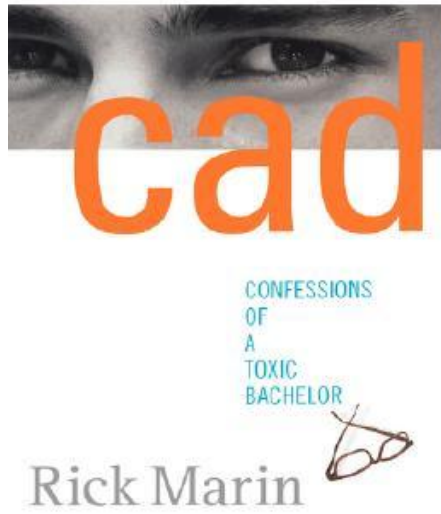


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You know him. He's the funny, sweet guy with the great eyes who asks you a million questions and seems mesmerized by every reply. He takes you on the greatest, longest date of your life. He swears he loves cats and cuddling. And his apartment is so clean. He just might be the One.

Then he doesn't call, doesn't write. He sees you coming down the street and he hides behind a tree. He's a cad. And this is his story. After all the girl's guides to sex in the city, here--at last--is the view from the other side of the bed. In *Cad: Confessions of Toxic Bachelor*, Rick Marin offers himself up for an in-depth look at man's superficial nature.

At 28, a brief, doomed first marriage thrusts him back into Bachelor Hell. A journalist as eager to make it in Manhattan as with its female population, our emotionally myopic hero can never seem to tell if the woman in front of him is too crazy or too sane, until she gets too close. Falling out of love as often as he falls in, he vows more than once to clean up his act, only to relapse into another bender of beauties, blow-offs and bad behavior--all in desperate pursuit of the woman who can redeem him.

In this rollicking, frequently insensitive and ultimately poignant memoir, Marin proves a master of the light touch even in his darkest hours. Part Hugh Hefner, part Hugh Grant, his tale is a rake's progress (in spite of himself) from incorrigible cad to reconstructed romantic. It is one man's story, but many men will read it as their own. And for any woman who has ever wondered, "What was he thinking?" This is what he was thinking.

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J. says

By the time the narrator is redeemed by his love for a decent woman and a family tragedy, my opinion of him was so low it was too late. Cad is the perfect title for his memoir; it makes me miss the sugary silliness of Candace Bushnell.

Andrea says

My friend Karen gave me this book and it has been passed around. It's usually seen on my bookshelf, someone remarks on how stupid the book must be. I encourage them to borrow it, they read it in a couple of hours and call to tell me how they laughed so hard. It's light, it's fun, but sometimes that's what a book should be.

Sasha says

I like how they refer to this book as "mildly entertaining". There was a lot of name dropping of famous actors and scenes of dating that made one want to cringe. (This book definitely would make one not want to date ever.)

I did find myself laughing on a couple of scenes in the book when he was dealing with the women whom he was (unfortunately) dating.

Sarah says

Ok.... well I thought this might be a bit of laugh but I had my reservations when I saw that the writer of Sex and the City endorsed it.

The book really doesn't flow. The chapters all come across as though they are missing something. The book was hard to get through as it was quite boring. Writing about famous people they have interviewed in itself does not make the writer/book interesting, particularly when all he can think about is how he could get them into bed!

The guy really comes across with all the worst attributes in a man. Honestly, confronted with this guy I think I would run a mile in the opposite direction. He discusses a few times in the book how he is looking for his next "wife" and yet finds the most superficial reasons to break up with the multiples of women he has been with. I did however, like the Ilene character I think he met his match with her.

by the by.... this must be where Horatio from CSI Miami got his idea with the glasses.....

Doug says

(The most interesting about this book was the Amtrak ticket to Boston I found within its pages and a Walgreen's receipt for Krazy Glue, Hershey's Kisses, and some kind of code scribbled on the back about "beautiful celebs" Emily [the name on the ticket], I hate you. Mr. Marin [the "author"], I'm sorry I saved your book from the trash.)

Melissa Cavanaugh says

Finished it yesterday and it is already fading from my memory. Enjoyable enough but nothing I'd recommend.

Reader says

Bubble gum - enjoyable but not really the kind of thing that sticks with you.

Prose is overly affected to be clever and funny, which isn't necessarily bad but reads like trying too hard here. Occasionally hits one out of the park with humor. Characters flash by without much depth, and sometimes this works well as synecdoche, as in the case of describing his wife.

The death of his father is handled gracefully and powerfully, which is why this book gets three stars instead of two. Not maudlin but still raw.

The ending still feels too pat to me overall; there's a forced sense to it.

Paul Sidwell says

Stories about one man's tales of bachelorhood, post-divorce. Bits of humor intertwined with romance and the sometimes trivial struggles between man and woman.

Tasha says

Lisi and I both had such high hopes from this book. We'd expected it would somehow be a combination between Sex in the City from a man's perspective and another book we'd read called "Tommy's Tale" which actually was hilarious and amazing. Unfortunately, it was neither. It was simply the mundane diary of a man looking for his next wife in NYC, dropping names and spouting mindily entertaining anecdotes.

Matt says

Being a recently married man, I thought this book would probably be the closest I would get to bachelorhood again. Needless to say, I was very fired up to read about Rick Marin's life and crazy hijinx.

Unfortunately, the haphazard chapters and seemingly unrelated stories began to blur into one another. My interest in Rick's adventures quickly waned. Does this mean I've matured for the worse, or was the book's writing to blame? I am certainly hoping it is the latter, because the thought of it being the former is too much for me to stomach right now.

I suggest looking elsewhere for a titillating tale of male bachelordom.

Will Wilson says

I found it hard to relate to this story. The author attracts a lot of women but can't find the one that is just right for him. To me, it was like listening to a rich guy complain about not being able to find the perfect yacht. I give it 3 stars, though, because he is a witty and clever writer.

Lori says

well, its one of my unfinished reads...
Just wasn't getting into it,
shows the ugly side of men....
Didn't need to read about that, i see it every day.
Ho-Hum

bitchrepublic says

EGOCENTRICALLY FUNNY!

Tom Gase says

This book had it's moments, and could be entertaining at times with the famous people names being dropped here and there (Moirá Kelly, Vanilla Ice, Marissa Tomei. Early 1990's stars etc), but mostly I found this book to be kind of boring. The main guy, Rick Marin, seems to be annoying as he breaks up with girls for the dumbest reasons. I haven't dated for about two years, but apparently all you need to do is get a pair of glasses, take them off slowly, and say, "Yeah, I don't like to talk about it." "It" being your last relationship, or marriage in this case. Are you serious? Rule NO. 1--don't do that.

Amanda says

An interesting perspective with no feelings spared! I lent it once to a real life CAD and he never returned it, I then bought a new copy and lent it to another CAD, again it was never returned. I won't be going for the hat trick in the man or the book. Good read though!
