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Miranda's Big Mistake
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Bestselling British writer Jill Mansell delivers another witty fun-filled read with her latest effort. Meet Miranda-a hip twenty-something woman who works as a salon junior at the posh Fenn Lomax Salon in the trendy Knightsbridge section of London. Describes as “dippy and goodhearted” by her best friend Bev Miranda is not looking for love but just happens to run into it at every turn. Fans of Bridget Jones will find it difficult not to fall for Miranda a plucky girl filled with genuine empathy for the downtrodden and her uncanny knack for speaking her mind in unforgettable one-liners. Not only that but shes got blue and green lowlights in her shiny black hair. Edgy and entertaining Miranda is someone we root for from the beginning no matter which man she decides is the right one for her.

First comes Hungry and Homeless also known as Danny a journalist posing as a homeless man whom Miranda befriends by giving him food and money whenever she can afford it and sometimes even when she cant. Once she discovers he is not homeless and is doing a documentary about homelessness for television she becomes irate. When he asks her out she chooses the most expensive restaurant she knows as a form of revenge. Next comes Greg a handsome accountant Miranda meets at a charity event where she scrawls her phone number across his chest. Greg who is out for a good time after having recently left his wife because she became pregnant against his wishes falls hard for Miranda. After things end badly with Greg Miranda and Danny plot revenge against him. And just as Danny is about to confess his love for Miranda in walks Miles Harper a dashing racecar driver intent on becoming the object of Mirandas affection. Mansell keeps us guessing by guiding us through Mirandas hilarious relationship adventures with fast-paced plotting and choice dialogue.

For any average girl this all may seem too much to handle. But Miranda has the support of her landlady Florence Curtis a crusty wheelchair-bound woman in her mid-fifties with a heart of gold. Always ready with a shoulder to cry on a stiff drink and sage advice Florence is the

perfect antidote for Mirandas man troubles. If you are on your way to the beach *Mirandas Big Mistake* is a must-bring and will keep you reading long after the sun goes down.

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