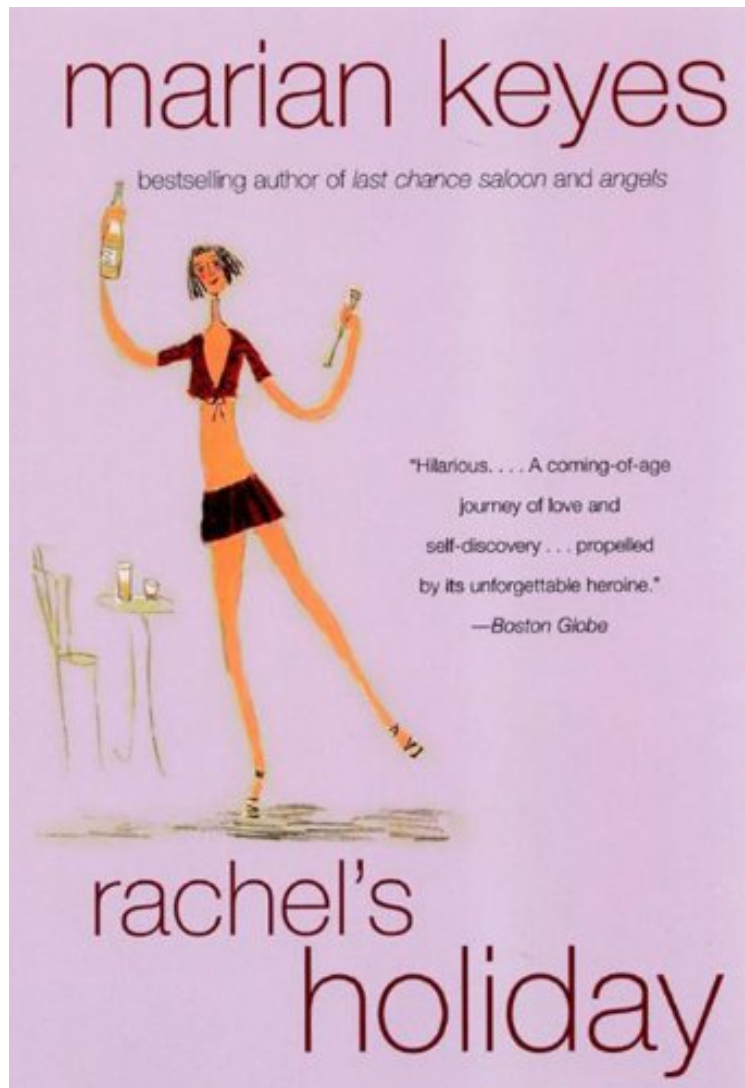


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Von Marian Keyes : Rachel's Holiday (Walsh Family) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rachel's Holiday (Walsh Family):

KurzbeschreibungThe fast lane is much too slow for Rachel Walsh. And Manhattan is the perfect place for a young

Irish female to overdo everything. But Rachel's love of a good time is about to land her in the emergency room. It will also cost her a job and the boyfriend she adores. When her loving family hustles her back home and checks her into Ireland's answer to the Betty Ford Clinic, Rachel is hopeful. Perhaps it will be lovely spa treatments, celebrities, that kind of thing. Instead, she finds a lot of group therapy, which leads her, against her will, to some important self-knowledge. She will also find something that all women like herself fear: a man who might actually be good for her. From Booklist Rachel Walsh would describe herself as too large, unsexy, middle class, broke, and misunderstood. She would also deny that she has a "drug problem," but when her father insists that she go to The Cloisters, a ritzy rehabilitation center in Ireland, she jumps at the chance to lounge around with actors and rock stars. Instead, she encounters a lot of middle-aged men in brown cardigans and is surprised to discover that she's expected to help with the chores. She's shocked, too, by the lengthy accounts her loved ones have written that shrink about her drug and alcohol use, habitual borrowing of money, and one-night stands. Rachel eventually realizes that she's in denial, and then she begins to worry. Will she ever be forgiven? Will Luke, a gorgeous hunk with no fashion sense, ever desire her again? Keyes' intriguing, fast-paced account of an addict's recovery features personable characters with realistic blends of humor and imperfections and a heroine, who, despite her exasperating self-pity and shallowness, is witty enough to keep readers rooting for her. Deborah Rysso Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From Library Journal The story of 27-year-old drug addict Rachel Walsh, who is sent to The Cloisters, an Irish Betty Ford Clinic, is hardly a holiday as Keyes details virtually every moment of addiction, struggle, and denial. Not that one expects quick cures, but the novel suffers from an agonizingly slow pace as almost 60 chapters (ten of the 12 tapes) unwind before Rachel begins to acknowledge her problems. The romantic subplot with fellow addict Chris, battling her love/hate memories of New York City hunk Luke, is predictable. Rachel herself evokes little sympathy. The humor is appropriately dark and ironic, while Gerri Halligan's reading balances Rachel's inner turmoil and the group therapy rhetoric and banter well. Of limited interest, except for very patient Romance audiences. Joyce Kessel, Villa Maria Coll., Buffalo, NY Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.