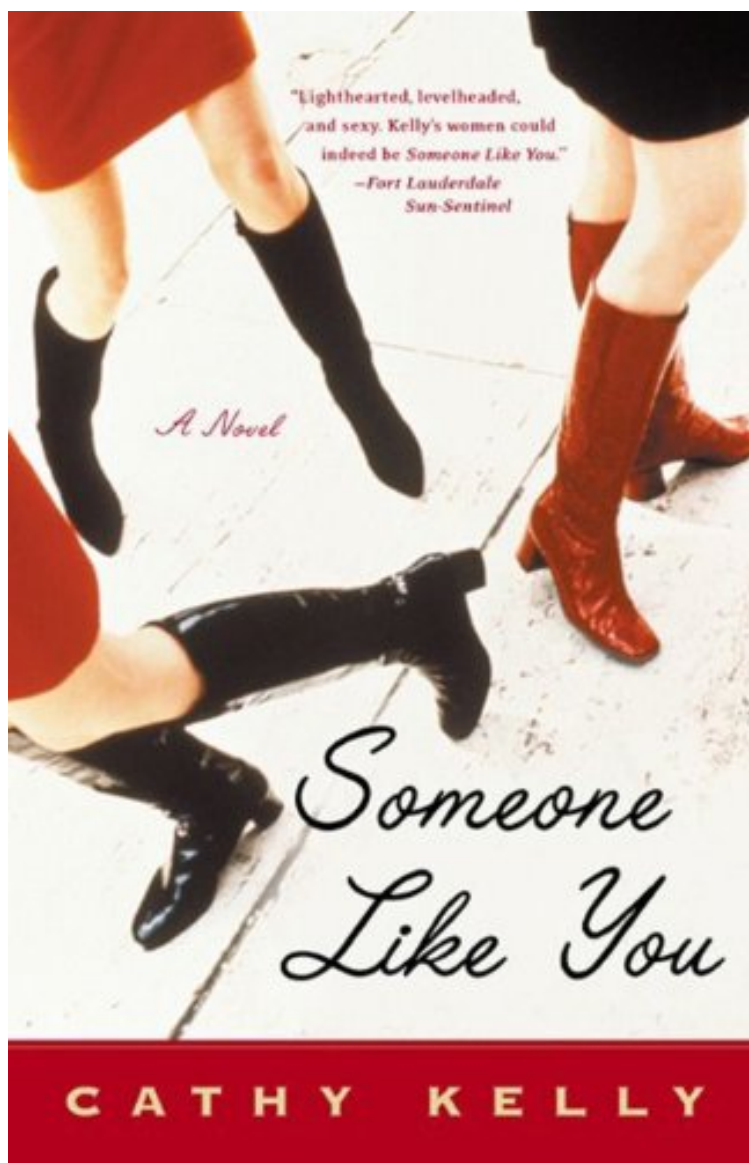


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worth and support for each dream, and with friends like these life blossoms in rich and often surprising ways. *Someone Like You* is a celebration of all life has to offer, and firmly establishes Cathy Kelly as a compelling and captivating new voice in contemporary women's fiction.

Prsentation de l'diteurCathy Kelly has enjoyed unprecedented success in the UK and her native Ireland. Building on the popularity of her "Dear Cathy" advice column, Kelly brings to her fiction a warmth and humor that speaks to women everywhere. Hannah, Emma, and Leonie, three women at critical turning points in their lives, meet on holiday and find themselves changing in unexpected ways. Hannah, young, beautiful and reeling from the betrayal of a lover, decides to throw herself into her career and embrace the single life. Emma, married for two years and hoping to start a family, constantly questions her ability to be a parent, while still allowing her own parents to interfere in her life. Leonie, generously proportioned and equally big-hearted, wonders if she'll ever find love with three teenage children in tow. *Someone Like You* is a celebration of life and friendship, firmly establishing Cathy Kelly as a captivating new voice in contemporary women's fiction..co.ukCathy Kelly's *Someone Like You* is the uplifting tale of three thirtysomething women who meet on holiday in Egypt and become close friends. Emma, Leonie and Hannah are all at different stages in their lives but have one thing in common--each one is waiting for that final jigsaw piece to slot into place, the elusive thing that will make them truly happy. Newly married Emma yearns for a baby. Feeling "infertile, barren, hopeless and useless as a woman", she also has to deal with a domineering father who still treats her like a child. Veterinary nurse Leonie is on the hunt for a man "who lives life with passion and vigour", and will give her all the things that were missing from her 10-year marriage. Hannah has been on a mission to become an independent woman ever since Harry walked out and decided that a "year-long trek around South America" was more important than their relationship.As their stories develop, we witness the three women growing to lean on each other as they strive to fulfil their dreams. Friendship is a pivotal theme and Kelly, author of *She's the One* and *Never Too Late*, uses the growing bond between these women to reveal their innermost thoughts and secrets, creating fully realised, three-dimensional characters. This is evident as Emma plunges deeper into depression, realising that she may not be able to conceive: "... the pain hit her again. The pain of knowing that there had been no baby growing safely inside her, wrapped in fierce love and protected from the world by Emma's body ... She heard a noise and realised that it was herself, crying, keening like a woman at a funeral". Fans of Cathy Kelly will undoubtedly relish this modern tale of love and friendship. --Amy GallagherFrom Publishers Weeklypopular Irish columnist and author Kelly makes her U.S. literary debut with a soap operatic novel about three very different Dublin women who become fast friends while on holiday in Egypt. After their return, they meet regularly and commiserate with each other over mishaps, regale one another with triumphs and rage together over life's vicissitudes. Emma Sheridan is 31 and happily married, but obsessed with her failure to get pregnant. As the cowed daughter of a passive-aggressive mother and a viciously boorish father, she deserves sympathy, but her friends wonder why she refuses to seek a doctor's advice about fertility and also why she doesn't stand up to her abusive father. Hannah Campbell, a chic career woman in her mid-30s, has a lusty sex drive and works out regularly to keep her figure, but is still recovering from being dumped after a 10-year affair. Leonie Delaney, a divorced veterinary nurse and animal lover, is a devoted mother of three teenagers who, after six dateless years, finally resorts to a personal ad to find a man, calling herself voluptuous rather than overweight. Indigenous expressions like nappies, loo and shagged aside, the details of the novel designer clothing, characters stricken by Alzheimer's and bulimia and, of course, the single career woman's search for an ideal mate suggest that it could as easily be set in Chicago as Dublin. After nearly 500 pages, readers will have gotten to know these three women intimately all are believable and memorable. Part *Bridget Jones*, part *Ann Landers*, this saga of hope and disillusionment is fully equipped with soul-searching, sex and, above all, comforting female friendship. Agent, Ali Gunn of Curtis Brown. (July)Forecast: A cozy jacket photo fails to suggest the scrappier story within; this engaging but unremarkable novel may escape the radar of most American readers. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.