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Mindy Solomon absolutely has to leave Miami. Florida is bad for her head and her hair. She dreams of a dancing career on Broadway and moves to New York, but after a string of failures and mishaps, she realizes that she needs to rethink her grand plan. Finding herself spending way too much time in the comedy club where her future ex-boyfriend works, she nervously goes up onstage one night. People laugh. Not in the places where Mindy thought they'd laugh, but hey, it's a start.

Mindy and her friend Ursula Duran, a man-magnet model-slash-actress-slash-deeply troubled woman, soon embark on a wild ride that ricochets from New York's East Side Hotel for Women to the comedy circuit, auditions, photo shoots, film premieres, cable TV specials, Hollywood studios, late-night TV talk shows, and beyond. Surrounded by sleazy agents, sleazier lovers, and Ursula's even sleazier mother, the two find that life writes a few punch lines they weren't expecting...but through it all, they somehow manage to have the last laugh.

Rita Rudner has crafted a debut novel that is not just funny, but moving and insightful. With its insider's viewpoint of the world of stand-up comedy, *Tickled Pink* is also, at its core, a touching tale of love, loss, female friendship, and forgiveness.

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Brian Howell says

Have had this book on my bookshelf for 15 years and finally decided to read it. Glad I did.

It was an enjoyable book. Not sure why it was required to put a comic novel on the cover as it was not a very funny book. With that on the cover I thought it was going to be a more fun frivolous read but it covered some far from funny topics.

Doris Jean says

I loved this book. It kept me pleasantly entertained throughout. I greatly admire the clever author. Lots of smiles, some laughs. I had trouble putting it down until it was finished.

melydia says

The subtitle, "A Comic Novel," should have been left off the cover. I was expecting a laugh-a-minute romp, which this is not. It's the story of two girls who run away to New York to make a better life for themselves: Mindy the dancer-turned-comedian (more or less Rudner in disguise) and Ursula the ubergorgeous model. There is quite a bit of humor, mainly in the form of one-liners, most of which are likely far funnier on stage than in print. Most of the drama comes from misunderstandings and people not talking to each other, which is a pet peeve of mine when it comes to plot devices. The final few chapters felt forced, as if Rudner got stuck and decided she needed a disaster or two in order to wrap things up. It's not a bad book, just not a very good one. I suppose die-hard fans of Rudner's stand-up comedy may enjoy this (and indeed, her routines are pretty funny), but readers unfamiliar with her will probably want to pass this one by.

Laura Edwards says

It was okay. Rudner is definitely better at stand-up than writing a book. If I want to read something that makes me laugh, I'll pick up Hiaasen or Voinovich or even Elinor Lipman. Those three authors can make me laugh out loud.

Bev says

Another book-on-tape from several years ago. I don't remember a lot about it except that I enjoyed the humor and was pleased to see that a stand-up comedienne could write a decent book. I always thought of Rita Rudner as clever and creative. If I recall correctly, she narrates the book herself, and her delivery is top-notch.

Anita says

Amusing story of a comedian and her model friend.

Dorkie McDorkerson says

I received this book as a birthday present quite a few years ago and was hesitant about it. But after reading it I do have to say it's my go to book when I'm feeling down. It just puts me in this "roll with the punches and you can take on anything do anything" mind frame. A pretty quick read that's witty, makes you laugh and feel good all over.

Katrina says

Despite not quite knowing what to expect from this book, I truly enjoyed it. I bought it at her book signing in Portland several years back. We were all somewhat surprised that rather than doing the typical book signing, reading a few quips from said new novel, etc., she started with a 60 minute stand-up routine which had us all laughing throughout. Then she took questions from the audience, demonstrating her friendliness and quick wit to the crowd. I got to speak with her briefly, and even the message she wrote in my book was quite funny (though really only makes sense if you were there, and in response to something I had said, so I won't share). Needless to say, I AM a die-hard Rita Rudner fan. I preferred "Naked Beneath My Clothes," as the short-essay format seems to be more entertaining to me, but this novel gives a humorous and realistic perspective of the world of stand-up comedy. I enjoyed it.

Steven Kogan says

A dark comedy, but far more dark at some places than comedy. While it could just be a memoir about a comic's journey, it seems to come across more as a self-denigrating account of how life screwed over good people and rewarded bad ones. Enjoyable and funny, but the negative humor got to be burdensome at times.

Patti says

I really enjoyed this book. It was a quick read, which was good since I couldn't put it down. The inside look into the life of a comedian was really interesting. I thought the characters were great and there were some really good themes throughout. There was comedy, drama, love, sex - definitely one I'd recommend reading.

Julie Laumark says

Like many others who've reviewed this book, I expected it to be funnier. Instead, it was filled with stereotypical, shallow, show biz types. I wasn't won over until the final chapter when Mindy & Ursula prove that they are head & shoulders above the rest of the cast of characters in this book. It was a fluff read, definitely autobiographical, & the writing could have been better. In the end, friendship triumphs & the good guys win. Nothin' wrong with that!

Donna says

I did the audio for this. Knowing she is a writer and a comic I was very curious. And it did have laughs and kept me interested in the story, which was extra interesting since it was about the business of comedy. You don't have to be a Rita Rudner fan to enjoy this story.

Jessica says

A few years ago I went to Vegas for my birthday and saw Rita Rudner's show. She is hilarious. I believe this was her first novel (not first book, she has a collection of funny stories called Naked Beneath My Clothes). This book wasn't what I expected...great humor, but a ton of other emotions mixed in. It is really well written and a great quick read.

Carol says

This book was not the laugh riot I expected from Comedianne Rita Rudner. I was looking for something light and amusing to read when I picked it up which I am sure colored my reactin to the book. But the story was well written, the characters engaging, and I learned a lot about behind the scenes in the stand up comedy business.

Julie says

I picked this book up at the library because it was pink(I also picked the one next to it because it was black). I felt like I was listening to a fictional characters therapy setion. It felt a wee whiney, funny parts yes, and I think it tries and end with a message.....it's lost on me!
