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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Last year was 44-year-old Alice's *annus horribilis*: her mother died, her dentist husband ran off with his hygienist, and her only daughter packed herself off to Africa with the Peace Corps. The one good loss was all the weight she'd packed on in two decades as a New Jersey housewife. Now newly buff, her hair dyed blond courtesy of her artist friend Maggie, Alice can pass for a 29-year-old. And so she does, embarking on a kind of life swap with her younger self—landing a job in the publishing company she left to become a full-time mom and leaping into a torrid affair with a gorgeous, decent 20-something. Talented Satran (*Babes in Captivity*) crafts Alice's adventures into a funny, touching, instructive guide for the bewildered. Practically everything—from fashions in pubic hair to telephone technology—has changed since Alice was a single career girl, but a lot remains the same: the office bitch still steals underlings' ideas, and people still desire the contradictory poles of truth and illusion. Satran weaves a sparkly thread of fantasy through her solid social realism, writing precisely what Alice tells her boss readers want: "a book that's going to keep them awake beyond half a page at the end of a long involved day."

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From **Booklist**

Alice Green really doesn't want to take the ferry from New Jersey to New York, but her best friend, Maggie, asked her to, and truly, divorced at 44 and unable to find a job, what else did she have to do? Once in the city, she stops at a fortune-teller's and wishes she were younger, then Maggie surprises Alice with a makeover. Gone are the dowdy clothes and the boring hair. Enter the new, younger-looking Alice. She soon finds that people see what they want to see. Avoiding any direct mention of age or dates, Alice acquires a young lover and a job at her old publishing house, where she had already been rejected a few weeks ago. She gets everything she thought she wanted, but at what cost? The lies and omissions add up, and, just like that, Alice loses everything. Or does she? Satran's tale is resonant with truths, some funny, some painful, and readers young and not so young will love this new twist on the coming-of age theme. *Maria Hatton Copyright* © *American Library Association*. *All rights reserved*

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