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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The morning after Cagen, founding editor of the independent magazine *To-Do List*, attended a "New Year's Eve Party Totally Devoid of [the] Midnight Kiss," she had what she calls a "spontaneous exclamation." She and her friends were "quirkyalones." The word came to her fully formed, and in this zany, untraditional book, she explains the word and the movement it spawned. "Quirkyalone stands in opposition to saccharine, archaic notions of romantic love. It stands for self-respect, independent spirit, creativity, true love, and confidence," Cagen writes, her words echoing with the uplifting message that it's not strange to be single; rather, single is the new norm. Cagen speaks out against dating for the sake of being in a couple and highlights the celebrities who fit and don't fit the quirkyalone mold (Oprah: "of course"; Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks: "[E]nemies of quirkyalones everywhere"). The primary text is spiced up with quotes that zip sideways along the margins, profiles of self-proclaimed quirkyalones, rough pencil drawings and jazzy lists, and the book ends on a suitably quirky note—with a short story Cagen wrote when she was 13. Fun, inspirational and provocative, this book is the perfect antidote to the Valentine's-inspired coupling craze.

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Review

"Cagen's up to something that could be as important for women (and men) as *The Feminine Mystique* was years ago..." (—Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*)

"Fun, inspirational and provocative, this book is the perfect antidote to the Valentine's-inspired coupling." (Publishers Weekly)

"Cagen is not against setups or dating...She is emphatically not against sex. Rather, she is 'anti dull relationship.'" (—New York Times Sunday Styles, 11/29/03)

"We need to give credence to the nonsexual relationships...the idea of having significant others instead of a significant other." (—Sasha Cagen, from US News & World Report, 10/6/03)

"Cagen has put her finger on [society's] pulse...a positive spin on flying solo." (Toronto Globe & Mail)

About the Author

Sasha Cagen's essays have appeared in the *Village Voice* and *Utne*. She is the founding editor of *To-Do List*, a magazine that uses the idea of a to-do list to explore the details of daily life. *To-Do List* was named the Reader's Choice for Best New Magazine of 2000 in the *Utne* Alternative Press awards. A native of Rhode Island, Sasha Cagen lives in San Francisco.

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