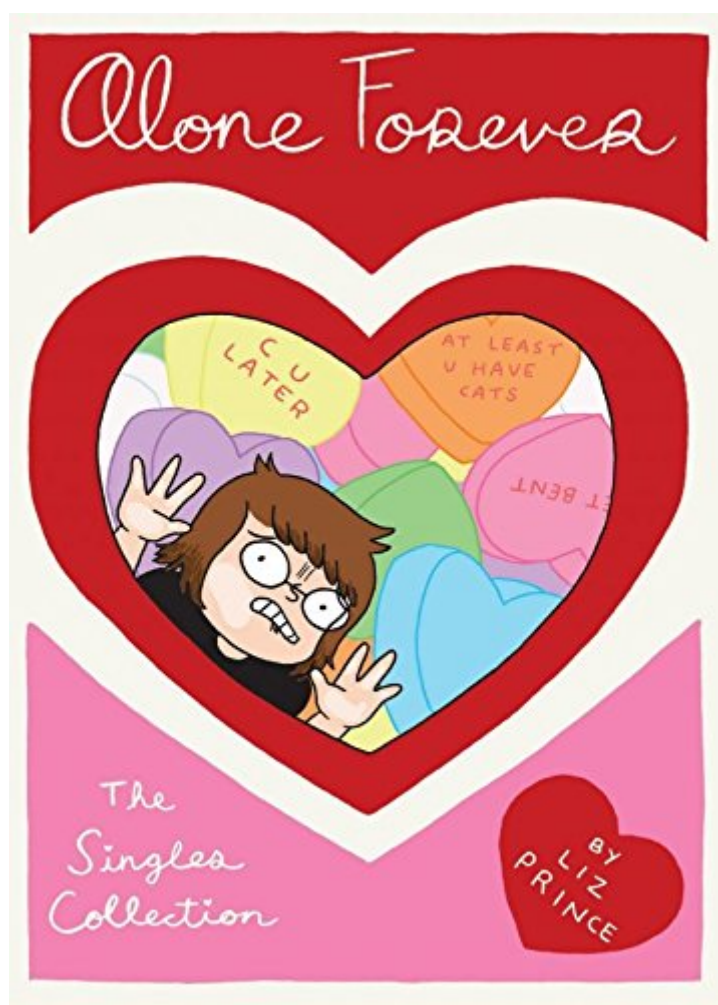


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Alone Forever



Synopsis

"Liz Prince, author of the world's cutest relationship comic, *Will You Still Love Me If I Wet the Bed?*, returns with a new comic about being -- gasp! -- SINGLE. At last bringing her popular webcomic to printed form, *Alone Forever* explores the joys of flying solo, free to focus on what really matters: comics, punk rock, and cute boys with beards. Drawn in Liz Prince's ultra-charming style, filled with self-deprecation and cats, there's something for everyone to relate to in this celebration of self-reliance in the age of OkCupid. It's the perfect gift for any friend! ...If you want that friend to immediately respond, "Wait, what are you saying?!"

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Customer Reviews

Alone Forever is a short book containing a selection of auto-biographic self-deprecating comic strips by Liz Prince about her dating life, or lack of. Liz is a bit of tomboy in ways of relating, always hanging out with boys, and dressing very boyish. Despite being taken for a lesbian often, she is very much straight and looking for love. She is bit neurotic, vengeful, confused, loving, loyal, funny, nerdy, and magnetically attracted to cute bearded guys wearing strange bands T-shirts. The comic strips depict how she relates to the opposite sex, how she flirts, and how she dates. My favourite

pages are those devoted to the narration of the dates she got with guys she met through the dating site OK Cupid. The drawing style is a bit sketchy, even childish, very charming, very e-zine or bloggish. Still, some of her images are really beautiful and great. The strips are very short, the longest occupies a page, so they vary in degrees of success at engaging the reader. I found myself reading out loud at some of the strips, or just feeling in love with the version of Liz that Liz has created for the reader. Others were just OK. I recently read Jeff Brown's "Clumsy", and I found that Liz's and Jeff's have very similar books and ways of narrating. Although they are the flip side of the coin and of each other, they share the fact that they are not archetypal man and woman in their romantic relationships. This is a very entertaining and engaging book, and I read it in a sitting. Once ends loving Liz and wishing her lots of love!

Ever since I received Liz Prince's first book as a gift from a past girlfriend, I've been in love. I've had a fair share of awkward encounters and heartfelt moments, but my moments pale in comparison to the small, intimate moments brought to our attention in Prince's newest romantic romp. As a 22 year old "writer" I look to Liz Prince for help when considering the modern dating/love scene. She's in-tune and aware of the bleak comedy of the modern (dating) playing field. I laughed, I cried and I was generally awe-struck by this minimalistic epic broken into countless parts. Read this book. Read Liz Prince's work. If you meet Liz Prince and you're a cute bearded guy who is interested in obscure music, take a moment to talk to her. She'd like it I'm sure.

I must admit that when I purchased this book I was hoping for a structured, single story line following Liz Prince's quest into a relationship in a similar fashion to what she masterfully crafted in her other book "Tomboy". However, "Alone Forever" turned out to be more of a selection of different comics with one topic and in more-or-less chronological order. That difference in expectations would be my one and only "complain" (and I guess such complain would have been easily resolved if I knew the whole dictionary definition of "Collection" on the book title) As for the rest, this book was wonderful! In her usual combination of laugh-out-loud humor and heart-wrenching moments she makes for a very personal and engaging telling of what is it like to be single when no partner seems to be "right" enough.

Short collection of autobiographical comics about bad OK Cupid meetups, crushing on guys with beards and being a punk rock music geek. Mostly chuckles, couldn't stop laughing on one comic, liked it enough that I'll seek out her other stuff. Bechdel test: Pass. Grade: B+

Oh Liz Prince. You never fail to make me laugh. I read her book *Tomboy* awhile back and I really enjoyed it, so when I saw *Alone Forever* I knew I needed it. I was right! This collection of comics made me laugh out loud more than once. The beauty of Prince's work is that (at least for me) it is painfully relatable. I've done the whole internet dating scene and it's a scary and awkward place. I've internally battled myself in spurts of "I love being single!" versus "SOMEONE LOVE ME!" I'm not the smoothest person, socially, and I tend to be a bit on the awkward side. I'm also usually oblivious to flirtation. *Alone Forever* is a great book for people who have done or relate to any of those things. Prince talks about them with a great sense of humor and honesty. I laughed, I said "awww" quietly to myself, and I read a few more than once because I loved them so much. I recommend this book to anyone who has ever been single, fallen asleep among their cats, or has braved the depths of online dating. This is better suited for a more mature audience, as the language is not for little eyes and ears. This is a perfect gift for one of your girlfriends, or for yourself on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Netgalley and Top Shelf Productions for my copy in exchange for my honest review.

A work friend forwarded me this, asking if I had a secret alter-ego online... Needless to say, I knew I had to purchase it. Liz Prince is hilarious: I both loved and commiserated with many of the scenarios she depicted. I only wish (and don't hate me for saying this) that her artistry was a bit more... refined? Better quality? Something that didn't look like scribbles? So while I got a lot of enjoyment from the actual stories, I got nearly none from the artwork itself. I'm still glad I bought it, so take this as you will.

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