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Editorial Review

Review

“Inspiring... Matthew Quick has a way with wounded characters.” (*Boston Globe*)

“Mr. Quick excels at writing what he knows, and making readers feel intimately connected to his characters. Love May Fail also reflects his mastery of devising humorous dialogue, interlaced with rabid vulgarity.” (*Wall Street Journal*)

“[One of] the seven books you have to read this summer” (*Marie Claire*)

“Ultimate summer reading.” (*Good Housekeeping*)

“A well-told tale of how, through will or force, even the most broken people can sometimes be repaired.... Enjoyable, cinematic.” (*Philadelphia Inquirer*)

“Quick nails it again with his quirky-but-damaged characters and gritty real-life stories—but this time, it’s an ex-wife of a cheating pornographer, her hoarder of a mother, and her former high school English teacher both moving and delighting us.” (*Glamour.com*)

“An offbeat odyssey and a really fun end-of-summer ride.” (*Parade*)

“There’s always reason to hope in [Quick’s] novels...A lovely, entertaining book.” (*New York Daily News*)

“I couldn’t put it down.” (*Pittsburg Post-Gazette*)

“Instead of breaking your heart, Quick steals it, strengthens it and gives it back....a fine writer with a gift similar to that of fellow American novelist John Irving—creating quirky, flawed but ultimately lovable and deeply human main characters.” (*Winnipeg Free Press*)

“Great, heart-wrenching...[one of] the best mainstream books of the month...this tale of love and loss still makes us want to buy stock in the Kleenex company.” (*RT Book Reviews*)

“Quick specializes in offbeat characters who’ve been knocked down but won’t stay down....Both irreverent and inspiring, this unique read belongs in every beach bag.” (*Nashville Arts*)

“Charming.” (*Costal Living*)

“The turn of a few pages is all it took for me to fall in love with Matthew Quick’s latest homage to the subtleties of joy...a madly quirky, utterly lovely world.” (*Roanoke Times*)

“Capra-esque...engaging.” (*Fort Worth Star-Telegram*)

“A funny and poignant family drama...great summer read.” (*News & Observer (NC)*)

“Brilliant...compulsively readable...a plot that keeps you guessing...wholly transporting...Quick has a uniquely rewarding voice and one that, for his native Philadelphia, is creating a space in contemporary

fiction all of its own.” (*GQ* (UK))

“Complex and thought-provoking American comedy about love and the meaning of life.” (*Daily Mail* (UK))

“Alive with humanity, empathy and wit...a beautifully readable novel by a writer of power and insight.” (*Coast* (NZ))

“Listeners will be exhilarated by this loving tribute to teachers, writers, and literature.” (*AudioFile*)

“Funny, fierce and heartfelt.” (*Satellite Sisters*)

“An easy, enjoyable, and thoughtful read with laughs and tears along the way. Quick’s devotees won’t be disappointed.” (*Library Journal*)

“Quick, an ex-teacher, nails the symbiotic student-teacher relationship, with all of its attendant baggage, squarely on the head in this engaging slice-of-life dramedy with definite big-screen potential.” (*Booklist*)

“Darkly funny.... readers will be engrossed.” (*Publishers Weekly*)

From the Back Cover

Sometimes those we try to save end up saving us. . . .

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About the Author

Matthew Quick earned his MFA in creative writing at Goddard College. He floated down the Peruvian Amazon, backpacked around southern Africa, and hiked to the bottom of a snowy Grand Canyon before returning to Philadelphia and beginning to write full time.

Cris Dukehart is a voice-over artist and audiobook narrator. Her book readings include *Wild Cat* by Jennifer Ashley, *Love Saves the Day* by Gwen Cooper, *Out of Bounds* by Ellen Hartman, and many others. Her voice can also be heard across the country and around the world in commercials and corporate narration. A graduate of Johns Hopkins University, she currently lives with her family in rural Pennsylvania.

Jim Meskimen is a stage, film, and television actor who has appeared in many well-known movies and

television shows. He acted in *Apollo 13* and *Frost/Nixon* for director Ron Howard, both of which were nominated for Best Picture Oscars. His television appearances include *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, *Friends*, *Lie to Me*, *Criminal Minds*, and *Parks and Recreation*. He is also a painter, award-winning audiobook narrator, and audiobook director for Galaxy Audio.

Lorna Raver, named one of *AudioFile* magazine's Best Voices of the Year, has received numerous Audie nominations and AudioFile Earphones Awards. An experienced stage actress, she has also guest-starred on many top television series and starred in director Sam Raimi's film *Drag Me to Hell*. Among her many Blackstone titles are *The Age of Innocence*, *Up from Orchard Street*, *The Lodger*, *Selected Readings from the Portable Dorothy Parker*, and *Diamond Ruby*.

Tim Fannon is an actor, director, and teaching artist living in Los Angeles. He received his MFA in acting from Brooklyn College and has studied Shakespeare at the Royal National Theatre and the British Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, and in Stratford-upon-Avon with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Tonya Campos started her radio career at the age of fourteen in Visalia, California. She came to Los Angeles in 1987 and continues to work in radio as a Program Director. Tonya has done extensive voice work throughout her career including national commercials, voicing shows for the internet, and narrating many instructional service videos for major companies.

Users Review

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