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Editorial Review

Review

Thanks to Hailey's splendid mastery of plain English, Bess illuminates the life of others as well as her own in deft, articulate, cursive strokes that any love of language will find irresistible * LOS ANGELES TIMES * Bess is so remarkable a character that I seem here to be reviewing not A WOMAN OF INDEPENDENT MEANS but the woman herself * NEW YORK TIMES * A delightful reading of large, splashy doings in the small pond of an endearingly lively, bossy, responsible, and much-loving lady * KIRKUS REVIEWS * Irrestistible ... nothing about it is ordinary * LOS ANGELES TIMES *

From the Inside Flap

A woman coming of age early in the century had few choices... unless she had independent means. Bess Steed Garner inherits a legacy -- of wealth, determination, and desire. She loves one man with all her heart only to discover the price of such devotion. She struggles with the flaws of marriage and its irresistible rewards. She sets out to conquer high society and forces oil-rich Dallas to its knees. But her own daughter may break her heart... and the man she chooses may rob her of the one thing she prizes the most -- her manipulating, delightful, bossy, and believable independence. For Bess is a woman of independent means.

From the Back Cover

"A portrait of a woman with all her frailties, strengths, failures and victories combining to prove that living a life is an accomplishment." -- *The Christina Science Monitor*.

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