

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

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In this sequel to *It's Never Too Late to get a Life*, Angie Hawkins is just struggling to get on with life, but all of her friends seem to have totally lost the plot. Her daughter is getting married, but each of her three friends have done U-turns on their normal virtues. Happily married Marie is convinced her lovely husband is cheating, dignified Jessica is robbing the cradle and clever, independent Gwen can't remember a thing and needs constant reassurance.

I love to see stories about mature women but it is rather strange to see menopause suggested as a cause of mass insanity—and the way the main character constantly addresses the reader directly, and comes out with strings of rhetorical questions quickly, became cloying. The unrelenting slapstick is amusing but the story is sometimes hard to discern through Angie's endless internal monologue.

If you like distinctive and decidedly manic characters you'll love Angie and her ensemble—but if the overuse of question marks, exclamations marks and parentheses annoys, this is not the book for you.

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