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# Dear Emily

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## Synopsis

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Chin up, Emily Thorn faces the pain and heartache of love lost and years wasted. At forty, all she has to show for twenty years of marriage is a Federal Express letter from her husband that begins "Dear Emily"--and ends their life together. She had put her own life on hold to pay Ian's way through medical school. She believed him when he told her that one day she'd have everything she ever wanted--children, an education, a career of her own. What she got was overweight, out of shape--and dumped. To Find that Special Love  
Emily needs to reclaim her life. Slimming down and starting up a chain of fitness centers, she is soon skyrocketing toward entrepreneurial success. . and into relationships with two exciting new men. One is kind and compassionate, the other unpredictable and alarmingly sensual. Now, to keep her hard-won independence and balance it with a truly fulfilling love, all she has to do is choose the right one . . . "Michaels shines at molding strength, weakness, guilt and pride into one sharply believable character--a woman who will appeal to first-time readers and devoted fans." --Publishers Weekly

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## Customer Reviews

I am a HUGE Fern Michaels fan, but I must say that Dear Emily is my favorite of Fern's books. This

book gives so much hope, and is such a wonderful story. If you have ever battled with your weight, love life, or self esteem, this book is for you. It changed my life. THANK YOU FERN!

This is a great book that so many can relate to. It lets women that have experienced emotional abuse in a relationship have hope and know there is a way out. This holds your attention from start to finish.

This was my first Fern Michaels book and, if they're this good, it won't be my last. A great novel about a woman who lets a man become so much the center of her universe that it takes his leaving her for her to really understand the insanity of her blindness. I know this story too well from personal experience, and if you have let a jerk run you into the ground and then desert you because you're not worshipping his highness like you used to, you will love Emily Thorn and how she takes control of her life. I will agree with the lowest rating reviewer here that she becomes too self-important for a while and acts like a whiny baby, but that was why she went to the retreat. This story is good because it's all about a woman who stops seeing herself as nothing but a victim and, though she is never perfect, isn't afraid to turn it all around for very long. I like that, and I think you will too, even if some of the story gets too unbelievable with the female bonding. Eight women are NEVER that close, much less three, so I found that a bit hard to swallow. Other than that, this is an uplifting and entertaining story of romance and self-discovery. Flaws aside, I think it is very well-written and inspiring.

I have NEVER read a Fern Michael's book I didn't like until this one :-). In fact she is the reason I read today, I was in my late 30's hadn't read hardly my entire life. I happen to pick up one of her Texas Rich books to read on the plane and read it cover to cover, couldn't wait to get to the next one.. .. Maybe I just don't relate to people who are so obsessed with someone, and are constantly thinking the worst, and constantly down on themselves all the time. Even after she made it all she had were bad thoughts,, Just didn't seem right. If you like to read page after page after page of someones depressing thoughts, it's OK I guess..Sorry

It took awhile to get into this story but once you are into it, the story makes you have so many different emotions. I enjoyed this book. I gave it a 4 rating because I never give a book a 5 unless it is so very good.

Predictable and trite... If this were the 1960's, then perhaps this might have been an admirable read. But I would expect most contemporary women to have heard Emily's story in some fashion or another by now. If you are still searching for your identity, or struggling with self esteem issues, then perhaps this is a book to relate to and be inspired by. If you're already down your own road, then find something else to spend your time reading.

This book is a plotless, pointless mess. The main character, Emily, is a weak-minded doormat of a woman, by turns self-centered, immature, and clueless. What little plot exists is smothered by her endless self-pity and numbskull antics. Please, PLEASE don't waste your money on this. Go read the back of a cereal box, it has a better plot. Complete and utter drivel.

If you are a woman who feels like her life is getting (or has gotten) away from her, this is the book for you. Emily is a woman who has been walked on for many years by her husband (not that she didn't let him), and her life and her body and everything seems completely out of control. Read the book to see how she tries to find herself and get everything under control.

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