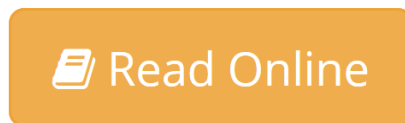


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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

An Amazon Best Book of the Month, October 2013: Full of heart and humor, Simsion's debut novel about a fussy, socially-challenged man's search for the perfect wife is smart, breezy, quirky, and fun. Sure, it's the precise equivalent of a well-crafted romantic comedy. (In fact, the book was clearly written with the big-screen in mind, and the film rights have already been sold). But you'd have to be a pretty cynical reader not to fall for Don Tillman, a handsome genetics professor who has crafted a pathologically micromanaged life for himself but can't seem to score a second date. After launching his Wife Project, which includes a hilarious questionnaire intended to weed out imperfect candidates--smokers, makeup wearers, vegans ("incredibly annoying")--Don meets Rosie, a stunning, maddeningly disorganized bartender/student who's looking for her biological father. The reader knows just where the story is headed: Rosie's so wrong for Don, she's perfect. That's not giving anything away. Half the fun of the book is watching pent-up, Asperger's-afflicted Don break free, thanks to Rosie, from his precisely controlled, annoyingly sensible, and largely humorless lifestyle. By the final third, you're cheering for Don to shatter all his rules. And you're casting the film. --Neal Thompson

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Starred Review Genetics professor Don Tillman's ordered, predictable life is thrown into chaos when love enters the equation in this immensely enjoyable novel. Never good with social cues, Don explains his difficulty empathizing with others, which he forthrightly says is a defining symptom of the autism spectrum, as a result of his brain simply being wired differently. Diagnosis is not the issue here, as the reader is rooting for Don as he searches for ways to fit in. With his fortieth birthday approaching, he designs a questionnaire to find a compatible female life partner using his overriding devotion to logic. But he finds his quest competing with the request of a woman to discover the identity of her biological father. The protagonist is passingly similar to that of Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003), but Simsion's first novel is not as dark, focusing instead on the humor and significance of what makes us human. Don is used to causing amusement or consternation in others, but as his self-awareness and understanding grow, so do his efforts to behave more appropriately. Determined and unintentionally sweet, Don embarks on an optimistic and redemptive journey. Funny, touching, and hard to put down, *The Rosie Project* is certain to entertain even as readers delve into deep themes. For a book about a logic-based quest for love, it has a lot of heart. --Bridget Thoreson

Review

"Sometimes you just need a smart love story that will make anyone, man or woman, laugh out loud."
—*San Francisco Chronicle*

"Move over, Sheldon Cooper. There's a new brilliant, socially inept scientist poised to win over a huge audience, and his name is Don Tillman, in *The Rosie Project*. . . . It's not surprising that debut novelist Graeme Simsion has a background in science—*The Rosie Project*, already a success in Australia, seems almost precision engineered to keep readers turning pages. But unlike its unexpectedly lovable hero, this rom-com is bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and intentional humor." (A-)
—*Entertainment Weekly*

"It's natural to be wary of a novel that's been the target of such gushy praise. Publishers in at least thirty-eight countries have snapped up the rights to *The Rosie Project*, which has been touted as a 'publishing phenomenon,' an 'international sensation' and no less than 'the feel-good hit of 2013.' Well, squelch your

inner cynic: the hype is justified. Australian Graeme Simsion has written a genuinely funny novel. . . . This is classic rom-com.”

—*The Washington Post*

“Simsion’s attention to detail brings to life Don’s wonderful, weird world. Instead of using Don’s Asperger’s syndrome as a fault, or a lead-in to a tragic turn of events, Simsion creates a heartwarming story of an extraordinary man learning to live in an ordinary world, and to love. As Don would say, this book is ‘great fun.’”

—*USA Today*

“An utterly winning screwball comedy. . . . If you’re looking for sparkling entertainment along the lines of *Where’d You Go, Bernadette* and *When Harry Met Sally*, *The Rosie Project* is this season’s fix. . . . This charming, warmhearted escapade, which celebrates the havoc—and pleasure—emotions can unleash, offers amusement aplenty. Sharp dialogue, terrific pacing, physical hijinks, slapstick, a couple to root for, and more twists than a pack of Twizzlers—it’s no surprise that *The Rosie Project* is bound for the big screen. But read it first.”

—NPR.org

“Filled with humor and plenty of heart, *The Rosie Project* is a delightful reminder that all of us, no matter how we’re wired, just want to fit in.”

—*Chicago Tribune*

"Another great favorite: *The Rosie Project*, a hilarious novel by Graeme Simsion. It’s truly one of the funniest and most poignant novels I’ve read, and when you’ve finished it, there’s an excellent sequel as well."

—Nicholas Kristof, *New York Times Newsletter*

“*The Rosie Project* opens as strongly as any comic novel I’ve read in a long time. . . . The book roars at high speed to its conclusion. . . . A highfunctioning but emotionally illiterate guy like Don makes a perfect unreliable narrator. . . . Happily, Simsion doesn’t give Don an unbelievable emotional makeover. Our man just learns to live by a more complicated algorithm.”

—*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*

“One of the year’s most promising and original novelists.”

—*The Wall Street Journal*

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—*Booklist* (starred review)

“Read-out-loud laughter begins by page two in Simsion’s debut novel about a thirty-nine-year-old genetics professor with Asperger’s—but utterly unaware of it—looking to solve his Wife Problem. . . . What follows are his utterly clueless but more often thoroughly charming exploits in exploring his capacity for romance. . . . This novel is perfectly timed.”

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

“Polished debut fiction. . . . Simsion can plot a story, set a scene, write a sentence, finesse a detail. A pity more popular fiction isn’t this well written. . . . A sparkling, laugh-out-loud novel.”

—*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

“[A] bright, whip-snappingly funny romantic comedy. . . . Readers, too, will push eagerly through the narrative, and at the end they’ll have one thought: thank goodness there’s a sequel.”

—*Library Journal*

“Don Tillman helps us believe in possibility, makes us proud to be human beings, and the bonus is this: he keeps us laughing like hell.”

—Matthew Quick, author of *The Silver Linings Playbook*

“*The Rosie Project* is the best, most honestly told love story I’ve read in a long time.”

—Kristin Hannah, author of *Fly Away* and *Home Front*

“A world so original, in a story so compelling, I defy you not to read through the night. Read this glorious novel now, in the moment, where it lives.”

—Adriana Trigiani, author of *The Shoemaker’s Wife*

“*The Rosie Project* is an upbeat, quirky, impertinent gem of a read. As the novel makes its logically irrefutable progression, readers will become enchanted by what may well be the world’s first rigorously evidence-based romantic comedy.”

—Chris Cleave, author of *Little Bee* and *Gold*

“This clever and joyful book charmed me from the first. Professor Tillman is an unlikely romantic hero but a brave, winning soul, and his quest to find a wife goes to show that rationality is no match for love.”

—Maggie Shipstead, author of *Seating Arrangements*

“Graeme Simsion has created an unforgettable and charming character unique in fiction. Don Tillman is on a quirky, often hilarious, always sincere quest to logically discover what is ultimately illogical—love. Written in a superbly pitch-perfect voice, *The Rosie Project* had me cheering for Don on every page. I’m madly in love with this book! Trust me, you will be, too.”

—Lisa Genova, author of *Still Alice* and *Left Neglected*

“With the demands of children and work, it’s rare that I find myself so caught up in a novel that I literally cannot put it down—not for food nor for conversation nor even for sleep. Charming and delightful, I was so enamored of *The Rosie Project* that I read it in a single, marathon sitting.”

—Ayelet Waldman, author of *Red Hook Road*, *Bad Mother*, and *Love and Other Impossible Pursuits*

“Although there are many laughs to be found in this marvelous novel, *The Rosie Project* is a serious reflection on our need for companionship and identity. Don Tillman is as awkward and confusing a narrator as he is lovable and charming.”

—John Boyne, author of *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

“Charming, funny, and heartwarming, a gem of a book.”

—Marian Keyes, author of *The Brightest Star in the Sky* and *This Charming Man*

“I couldn’t put this book down. It’s one of the most quirky and endearing romances I’ve ever read. I laughed the whole way through. And now I want to meet Don!”

—Sophie Kinsella, author of the *Shopaholic* series and *Wedding Night*

“I wanted to race through *The Rosie Project* but had to make myself slow down from my usual reading pace, because of the number of sly jokes that I almost missed. A lovely, original, and very funny read.”

—Jojo Moyes, author of *Me Before You*

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