

SLEEPING OVER

By Stacey Ballis

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This is one of the most entertaining chick lit novels I've read in a long time! A successful attempt at writing multi-character, first person point of view, this funny, poignant story features a group of close-knit, thirty-something friends. Jess, Anne, Beth, Robin and Lilith deal with love, sex, work, food and friendship, and everything else life throws at you.

While the abundance of main characters, as well as their friends, boyfriends, exes and co-workers was initially confusing, the blend of humor and every-day truths was more than compelling enough to keep me reading. Ms. Ballis deals realistically with some of the emotionally complex situations that are a part of life, and which other authors may not be brave enough to approach. The funny moments are hysterical, the sad moments are often heart-wrenching. In short, this engaging story delivers everything you ask from a great read: it makes you laugh, it makes you cry, it makes you *feel*.

'Sleeping Over' gets me highest recommendation. I'm on my way to the bookstore now to find everything else this author has written!

5 Kisses