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Editorial Review

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A pioneering, single career woman writes what becomes a legendary slogan for a product she will never use. A husband and wife teeter on the edge of bankruptcy after she is mugged and her most precious piece of jewelry is stolen. A mother despairs over the end of her son's marriage as she recalls the precarious circumstances of her own. A married French woman becomes engaged to an American musician only to discover him cheating on her with her best friend. An overly practical woman nearly ruins her gay cousin's wedding. Inspired by the real-life story of Frances Gerety, a 1940s copywriter who penned the "A Diamond Is Forever" tagline for DeBeers, Sullivan riffs on the fragile state of marriage through a clever series of loosely connected vignettes. At the heart of each episode lies that sparkly symbol of romantic commitments, and what could have been a distractingly disjointed narrative style is given a sharp and crystalline coherence by virtue of Sullivan's sometimes bold, sometimes nuanced improvisation on the resonance of the diamond engagement ring. --Carol Haggas

Review

"Sullivan is a born storyteller. Like its mineral muse, *Engagements* shines."

—*Entertainment Weekly*

"*The Engagements* is a delightful marriage of cultural research and literary entertainment."

—*The Washington Post*

"Sullivan takes the cake when it comes to tying the knot. . . . A generously populated, multi-generational tale."

—*The Chicago Tribune*, Editor's Choice

"Any one of the five stories of *The Engagements* could have been a novel in itself. Taken together, though, they rather brilliantly represent different facets of marriage.... Captivating."

—*The Minneapolis Star Tribune*

"This is one smart summer read."

—*People*

"Well-crafted. . . . Sullivan's admiration and affection for Gerety, and sensitivity to the challenges she faced, make for entertaining and touching passages."

—*USA Today*

"*The Engagements* is a rollicking, entertaining read and a thought-provoking one too."

—*The Huffington Post*

"A fun look at diamond advertising and the people who do—and do not—buy into the hype."

—*Real Simple*

"Dazzling. . . . An exhilarating, compulsive read. Sullivan fully inhabits her characters, whether she's writing about a blue-collar Massachusetts emergency worker or a patrician elderly woman."

—*BookPage*

“A seamless tapestry . . . Sullivan is a keen observer of people and how they morph over time, either being softened by the years or made more brittle by strife.”

—*Bookreporter*

“Satisfying. . . . At each stage of the game, the engagement ring has a different meaning.”

—Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*

“Sullivan has written an intricate, beautifully timed novel, so delicious in its gradual unfolding that readers will want to reread it immediately to enjoy the fully realized ties.”

—*Library Journal*

“An honest interpretation of the American marriage along with the true story of how the diamond ring has become so deeply integrated into society.”

—*The Tampa Bay Times*

“[Sullivan] threads her story with the glitter of diamonds. . . . A tale that sweeps across varied emotional landscapes.”

—*Daily News*

“An entertaining read of emotional maturity.”

—*The Guardian* (London)

“Sullivan pulls off the difficult task of creating distinctive voices for characters spread across the past sixty years.”

—*The Wall Street Journal*

“A modern update of *The Spoils of Poynton*; elegant, assured, often moving and with a gentle moral lesson to boot.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

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About the Author

J. Courtney Sullivan is the New York Times bestselling author of the novels ***Commencement***, ***Maine*** and ***The Engagements***. ***Maine*** was named a Best Book of the Year by *Time* magazine, and a *Washington Post* Notable Book for 2011. ***The Engagements*** was one of *People* Magazine’s Top Ten Books of 2013 and an *Irish Times* Best Book of the Year. It will be translated into seventeen languages. Her writing has also appeared in *The New York Times Book Review*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *New York* magazine, *Elle*, *Glamour*, *Allure*, *Real Simple*, and *O: The Oprah Magazine*, among many others. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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