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Sasha Cagen : Quirkyalone: A Manifesto for Uncompromising Romantics before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Quirkyalone: A Manifesto for Uncompromising Romantics:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely Fantastic!By Paula WhiteBefore I read this book, I placed some limiting beliefs upon myself about not being in a relationship based on societal, religious and even educational expectations I simply could not fulfill. All I could say to people is that "There is nothing wrong with the fact that I feel it is better to be by myself than to be in a relationship that doesn't fit my needs." In the book, Quirkyalone, Sasha Cagen expertly liberates those of us who have been met with criticism for our life choices by allowing us to define ourselves. After reading this book, I now proudly educate people who impose their relationship requirements upon me about the quirkyalone movement, the exhaustive research this book contains about people just like me and that we are not alone in our desire to be in meaningful relationships that nourish us. This usually shuts the

naysayers up! If you have ever felt alienated in your decision to remain happily single until you become happily coupled, please run, get this book and delight yourself with Sasha Cagen's online class forums as well! You will find that you are not at all unusual. You are quirkyalone! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Finally I fit into a group! By Kimberly Stypula If you are single by choice or chance, you believe in love and relationships but are ok being on your own and especially if you know the difference between lonely and alone then this book is for you! Don't get me wrong, being in a relationship is wonderful and that too fits into this book. I was married 9 years and now being divorced for 4 I have come to realize that I am ok being alone but yet I wouldn't mind a relationship. This book has made me realize that who I am and the way I am thinking now is normal and that I am not alone. If you are still not sure, take the quiz in the beginning to help you decide if you are 'quirkyalone' or you know someone who is. I highly recommend this book; and I have to friends and strangers alike! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! Helpful for those who want to explore ... By Boston Erica Great book! Helpful for those who want to explore their social situation, who are transitioning out of a relationship, or who want to learn about how other people have chosen to live their lives. It's nice to know a lot of the things I've been thinking and feeling have been experienced by others too. The book is about being yourself, living the kind of life you want to live, being brave, not settling, not caving into what friends or family or society may be pressuring you to do. Therapeutic!

A funny, upbeat, inspiring guide for all those singles who identify with enjoying their unique lifestyles while waiting for the right romance to come along. A celebration of the discerning singles everywhere—the quirkyalone! There was a time when a single woman over 25 was called an old maid. Mothers fretted these unfortunate creatures might be condemned to a committing a crime of tragic proportions: living a life of eternal spinsterhood. Fortunately, in the 21st century, tv shows like *Sex and the City* affirm that it's more than ok – it's cool to be single. Sasha Cagen has coined the term that defines the lonely romantic who prefers her (or his) own company to that of a less desirable counterpart. Defining "singledom as a natural resting state" for quirkyalones, Cagen's guide is the best kind of self-empowerment: incisive, savvy, hilarious. Equal parts self-help and hilarious pop culture, *QuirkyAlone* is self-empowerment for the wise people of the world. Including quizzes, lists, it's not-your-average-relationship-book.

From Publishers Weekly The morning after Cagen, founding editor of the independent magazine *To-Do List*, attended a "New Year's Eve Party Totally Devoid of [the] Midnight Kiss," she had what she calls a "spontaneous exclamation." She and her friends were "quirkyalones." The word came to her fully formed, and in this zany, untraditional book, she explains the word and the movement it spawned. "Quirkyalone stands in opposition to saccharine, archaic notions of romantic love. It stands for self-respect, independent spirit, creativity, true love, and confidence," Cagen writes, her words echoing with the uplifting message that it's not strange to be single; rather, single is the new norm. Cagen speaks out against dating for the sake of being in a couple and highlights the celebrities who fit and don't fit the quirkyalone mold (Oprah: "of course"; Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks: "[E]nemies of quirkyalones everywhere"). The primary text is spiced up with quotes that zip sideways along the margins, profiles of self-proclaimed quirkyalones, rough pencil drawings and jazzy lists, and the book ends on a suitably quirky note—with a short story Cagen wrote when she was 13. Fun, inspirational and provocative, this book is the perfect antidote to the Valentine's-inspired coupling craze. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Cagen's up to something that could be as important for women (and men) as *The Feminine Mystique* was years ago..." (-- Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*) "Fun, inspirational and provocative, this book is the perfect antidote to the Valentine's-inspired coupling." (Publishers Weekly) "Cagen is not against setups or dating... She is emphatically not against sex. Rather, she is 'anti dull relationship.'" (-- New York Times Sunday Styles, 11/29/03) "We need to give credence to the nonsexual relationships... the idea of having significant others instead of a significant other." (-- Sasha Cagen, from *US News World Report*, 10/6/03) "Cagen has put her finger on [society's] pulse... a positive spin on flying solo." (Toronto Globe Mail) About the Author Sasha Cagen's essays have appeared in the *Village Voice* and *Utne*. She is the founding editor of *To-Do List*, a magazine that uses the idea of a to-do list to explore the details of daily life. *To-Do List* was named the Reader's Choice for Best New Magazine of 2000 in the *Utne Alternative Press* awards. A native of Rhode Island, Sasha Cagen lives in San Francisco.