

# Bennington Girls Are Easy

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## Synopsis

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**Chosen as one of "Summer's Best Books" by PEOPLE MAGAZINE: "Surprisingly insightful and seriously fun."**  
**One of O MAGAZINE's "Season's Best"**  
**A COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE "July Reads" Pick**  
**Named one of REFINERY 29's "21 New Authors to Watch" in 2015**

Charlotte Silver dazzles with a ruefully funny coming-of-age novel that follows two recent Bennington grads who are determined to make it in the Big Apple.

Bennington College, founded in 1932 as a suitable refuge for the wayward daughters of good families, maintains its saucy reputation for attracting free spirits. There, acers outnumber students, the faculty is composed of fading hippie and clothing is largely optional. Or, as J. D. Salinger put it in *Franny and Zooey*: a Bennington-type "looked like she'd spent the whole train ride in the john, sculpting or painting or something, or as though she had a leotard on under her dress."

Cassandra Puffin and Sylvie Furst met in high school but cement what they ardently believe will be everlasting friendship on Bennington's idyllic Vermont campus. Graduation sees Sylvie moving to New York City, where, later on their twenties, Cassandra joins her. These early, delirious years are spent decorating their Fort Greene apartment with flea market gems, dating "artists", and trying to figure out what they're doing with their lives.

The girls are acutely and caustically observant of the unique rhythms of the city but tone deaf to their own imperfections, which eventually drives a wedge between them. Equal parts heartfelt and hilarious, *Bennington Girls Are Easy* is a novel about female friendships—how with one word from a confidante can lift you up or tear you down—and how difficult it is to balance someone else's devastatingly funny lapses in judgment with your own professional and personal missteps.

## Reader's comments

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