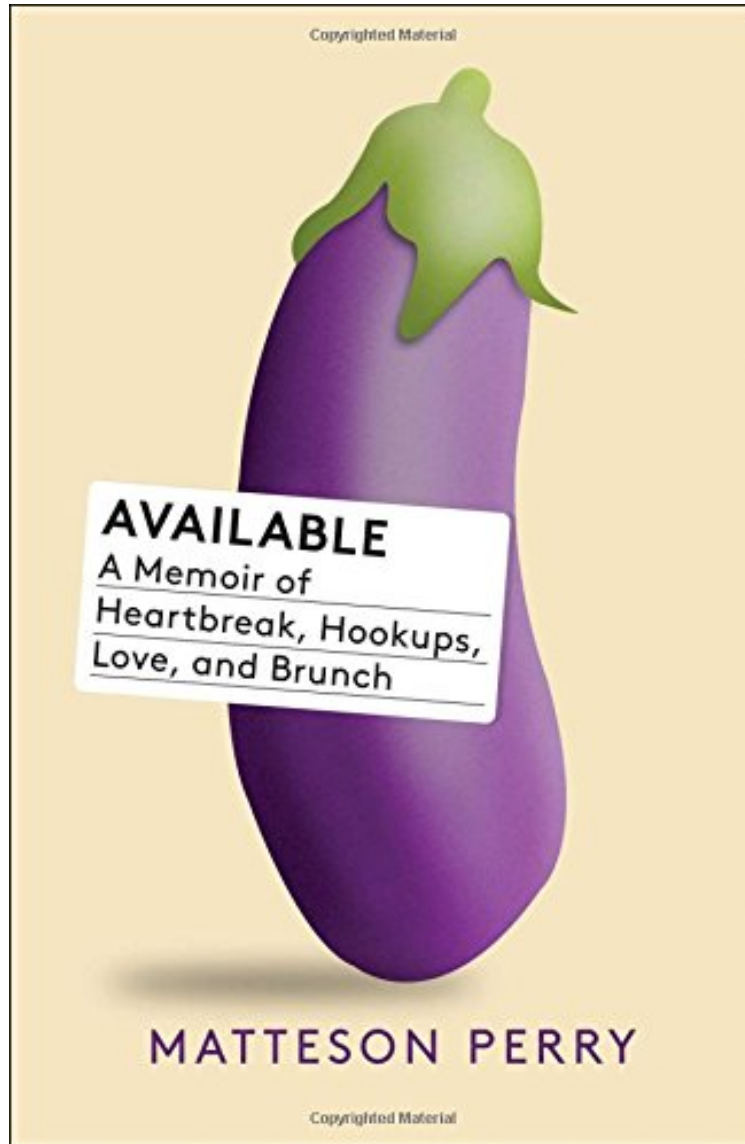


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. this book is funny and actually a bit helpful By D. Johnson As someone who is rejoining the dating world (newly divorced after 14 yrs of marriage), this book is funny and actually a bit helpful. When I got married, online dating was new and people were embarrassed to admit they met someone from

the internet. Fast-forward to current day and it's practically the only way people are dating these days. I wasn't fully prepared for the new landscape but this book helped me understand what it's all about. I thought the stories were refreshing and interesting and I applauded that Perry was going to stick to his plan. It's tough to have rules these days and expectations run high. It's an easy read and something fun. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Engaging and Hilarious By Linda Pressman Bravo to Matteson Perry for writing an engaging, fun, and hilarious book that is also structured beautifully, showing his growth and progression as he learns to be comfortable single rather than clinging to relationships that are wrong. The book was just fun, from the lists he makes that all seem rational at one time or another, and for the peek into the single male mind, since most females have been on the receiving end of some of this behavior and, perhaps, mystified by it. Highly recommend. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Can't wait for the movie! By Crystal P Bought this book because I wanted to hear from a guy's perspective. I really enjoyed it! Very easy to read, smart, funny and refreshingly honest. I was entertained throughout and must admit I learned a few things (let's just say I've started my own list). I could definitely see a great rom-com version of this being made. I think Matteson Perry is someone to look out for!

From a breakout storytelling star at The Moth, a real-life romantic comedy about a guy and a girl and twenty-nine other girls: a memoir about an unexpected break-up, one self-imposed year of being single, and how a nice guy survived dating in the twenty-first century. Matteson Perry is a Nice Guy. He remembers birthdays, politely averts his eyes on the subway, and enjoys backgammon. A serial monogamist, he's never asked a stranger out. But when the girl he thought might be The One dumps him, he decides to turn his life around. He comes up with The Plan: 1. Be single for a year. 2. Date a lot of women. 3. Hurt no one's feelings. He's not out to get revenge, or to become a pickup artist; he just wants to disrupt his pattern, have some fun, and discover who he is. A quick-witted Everyman, Perry throws himself into the modern world of courtship and digital dating, only to discover that even the best-laid plans won't necessarily get you laid. Over the course of a year he dated almost thirty different women, including a Swedish tourist, a former high school crush, a born-again virgin, a groupie, an actress, a lesbian, and a biter. In Available, award-winning storyteller Matteson Perry brings us into the inner sanctum of failed pick-up lines, uncomfortable courtships, awkward texts, and self-discovery, charting the highs and lows of single life and the lessons he learned along the way. Candid, empathetic, and devastatingly funny, Available is the ultimate real-life rom-com about learning to date, finding love, and becoming better at life.

Matteson Perry is what you'd get if Bill Bryson were writing about 21st century dating. His book is funny, touching and highly educational for old people like me who got married before the age of swiping-right and molly (and by educational, I mean awesomely voyeuristic). He's the most entertaining chronicler of nice guy romance since Nick Hornby. A.J. Jacobs "Matteson Perry has written the antidote to the bro-hook up book. Available is a thoughtful, interesting, and most of all, funny memoir about relationships, filled with universal feelings but unique stories. Justin Halpern, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Sh\*t My Day Says* and *I Suck at Girls* "This book makes dating and having sex sound so real and emotional and fun and funny. It's making me think I should maybe lose my virginity someday!" -Megan Amram, author of *Science...for Her!* Matteson Perry has written the perfect book for people who like stories about sex and love that are also funny. So, unless you are a priest, a nun, or Newt Gingrich, you will love reading Available. Paul Shirley, author of *Can I Keep My Jersey?* "Matteson Perry has crafted a chronicle of dating that does what the best ones do: remind you how humbling and humiliating the whole process is, while simultaneously reminding you that there is a way out that isn't death. Breezy, exceptionally entertaining, and cringe-y in all the best ways, AVAILABLE makes me personally happy that I am not." --Stephen Falk, creator of *You're the Worst* and television writer for *Weeds* and *Orange Is the New Black* "Available at times reads like your own memories in someone else's brain, and Perry's journey from smooth-skinned lady-fearer to married man is funny, honest, brisk, and heartfelt." --Joe Randazzo, author of *Funny on Purpose* and head writer for *@Midnight* "Matteson Perry illuminates dating...it's interesting to see what he learns about love and life." --Bustle, Best Non-Fiction for Warmer Days Ahead Matteson Perry's deft comic memoir is leavened by an evolving self-awareness and a genuine comic gift... Successfully straddling the line between satire and seriousness, Perry offers a few more narrative twists on the way to a well-earned happy ending. --The Chicago Tribune "Just when you think there's nothing new to say about dating, along comes this Perry dude and his hilarious, touching post-breakup year of hound-dogging... He gets better, bolder--and finally learns that Nice (and Funny) does get the girl." --People "Alternately touching and hilarious." --Pasadena Weekly "An insightful perspective into one man's quest to not find love. The reader is granted a peek into the brain of a dating male who's profoundly honest and completely willing to share what he thinks and feels. Perry started the journey with the hope that he could learn to be better with women. In the end, he learned to be better at life. - Associated Press "In his hilarious memoir, award-winning screenwriter Matteson Perry brings us into the inner sanctum of failed pick-up lines, uncomfortable courtships, awkward texts, and self-discovery, charting the highs and lows of single life and the lessons he learned along the way." --ABC News, Must-Read Book for Summer 2016 Though Perry's maturation and insight into the male mind made the reading compelling, most of all I recommend this book

because it was really funny. The quick read had me laughing out loud all the way through. Combine that with a happy ending and you've got just what you want for a summer read.--The Huffington Post"Reads like a male version of Sex and the City...very funny."--Manhattan Book About the AuthorMatteson Perry is a screenwriter, performer, two-time winner of the Moth GrandSlam storytelling championship, and the host of the monthly Moth StorySlam in Los Angeles. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, McSweeney's, College Humor, and other publications. His work has been featured on NPR and Funny or Die. A Colorado native, Matteson lives in Los Angeles with his wife.