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# **THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE**

A Debut Novel

## **By Julie Buxbaum**

~A Barnes & Noble Spring 2008 Discover Pick~

**To be published as a Dial Press Hardcover on February 5, 2008**

Advance Praise for The Opposite of Love:

**“The Opposite of Love** is gripping, wise and extremely refreshing. I loved it.”  
–Marian Keyes, bestselling author of *Sushi for Beginners*, and *Angels*

“Harvard law grad Buxbaum makes an appealing debut...”  
–*Publishers Weekly*

Acquired by The Dial Press in a highly contested auction, Julie Buxbaum’s debut novel **THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE** has already been sold for publication in 18 countries. This heartbreakingly poignant, funny, and undeniably moving debut novel about the inexplicable complexity of all kinds of love will be published as a Dial Press Hardcover on February 5, 2008.

With **THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE**, litigator turned novelist Buxbaum, fashions a heroine who will be instantly recognizable to anyone who has loved and lost and loved again. When successful twenty-nine year old Manhattan attorney Emily Haxby ends her happy relationship just as her boyfriend is on the verge of proposing, she can't explain to even her closest friends why she did it. Somewhere beneath her sense of fun, her bravado and her independent exterior, Emily knows that her breakup with Andrew has less to do with him and more to do with...her.

As the holiday season looms, and Emily contemplates whether she made a huge mistake, the rest of her world begins to unravel: She is staffed on a multimillion-dollar lawsuit where she must defend the very values she detests by

a boss who can't keep his hands to himself; her Grandpa Jack, a charming, feisty octogenarian and the person she cares most about in the world, is losing it, while her emotionally distant father has left her to cope with this alone; and underneath it all, fading memories of her deceased mother continue to remind her that love doesn't last forever.

According to Buxbaum, *“I wanted to explore the idea that there are real consequences to delaying grief. I lost my own mother when I was fourteen, and so writing **THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE** provided an opportunity to examine themes that have long interested me. Through Emily, I was able to look at the myriad of ways grief can disguise and express itself—anger, numbness, and perhaps most importantly for her, humor—and to look at what can happen when Emily garners the strength to face her grief and to finally let it go.”*

Brimming with wit, candor, and intelligence, **THE OPPOSITE OF LOVE** marks the debut of a great new talent.

**About the Author:**

Julie Buxbaum is a 30-year-old former attorney and graduate of Harvard Law School. She currently lives in Los Angeles and is at work on her next novel for The Dial Press.

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