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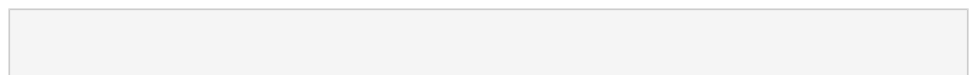
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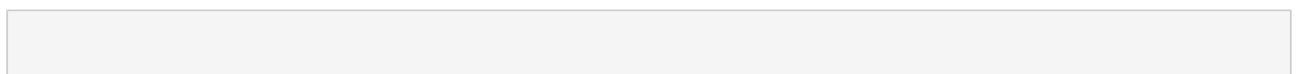
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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

Bride Colette Hart makes just one mistake when she spiritedly takes hold of a football on the steps of a Jackson, Wyo., church and gives it a good, smart punt over the rectory before proceeding to her own wedding: she drops her good-natured kick in sight of dishwasher Kelly Palomino, lounging across the street on his porch, who is seized by an instant, not-to-be-thwarted love for her. Kelly separated from his wife, a slob, a man who hears voices but argues he is sane, a good old boy with a vulgar sense of humor and an embarrassing penchant for humiliating himself crashes the wedding and, a true obsessive, irritatingly proceeds to follow Colette everywhere, begging her to leave her new husband and marry him. This first novel is as single-minded as its narrator, hammering over and over at the pitiable Kelly's unreasonable mission. Although at times charming and insightful, the narrative rarely rises above its conceit about the folksy, foul-mouthed wisdom of madness.

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From Library Journal

Sandlin's first novel is almost a tribute to Tom Robbins, with waitresses, cowboys, crazy but wise old men, musings on love and death, and a main character whose life is completely out of the ordinary. Kelly Palamino, a dishwasher in Jackson, Wyoming, wonders "if there might be a reason why some lives are consistently more bizarre than others." His certainly is: he's written four unpublishable novels, his ex-wife insists they were never married, and he hears voices in running water. His life takes on meaning when he sees his "soulmate" at her own wedding and dedicates his life to making her his own. Though the story is far-fetched and the outcome ridiculous, yet predictable, Sandlin has a light touch and a wry humor. The next one should be better. Susan Avallone, "Library Journal"

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From the Inside Flap

When twenty-nine-year-old professional dishwasher Kelly Palamino -- who hears voices in running water; whose toilet tell him to eat fish; whose Water Pik quotes Ezra Pound -- sees the dark-haired bride in full wedding regalia punt a football over the rectory before turning resolutely to walk down the aisle, it's love at first sight. And Kelly won't let a little thing like a wedding come between him and the girl of his dreams . . .

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