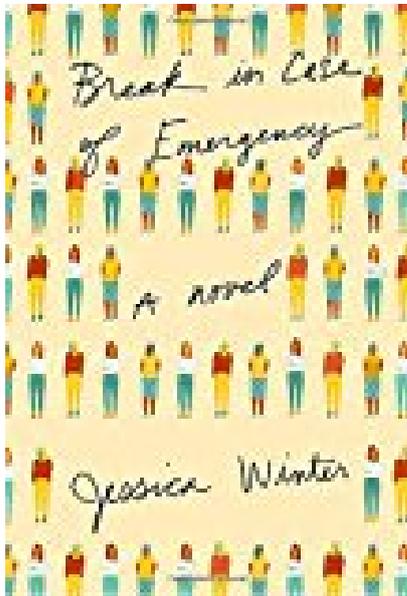


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BOOK DETAILS

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

"A funny and moving commentary on that point in a woman's life when everything seems to come into question." —Camille Perri, *The New York Times* "Its the superb insights and penetrating writing that make this book remarkable... An extraordinary debut." —*The Guardian* "Enthralling, sharply observed" —*Marie Claire* "Hilarious... The personal and workplace plots are woven together beautifully. Read, cringe, laugh, relate." —Lenny "In this cutting commentary on workplace toxicity and how its tendrils can strangle relationships, Winter uses humor to illuminate the state of modern work, family, and friendship." —*Elle.com* "Sassy, sarcastic and sleek, this is a wonderfully brash appraisal of how we live." —Colum McCann

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An irreverent and deeply moving comedy about friendship, fertility, and fighting for one's sanity in a toxic workplace. Jen has reached her early thirties and has all but abandoned a once-promising painting career when, spurred by the 2008 economic crisis, she takes a poorly defined job at a feminist nonprofit. The foundation's ostensible aim is to empower women, but staffers spend all their time devising acronyms for imaginary programs, ruthlessly undermining one another, and stroking the ego of their boss, the larger-than-life celebrity philanthropist Leora Infinitas. Jen's complicity in this passive-aggressive hellscape only intensifies her feelings of inferiority compared to her two best friends—one a wealthy attorney with a picture-perfect family, the other a passionately committed artist—as does Jen's apparent inability to have a baby, a source of existential panic that begins to affect her marriage and her already precarious status at the office. As *Break in Case of Emergency* unfolds, a fateful art exhibition, a surreal boondoggle adventure in Belize, and a devastating personal loss conspire to force Jen to reckon with some hard truths about herself and the people she loves most. Jessica Winter's ferociously intelligent debut novel is a wry satire of celebrity do-goodism as well as an exploration of the difficulty of navigating friendships as they shift to accommodate marriage and family, and the unspoken tensions that can strain even the strongest bonds. From the Hardcover edition.

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