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Judi Hendricks : Bread Alone before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bread Alone:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Staff of LifeBy DevorahFinishing the book today will be my New Years treat to myself. The characters are charming and have endeared themselves to me. My husband and I recently signed up for Kindle Unlimited but unfortunately the sequel apparently is not available in that format. Lucky for me, I was able to place a hold on the book at my local library. I am that eager to get back into the story.The main character is worthy of the title heroine, because it's her story, she is a leading lady and though sweet and naiuml;ve to begin with she learns the hard way that being in love doesn't come with any guarantees and that life is really a path we must sometimes walk alone. Judi Hendricks has captured the essence of Seattle in such away that having lived on Queen Anne at one point her descriptions brought back vividly the sounds and smells of Seattle better than any author I have read to date. Although I normally read Sci-Fi or Fantasy, once in awhile it's just lovely to curl up with a book that feels like home. Bread Alone felt like slipping into my favorite slippers. Made me want to bake bread for sure.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. WHEN THE HANDSOME PRINCE TURNS INTO A FROGBy josephine briggsI read the "Baker's Apprentice" and decided I needed to read this one. After seven years, Wynter's wealthy husband, David, tells her he needs his space. Wynter hasn't worked since her marriage and has been spoiled. Now she must move in with her mother. But she refuses to give up thinking about him. He will come back, he will call, she waits to hear from him. And becomes clinically depressed. Wynn gets tiresome yearning for a man who doesn't want her. The book is written in a light and breezy way. There are plenty of laughable moments and is a fun read. Wynter

lives in Los Angeles, her beautiful best friend, CM, talks her into moving to Seattle. Good move. But Wynter can't stop thinking of David. He has moved on with his life. She will not. Nothing like unrequited love. Years ago, when very young Wynn worked for a baker in France and loves this kind of work, finds a small bakery where she is offered a job. Not high paying, hours late at night, early mornings, baking bread. Wynter finds her niche, loves the job. She rents a small house, furnishes it from odds and ends, makes a nest, and still thinks of David. Wynn meets Mac, a bartender, in a little hole in the wall bar. Mac doesn't want commitments, he's a free spirit. The two go out, have fun, enjoy, are more like two friends. Readers meet Wynn's coworkers, especially Linda. Different personalities, different backgrounds. As the book goes on, Wynn grows up, takes charge of her life and decides not to make the same mistakes she made before. This is a great read for foodies, there are wonderful recipes for bread and desserts. The book is well written, goes deep into emotions, is a delightful read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I loved this book but probably for the wrong reasons... By Dora L. Davison When we meet Wyn, the protagonist, it is after her husband has told her that he thinks that they should take a break from their marriage. After coming back from visiting a lifelong friend in Seattle, she finds that her keys no longer fit the locks on the house and all of her belongings are boxed on the front porch. She has no choice but to return to her mother's house and lick her wounds. This is the part of the book that I didn't like so much. I hated to see Wyn be so passive and mourn a life that by her own admission she didn't even like that well. She lived in a house that her husband had picked that she considered to be cold and hard edged. All their friends were people that could advance her husband's business. She had to sit on the right committees to make the right connections which more and more felt false to her. After lots of crying, whining and basically beating up on herself, she finally hits on something that gives her pleasure--baking bread. This is the part of the book that I like best--the talk of making bread, the tips on bread baking, and recipes. Wyn finally decides to move to Seattle to take a job at a coffee shop and bakery as assistant to the bread baker. Wyn finally starts to make a life for herself there and learns to depend on herself and how to make real friends. The characters that she meets in Seattle are all more quirky and better formed than the California characters. I enjoyed the growth that Wyn's character displayed in the book. I would have given the book five stars if Wyn had extracted the maximum amount of money that she was entitled to and got on with her life sooner.

A deliciously magical and mouthwatering debut, *Bread Alone* is the uplifting journey of a woman whose entire life changes course when her husband announces one evening that their marriage no longer works for him. Not suited for teaching high school and hopeless at selling real estate, thirty-one-year-old Wynter Morrison long ago gave up trying to find a suitable career and drifted into the role of a trophy wife -- mainly to suit her husband's desires. An ambitious advertising executive, David had encouraged Wyn to spend her days among other society wives at wine tastings, French films, and trendy restaurants -- improving their social Rolodex and his array of business contacts. So, after seven years of marriage, when David informs Wyn that he feels confined and that their marriage was a mistake, she is left emotionally devastated and without direction, wondering how she let herself become so dependent. Desperate for a change of scenery, Wyn leaves behind her posh, pampered life in Hancock Park and ventures north to Seattle, where she spends aimless hours at a local bakery, sipping coffee and inhaling the sweet aroma of freshly made bread. These visits bring back memories of her apprenticeship at a French boulangerie, when her passion for bread-making nearly led her to leave college to become a baker. Once again the desire and ambition to bake bread consumes Wyn's thoughts, and when offered a position at the bakery, Wyn quickly accepts, grateful for the comfort of a routine. Arriving at the bakery just before midnight and working long hours among the bakery's cluster of eclectic women -- Linda, the irascible bread baker; earth mother Ellen and her partner Diane; Tyler, the blue-haired barista -- Wyn awakens to the truths that she missed while living the good life in Hancock Park. And soon she discovers that making bread -- the kneading of the dough, the heat from the ovens -- possesses an unexpected and wondrous healing power, helping her to rediscover that nothing stays the same: bread rises, pain fades, the heart heals, and the future beckons. Inspiring and beautifully rendered, *Bread Alone* is an uplifting debut novel -- dusted in the gentlest of magic, full of humor, and guaranteed to warm the heart.

From Publishers Weekly The First Wives Club acquires a junior member in this pleasant if unremarkable first novel. When 31-year-old Wynter Morrison finds herself locked out of her house by her handsome, spoiled husband, David, who has taken up with a beautiful blonde, she is devastated. With only three years' experience teaching high school, one year in real estate sales and seven years experience as the "Executive Wife" and "Charming Hostess," Wyn has little success fending for herself at first, but a growing self-awareness emerges slowly once she leaves her old lifestyle in Los Angeles. After visiting a friend in Seattle, Wyn moves there to take a job at a local bakery. No longer dependent on David, Wyn finds solace in living a spartan existence and working hard in the early morning hours baking bread, though she is frustrated by the unimaginative veteran baker. Her memories of a year abroad in Toulouse during her sophomore year at UCLA where she learned to bake bread in a family bakery are sprinkled throughout the story, as are her favorite bread recipes. Over the course of this long, convoluted tale, Wyn transforms from a "willfully ignorant," betrayed wife living in sunny L.A. whose greatest worry is what to wear to the next symphony ball, to a

flannel shirt-wearing bakery owner living in the rainy Northwest who finds love with a bartender-turned-writer. In this engaging novel, Hendricks creates a compelling narrator whose wry, bemused and ultimately wise voice hooks the reader. Even though Wyn's story is predictable at times, this is a well-written, imaginative debut. Agent, Deborah Schneider. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal When in doubt, bake bread at least that is what Wyn Morrison does. She was once known as Wyn Franklin, but one day her husband informed her that they were growing apart and that he needed some time to himself. Having been a career wife who managed her busy ad executive husband's successful social life, Wyn is lost. To top it all off, her mother has found happiness with another man after being a widow for 15 years. Wyn still desperately misses her father and can't quite become accustomed to the idea that her mother is going to remarry. Breadmaking is her solace, and it leads quickly to a job in a bakery and a chance at a new life. In addition, Wyn meets Mac, a handsome bartender who could prove to be the man able to make her truly happy. Dotted with bread recipes, Hendricks's engaging first novel will appeal to fans of a good story and intriguing characters. Highly recommended for all public libraries. Robin Nesbitt, Columbus Metropolitan Lib., OH Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist At the age of 30, Wynter Morrison has lost all that once defined her--her husband, her home, and her social life. She is left with \$3,000 a month in support, one great friend, and the city of Seattle. And all that amounts to quite a lot, on second thought. And having a second thought is precisely what Wynter does in this charming, romantic first novel. Taken in by her best friend, Wynter is directed toward a bakery that gives her a job and to a bar that supplies her with a man. Interspersed between deliciously subtle courting and details of making bread (including recipes), Wynter cycles through the process of grieving over her marriage, beginning a new life, and finding her way. Woven in with the story of Wynter is the tale of the bakery and the other women who work there, as well as flashbacks to Wynter's term in France as an apprentice baker. The various points of view provided by the wide cast of characters looking into the modern quest for contentment imbue the novel with lightning-fast revelations of how life gets crafted day by day. The result is a novel that is fun to read and meaningful to remember--no small feat at all. Readers who respond to the mix of romance, self-discovery, and food discussions will want to connect this novel with the ones listed in the Read-alikes column, on the opposite page. Neal Wyatt Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved