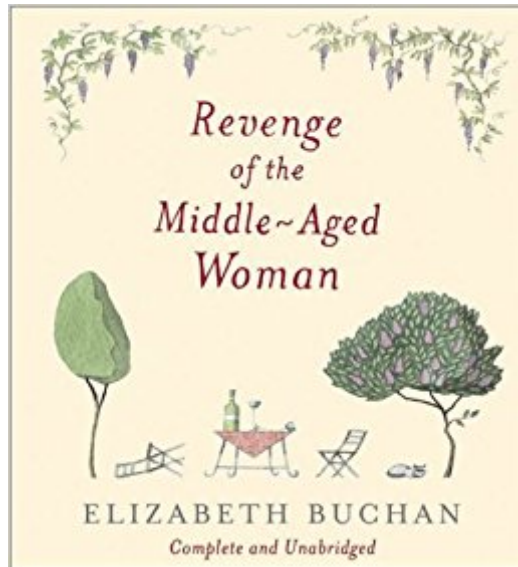




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Revenge Of The Middle-Aged Woman



Synopsis

A novel about starting life over in the middle and ending up better than ever. Great husband, great job, great friends—life in the middle is just about perfect. But sometimes decisions made in the distant past have a very long reach. When Rose Lloyd's husband announces he's leaving, Rose loses it all . . . husband, job, and best friend—her whole, perfect middle-aged life. *Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman*, already a bestseller in the United Kingdom, flips the usual midlife crisis tale upside down. Rose rejects the vengeful, wronged wife routine in favor of baking up to that fork in the road she faced twenty years ago. Then she had to choose between two very different lives. Now she has a chance to take the other path to find out where it leads. The result: the story of a middle-aged woman spurned becomes a celebration of independence and self-fulfillment. Elizabeth Buchan draws true-to-life characters that could be friends, neighbors, even yourself. In her novel, Buchan offers up an unexpected twist on the story of relationships, love, betrayal, and "happily ever after."

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Customer Reviews

Buchan's latest novel finds the carefully managed life of 48-year-old Rose Lloyd, a successful book review editor, turned upside down. First, her husband of 25 years announces he's leaving Rose for her own sexy assistant. Next, insult is added to injury: Rose is fired from her job and replaced by none other than the woman who broke up her marriage. Buchan lends a compelling emotional depth to her main characters, seamlessly merging Rose's struggle to rise above the betrayal, shock and fear of middle-aged "invisibility" with flashbacks to her youth, recollections of her first love to a

now famed travel writer, memories of family vacations and her grown kids' childhood. With extensive stage and theater work to her credit, and incorporating myriad voices to the diverse cast, Gilpin makes the book's transition to a 10-hour unabridged audio format exceptionally smooth. Narrating mostly in a proper British accent, which perfectly suits Rose's "delight in domesticity" and enhances the book's dry, slightly askew sense of humor, Gilpin also captures the outrage of Rose's son and daughter (both of whom have their own relationship issues), the American drawl of her old flame (who makes an unexpected return), the grumpy rumblings of an elderly neighbor she cares for and the feisty opinions of her mother, making for a good production listeners will enjoy. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Happy for 25 years, Rose watches aghast as both her career and her marriage suddenly go down the drain. A best seller in England that's slated for the post-Bridget Jones crowd. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

It's an old story, told in an old cliched way that shines no light on the complexities of marriage and divorce. I thought it was also rather sexist and old-fashioned, with the surprising message of, "Carefully of being too ambitious ladies, you might lose your man." The revenge is only that one needs to take the high moral ground and rise above the situation. When you do this, bad karma will happen to those who have wronged you. While excellent advice, it makes for a self-righteous and boring read. I would rather have seen her drive over her cheating husband with her car! At least THAT would have made this character less saintly and a bit quirky. Unfortunately there is nothing quirky or original about any of these characters. And, I suppose the storyline would have been predictable if I had cared enough to predict the ending. The only reason I finished this was because it was chosen for our book club.

One of my all time favorite books about the resiliency of a woman. It begins really upsetting and ends, not at all like I wanted it to, but really wonderfully. I've given away two copies to women who've been dealt a bad hand in life and they never seem to come back, so ordered two more so I can give one and keep one for myself.

I actually saw the made for TV movie of this book several years ago, and was thrilled to find the book. Of course the novel fleshed out the characters so much more. This was such a well written and thought provoking book. The title is misleading, as the revenge is that the main character never

compromises her values and consequently grows as a person even though suffering rejection, pain, humiliation. But also finds joy, a new life, confidence and reconnects with her first love. She becomes the butterfly, which is the best revenge of all!

I was able to relate to some of the things the main character was going through, however, I found the tone to be kind of bland and not at all humorous. From the reviews and descriptions, I was expecting a fun read and was disappointed. This is a story about getting through a bad situation. Not a bad read if that's what you're expecting, but don't expect a good laugh.

I was absolutely drawn into this story from the first page. Elizabeth Buchan did a wonderful job of portraying how Rose thought everything was fine with her husband Nathan, her relationship with co-worker and supposed "friend" Minty, only to find out that Minty had seduced her husband and manipulated him into falling in love with her. The range of emotions which Rose goes through to eventually come out of the whole experience stronger is right on the mark. It is also very amusing to see what ultimately happens to Nathan and Minty. I became so involved in this story that I almost missed my plane at the airport. Great read!!

This book was a big disappointment. I read it because someone whose opinion I value advised me that I would enjoy it but no, it was not to be. I felt the whole way through that the spurned wife would eventually take her husband back and I won't be reading the follow up because I still feel that way. I had heard great things about Elizabeth Buchan but I'm afraid she's not for me.

The title of this book is misleading. It makes you think you are going to read an all fluff chick-lit kind of book. What you find instead is a tender portrayal of a woman going through major upheaval in a life that she had no conscious desire to change. The book is beautifully written and thought-provoking, with a good message about how anyone can reinvent themselves at any age and thrive, even if the changes are forced as a result of something unwelcome happening. The main character, Rose, is very believable, and she grows on you as the story unfolds. The other major characters are also well-developed, with the exception of the "home-wrecker" Minty, who was a bit too one-dimensional. She works nicely as a villain though. All in all, a great read!

A fun read for women between the ages of 40 - 60. Living well is indeed sweet revenge.

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