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Philip Pullman lives in Oxford, and is married with two sons.

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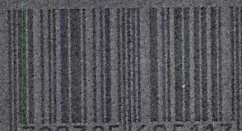


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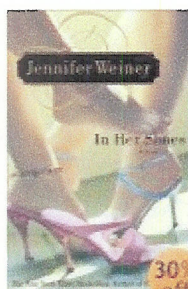
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### Amazon.com

The Feller sisters are equal but opposite. Maggie is the good-looking, dyslexic little sister who knows how to get anything she wants--but not how to keep it. She "felt as if somewhere between the ages of fourteen and sixteen she'd walked off the edge of a cliff and had been falling ever since." Rose is the plump, practical, responsible older sister who knows about law but not much about her own happiness: "What did she like, besides shoes, and Jim, and foods that were bad for her?" When Maggie's latest eviction lands her in Rose's apartment, and Maggie insults Rose by seducing one of her sister's rare boyfriends, what follows is a chain of events by turns hilarious and heartbreaking. Embarrassed Rose evicts Maggie and begins a work sabbatical leading to a new livelihood and way of living. Maggie flees and runs away to Princeton. Masquerading as a student, she learns to love poetry and saves money for a trip to Miami--and a visit to a long-lost grandmother named Ella who might offer her a last shot at sanctuary. But *In Her Shoes*, the second novel from [Good in Bed](#) author Jennifer Weiner, is about more than the sisters' latest sibling rivalry; Maggie and Rose must sort out the childhood vulnerabilities and family mysteries that still linger two decades after their mother's death. In less capable hands, the plot might grow corny, but Weiner's humor and affection for the characters ultimately helps them transcend both neuroses and grief and learn the redemptive power of love. —*Jane Hodges*

### From Publishers Weekly

Weiner, whose debut novel *Good in Bed* was an instant bestseller, is back with another exuberantly confident offering. Twenty-eight-year-old Maggie Fuller relies on her looks and size zero body to flirt her way through life while working dozens of dead-end jobs and dreaming of stardom. At the other end of the spectrum is her older, larger sister, Rose, who relies on her intelligence and is an accomplished attorney at a large Philadelphia firm. The only things that these two seem to have in common... ► [read more](#)

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**Jennifer Weiner Does It Again!**, February 13, 2003

Reviewer: [ashley\\_braud \(see more about me\)](#) from Baton Rouge, LA

Jennifer Weiner has a gift-- a gift for creating believable characters and telling amazing stories. In her first novel, "Good In Bed" she did it so well. In her second,



"In Her Shoes", she does it even better. I didn't think she could outdo her first effort, but she did in so many ways. "In Her Shoes" is not your average chick-lit book...not even close. So much better than any single girl fiction out there, "In Her Shoes" is a true treat.

"In Her Shoes" is the story of Rose and Maggie Feller. Sisters, and as opposite as they come. Rose is the smart one, the Princeton educated attorney with her life together, who is a little overweight. Maggie is the one with the learning disability who has jumped from job to job, the 'pretty one', never getting her life together and constantly asking her sister to bail her out of whatever trouble she's in. The only thing they have in common is their shoe size. Maggie ends up at Rose's house for an extended stay because she loses her job and apartment again. After mooching off her sister for far too long and getting more and more jealous of Rose, Maggie decides to do something that not only ruins her life, but devastates her sister's even more. After getting kicked out Rose's house and not being able to go home to their father and stepmother's house, Maggie embarks on a journey to find their estranged grandmother. But she manages to find more than just that...she finds herself somewhere along the way and begins her journey of repenting and making things up to Rose. Rose, on the other hand, has an epiphany of her own after kicking Maggie out. She decides on some life-altering changes which help her also find herself, and a few surprises along the way.

A truly great novel with heart, humor, and surprises as only Jennifer Weiner could write. A talented writer who I hope we hear more from. Highly recommended!

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**Not as good as her debut, but an enjoyable read,** November 13, 2002

Reviewer: **A reader** from Palmdale, CA USA

Jennifer Weiner's strength is in her characterizations. She makes you want to get to know the people she describes, particularly the heroines of her novels. Her heroines are not perfect, physically, or emotionally, and so many of us can relate.

This time around, the heroines are Rose and Maggie Feller, two sisters who could not be more different. Rose is a lawyer, a size 14 with a negligible love life. Maggie is dyslexic and gorgeous, but lost in the world. The "shoes" in the title are both literal and figurative. The girls can wear the same size shoes, and Rose can afford the latest styles, which Maggie borrows, without asking. Maggie does many questionable things, and it is clear that Rose is the favored heroine for most of the book.

However, in this book, Weiner has chosen to bring in a cast of characters who simply crowd the novel. There is not enough room to go deeply into the estranged grandmother, the bi-polar mother who died at 29, the milquetoast father and the "step-monster" he married out of loneliness, not love, and a desire to have a caretaker for his young, motherless girls. There is simply too much going on. And, it seems that, once Weiner realizes this, she speeds up the events to reach a conclusion that is not completely satisfying. A lot of things go unexplained, and some changes are too easy, and hard to believe.

I still think Jennifer Weiner is a very good writer, and I was engrossed in this story, up until the last quarter of the book, when I felt she had kind of lost me. I read it in three days, so she definitely had me in her grasp. I hope that, with her next novel, she sticks to one or two main characters, and tries to minimize the outer characters. Also, in a bit of literary license, we "bump into" the heroine of 'Good in Bed' and find out what became of her. It is still a rare writer who can keep you enthralled, and make you feel that her fictional characters are people



you may know in real life.

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**Blech**, February 20, 2003

Reviewer: **A reader** from Washington, DC United States

Good in Bed was so good. This one stinks.

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**Another win for Jennifer Weiner**, February 16, 2003

Reviewer: **Fern** from CA

I thoroughly enjoyed In Her Shoes as much as Good In Bed. More wonderfully sweet and funny characters you will fall in love with.

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