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Slide "Further Under the Duvet", get yourself comfortable and let Marian take you places you've never been before. Places like the Irish air-guitar championships, a shopping trip to Bloomingdales with a difference and Cannes with a chronic case of Villa-itis. Along the way you'll encounter knicker-politics, fake tans, sticky-out ears and passionate love affairs both with make-up and Toblerones. And of course, agony aunt, Mammy Walsh is on hand to solve all your problems. Hilarious and poignant, down-to-earth and moving, Marian's long-awaited second volume of journalism and previously unpublished writing is the modern woman's perfect companion. So put the kettle on and grab that Kit Kat Chunky everything else will wait.

Further Under the Duvet Details

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Val Waring says

If I'm honest I got slightly bogged down with some of the early journalism tales. On the other hand the short stories at the end were far more entertaining by and large.

Juliana Graham says

I was surprised by this book initially as I was expecting it to be a selection of short stories - however, it is a series of anecdotes from the author's life. Once i got used to the idea (!) they were quite funny and I could relate to a lot of them as she seems to have a lot of fairly typical comedy obsessions about silly things, like most of us! Towards the end of the book, some proper short stories creep in and I must admit I didn't enjoy these as much as the rest of the book. Definitely a good one to dip in and out of!

Kat A says

This was slow to start, with many of the articles seemingly rehashed from Under the Duvet, but picked up in the end. There was a continuation of the story of Keyes' alcoholism, and how she started writing and a few articles about her charity work in Ethiopia and Russia. The best part was at the end, where she printed some of her previously unpublished short stories, including the one she credits with spear-heading her recovery. So the story goes, while recovering from a particularly spectacular binge, she read a short story in a magazine and thought, "I'd like to do that", then proceeded to write her first short story. Eventually she sent it to a publisher, and the rest is history. A bit simplistic, but encouraging, none the less. It made me wonder why I'd let my own writing slide, and hopefully will inspire me to pick it up again. Not to worry, my blog is not an indication of anything, most of the time when I'm writing here, I'm dashing off thoughts as fast as they appear in my brain. I really should take the time to post more thoughtfully, not to mention edit more thoughtfully, as Amy does, but I'm sure she has her post and run moments too! :)

Tessa says

I just love Marion Keyes. Her books are light reading yet her characters have depth and you will see so many parallels with their lives and your own. I love her strong yet vulnerable women. I liken her books a little to a roller coaster ride...I laugh out loud, I get teary, become angry, wistful and so many other emotions. I have yet to start one of her books and put it down without having finished it.

Al-Ghalia Al-Yaqoobi says

My first Marian Keyes book. I didn't actually read Under The Duvet which was released before Furthur Under The Duvet. It is a really enjoyable read. The stories are not that funny but they are very delightful.

Plum-crazy says

Another collection of hilarious anecdotes from Marian Keyes.... from shopping, travel, life, men & fashion, Marian takes you on a journey into her weird & wonderful world.

I laughed at her adventures with fake tan in *Faking It*, holidays with the family in *Villa-itis*....& was touched by her visit to Russian Orphanages in *Rebuilding Children*.

Then there's also a collection of short stories including a few visits to *Mammy Walsh's Problem Page* - enjoyed it all!

Heather says

Didn't enjoy this book quite as much as its predecessor "Under the Duvet" - some of the articles in the first part of the book seemed to be rehashed - but I did like the short stories, although this isn't a genre I wouldn't normally bother with. Especially enjoyed the one with Grace, the angel in disguise - so funny and original!

Redfox5 says

Another funny collection or articles from Marian Keyes. This one also included some short stories of hers, not usually much of a fan of short stories but I really liked all the ones in her! Also a Mammy Walsh problem page is featured between stories. Very good!

Thomas Strömquist says

‘Fecking’ is a lovely Irish word our Lord gave us when we’re irate enough to want to say ‘fucking’ but we’re in polite company. It’s barely a swear word at all. ‘Fecking’ is a beautiful, effective catch-all phrase that you could say to a bishop. As a result I almost never employ ‘fucking’. Rarely, very rarely. Like the time when Margaret arrived home to tell me she’d left her droopy-drawers husband, and even then I waited until I was in my bedroom and only said it to Mr Walsh. (I believe the exact phrase I used was, ‘For fuck’s fucking sake, why can’t just fucking one of my fucking daughters stay fucking well married for five fucking minutes?’ And Mr Walsh replied, ‘Fucked if I know.’ And then I said, ‘No fucking need for language like that.’

- Mammy Walsh on swearing

I’m happy to report that ‘Further Under the Duvet’ is not just more of the same, but actually surpasses it’s predecessor - darn near a full five star read. Short humorous ones to laugh at, keen observations to agree with, short stories to be swept away by and a few dark ones to shed a tear to. Just read it!

Faith says

Further Under the Duvet is the second volume of Marian Keyes journalism, and this time also some short stories are included. I didn't enjoy the book as much as the first one (Under the Duvet). The first three sections of the book (which were about shopping, traveling and beauty) were actually quite shallow, and not that funny. MK gave a shallow picture of her self. Sections 4-6 were more serious (being about feminism, kids etc), and more interesting and funnier.

As for the short stories at the end of the book: They shouldn't have been included. MK just shouldn't write short stories. They become too simple, and not especially funny. Even stupid. MK reads her 500 pages to develop her stories into something really worth reading... And she should leave alone things that aren't of this world (angels and aliens). And the same goes for subjects as serious as women that are beaten by their husbands... It just becomes too shallow, especially in a 10 page story.

Marsha says

Marian Keyes continues her column on the trials and troubles that afflict the modern Irish gal trying to wend her way through the world. While readers of Under the Duvet will find familiar material peeking out here and there, there is plenty of new fodder to have her devoted readers flipping through and grinning from ear to ear.

From free cosmetics to new mothers who are dead bores about their children to the agony of traveling with fellow Irish folk lustily belting out the loud, foot-stomping tunes so dear to the Gaelic heart, Marian Keyes leads us through her wild roving life (sorry) and invites us to laugh along with her. As an added bonus, Ms. Keyes has included several short stories in this collection, proving that she's as gifted a short story writer as she is a novelist and journalist.

Richard says

Like everything Marian Keyes has written this is rollicking good fun and still has moments of deep seriousness.

Zee D says

The most hilarious book I have ever read!

Janice says

An enjoyable read, it's quite funny and I love the honesty.

Sana says

Using "Himself" instead of the male's name was awesome! Albeit, I did not like the book. I've read two chapters and left it. It couldn't absorb my attention. In fact, the women's fiction books are rarely gain great success.
