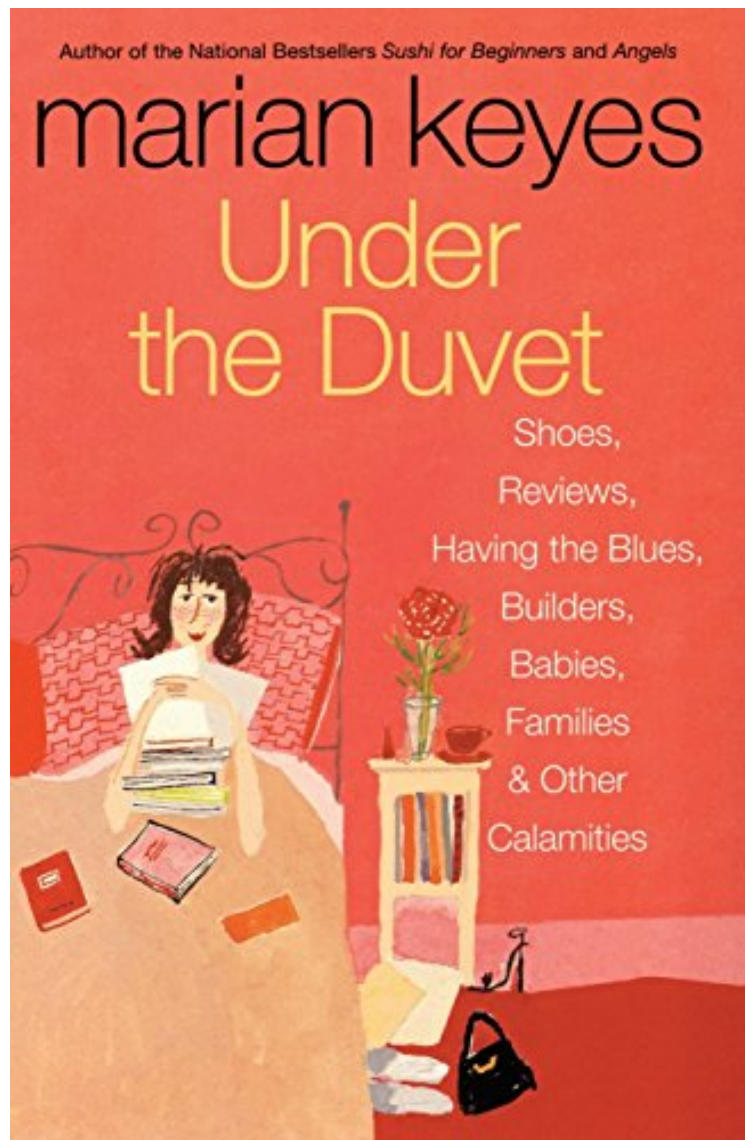


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From the acclaimed bestselling author of *Sushi for Beginners* and *Angels* comes a collection of personal essays on shopping, writing, moviemaking, motherhood and all the assorted calamities involved in being a savvy woman in the new millennium. Her novels are read and adored by millions around the world, and with *Under the Duvet*, Marian Keyes tackles the world of nonfiction. These are her collected pieces: regular bulletins from the woman writing under the covers. Marian loves shoes and her LTFs (Long-Term Friends), hates realtors and lost luggage, and she once had a Christmas office party that involved roasting two sheep on a spit, Moroccan-style. She's just like you and me ...Featuring a wide compilation of Marian's journalism from magazines and newspapers, plus some exclusive, previously unpublished material, *Under the Duvet* is bursting with funny stories: observations on life, in-laws, weight loss, parties and driving lessons that will keep you utterly gripped -- either wincing with recognition or roaring with laughter.

From *Library Journal* Romance writer Keyes reads these unpublished pieces and essays and articles from *The Irish Tatler* and other UK publications. The contents are often witty and almost confessional, ranging over dieting, house hunting, wedding plans, book tour escapades and tribulations, and other personal ruminations that give a good insight into the unglamorous life of the author. Keyes and her family, especially her husband, become endearing characters who transcend and explain their fictional counterparts. A highly entertaining alternative. Joyce Kessel, *Villa Maria Coll.*, Buffalo, NY Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Booklist* Best-selling Irish author Keyes is known for her sassy, warmhearted women's fiction (*Sushi for Beginners* [BKL Je 1 15 03]; *Angels* [My 15 02]). She is also a journalist, and this collection of 47 nonfiction pieces, most of which have been published previously in magazines and newspapers, sports her trademark irreverent spin on issues close to a woman's heart. The short articles are grouped into seven sections dealing with the writing life, personal possessions, friends and family, acting like an adult, holidays, Irishness, and travel abroad. Topics include women's obsession with shoes, the fitting-into-the-wedding-dress diet, buying a house, and Botox and other miracles. She is especially funny on the topic of marriage--after her husband requests her assistance in finding his cuff links at 7 a.m., she chants, "The womb is not a locating device." She is serious in spots, as when she discusses her alcoholism, and some of the pieces seem dated (most are from the late '90s). Still, her fans will want to get an up-close look at this wildly popular author. Joanne Wilkinson Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved Praise for Marian Keyes * - * Gloriously funny * *The Sunday Times* * A total triumph * *Daily Mail* * Not only is it a great story with funny, loveable characters, it made me laugh out loud * *Stylist* * Funny but poignant * *Marie Claire* *