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Editorial Review

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Quick, the author of *The Silver Linings Playbook* (2008), provides another offbeat gem populated with eccentric, fallible, intensely human characters. After his mother's death, 38-year-old Bartholomew Neil, a middle-aged man who has never left home, is at a crossroads in his life. Finding a form letter from Richard Gere buried in his mother's underwear drawer, he begins a one-sided correspondence with the superstar, triggering a series of events that culminates in a life-altering road trip to Canada with a motley crew of misfits including his secret crush, the girlbrarian; her foulmouthed, oddball brother; and a Catholic priest who has fled his parish. The quartet travels northward in search of Bartholomew's biological father, and humor, pathos, and quirky bends in the road define their odyssey, making it increasingly clear that it is all about the journey, not the destination. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Considering the megapopularity of the film version of *The Silver Linings Playbook*, expect high demand for this spiritually fueled midlife coming-of-age novel. --Margaret Flanagan

Review

"Funny, touching, wise, and ultimately life-affirming, *THE GOOD LUCK OF RIGHT NOW* is quite possibly the greatest feel-good misfit-road story I've had the good luck to read. If you loved *THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME*, this book is for you."--Garth Stein, author of *"The Art of Racing in the Rain"*

"*THE GOOD LUCK OF RIGHT NOW* has everything I relish in a story: a flawed but sympathetic protagonist, a page-turning plot, and a cast of emotionally scarred characters for whom I rooted wholeheartedly. I loved this novel from its quirky and unconventional opening to its poignant, tear-inducing conclusion."--Wally Lamb, author of *"We are Water"* and *"Wishin' and Hopin'"*

"A plucky debut novel...Quick fills the pages with so much absurd wit and true feeling that it's impossible not to cheer for his unlikely hero."--"People" on *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*

"Matthew Quick has created quite the heartbreaker of a novel in *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*."--"Kirkus Reviews" on *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*

"Pat is a fearless narrator; even his most outlandish delusions are so candidly expressed that the reader teeters between fear of heartbreak and the hope that Pat might actually yearn his way into happiness. It's a charmingly nerve-wracking combination...The book is cinematic, but the writing still shimmers."--Barry Hardymon, "NPR" on *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*

"I found him [Pat Peoples] compelling and fascinating, and I found myself not only caring about him but rooting for him unashamedly, which, for an author is, I believe, what they mean by scoring a tour de force."--"Philadelphia Inquirer" on *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*

"Tender, appealing...funny and satisfying."--"Cleveland Plain Dealer" on *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*

"Friendship, family, connection and discovery intertwine in a marvelous way in this appealing novel. ... In refusing to be defeated by pessimism, Pat learns about true silver linings, not pretty happy endings."--Marilyn Dahl, "Shelf Awareness" on *"The Silver Linings Playbook"*, a Picks of the Year Selection

"Endearing...touching and funny.... Pat [Peoples] is as sweet as a puppy, and his offbeat story has all the markings of a crowd-pleaser."--"Publishers Weekly" on "The Silver Linings Playbook"

"Quirky, feel-good fiction....A whimsical, clever narrative."--"Kirkus Reviews" (starred review)

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"A quirky coming-of-age story....Quick writes with an engaging intimacy, capturing his narrator's innocence and off-kilter philosophy, and the damaged souls in orbit around him."--"Publishers Weekly"

"[Quick] has a rare skill in portraying characters with mental illness, which, when coupled with his deft hand at humor, produces compelling and important prose....fans of Wally Lamb, Mark Haddon, or Winston Groom will appreciate."--"Library Journal"

From the Back Cover

Call it fate

Call it synchronicity

Call it an act of God

Call it . . .

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