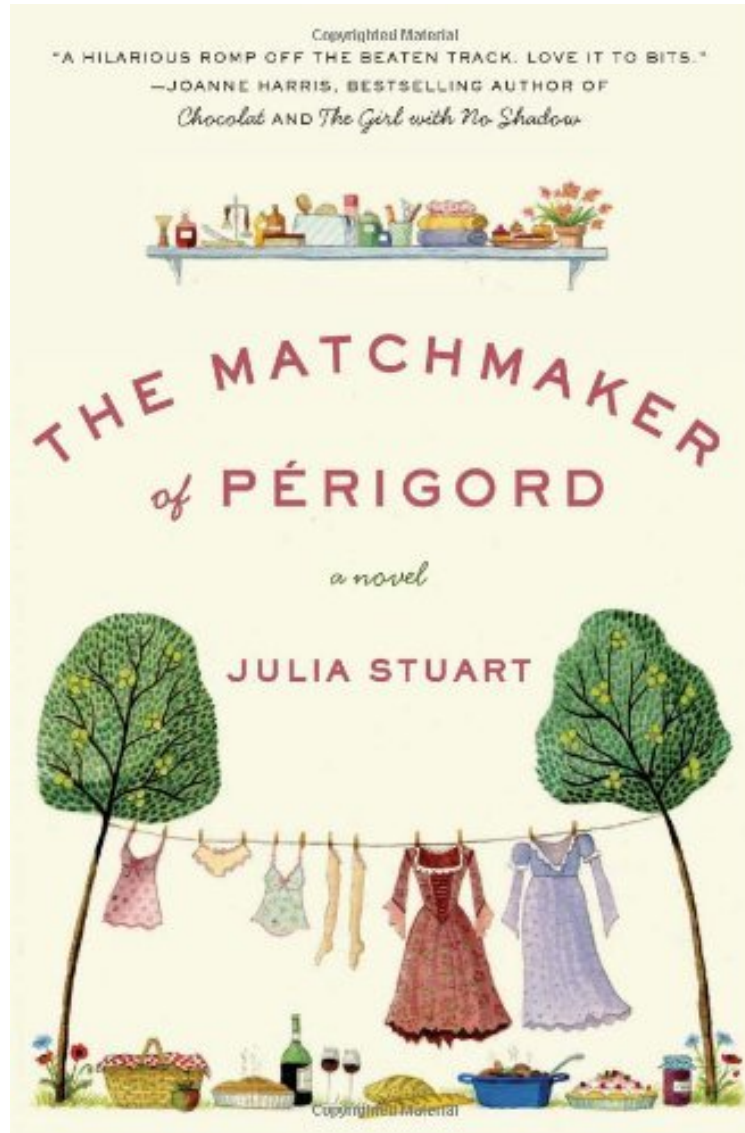


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. ZhVon Fuchs JoanIch hatte angangs ziemlich Mhe mit dem Buch, obschon ich bizarre Geschichten sonst eigentlich sehr gerne mag. Doch war sie einfach so zhflssig, dass ich mich oft von anderen Dingen ablenken liess und so nur Paragraphenweise fortschreiten konnte, was noch zustzlich den Fluss verminderte. Man knnte ja meinen, wie putzig

das Ganze ist, mit den endlosen Wiederholungen (welche offensichtlich einfach die Charaktere definieren soll), doch nach dem xten "Kleid, welches an den Knies abgeschnitten erschien" oder den "Supermarkt Ledersandalen", etc, wird es echt etwas viel. Ich konnte es einfach nicht geniessen. Die Geschichte wird dann in der 2. Hlfte etwas besser, das Ende ist absehbar, wenn auch einige nette Wendungen auftreten. Aber dennoch kann ich es nicht mit gutem Gewissen weiter empfehlen. 3.4 Sterne.

Kurzbeschreibung Barber Guillaume Ladoucette has always enjoyed great success in his tiny village in southwestern France, catering to the tonsorial needs of Amour-sur-Belle's thirty-three inhabitants. But times have changed. His customers have grown older and balder. Suddenly there is no longer a call for Guillaume's particular services, and he is forced to make a drastic career change. Since love and companionship are necessary commodities at any age, he becomes Amour-sur-Belle's official matchmaker and intends to unite hearts as ably as he once cut hair. But alas, Guillaume is not nearly as accomplished an agent of amour, as the disastrous results of his initial attempts amply prove, especially when it comes to arranging his own romantic future. For every reader who adored *Chocolat*, Julia Stuart's *The Matchmaker of Prigord* is a delectable, utterly enchanting, and sinfully satisfying delight. From Publishers Weekly: Unhappy cutting hair, Guillaume, the barber of the tiny, declining French town of Amour-sur-Belle, renames his shop Heart's Desire and tries his hand at matchmaking, even though he lost his first love, Emilie, years ago. Guillaume soon proves hopeless: he can't even help his best friend, Yves Leveque, whose heartaches have actually caused him indigestion. When Emilie returns to Amour-sur-Belle a rich divorcee, and sets about restoring a dilapidated old chateau that once brought tourists to the city, she enlivens the slumping town's eligible suitors and the town wags who watch their every move. Debut novelist Stuart infects Amour-sur-Belle's byzantine lore with whimsy (a mini-tornado that made the town pharmacist disappear), the usual beefs (an age-old feud, which began with Guillaume's mother) and sensual detail. It's all done well enough, but a reliance on magical-realist elements to resolve the town's spiraling affairs makes for an unsatisfying resolution. (Aug.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen "Hilarious ... Love it to bits." -- Joanne Harris "Any satire of village life depends for its gags on an ensemble of engaging eccentrics, and Stuart's zesty narrative style is tailor-made for farce. Her flesh-and-blood creations . . . feel entirely homegrown . . . Stuart injects her own brand of va-va-voom." \* Independent \* "Fast, furious and incredibly funny . . . Julia Stuart sets a great pace in this lip-smacking mix of food, foolishness and fun." \* SHE magazine \*