous. It reminds me a bit of the laugh out loud situations in the Stephanie Plum novels by Janet Evanovich. Peg is a strong female character as well, or at

least for the most part, as any good heroine, she does have her weaknesses. There was some explicit sexual content so this is not a story for those under 21...

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**Michelle says**

one of those lay on the beach, useless mind clutter. mildly entertaining.

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**Jenny Yoko says**

Needed a break from my usual murder mystery thriller books and this was a nice change. Easy to read, no major drama and humorous at times. Lots of plot turns so that was nice.

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**Jessica says**

I struggled through a lot of this book and just couldn't get into the characters. Almost didn't finish it. Overall it was an ok rom com.

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**Tasha says**

easy read

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