

A MERGER OF EQUALS

A Merger of Equals is a fast-paced, incisive love story set against the backdrop of the business world. It's told in the first person by its two main characters: Jane is ambitious, brilliant and sure she's going to meet resistance at every turn; Charlie is successful, hardwired with the rules of the game and determined to make a difference. They meet in a mentoring program at the investment bank where they both work. Over the next ten years, first as colleagues, then as friends, then as partners, the two propel each other up the corporate ladder. Surrounded by friends and lovers, some of whom ease the climb and some of whom decidedly do not, Jane and Charlie defy the constrictions of the status quo to create a new model of professional and personal success. As it reveals corporate America in all its sexist, complacent and illogical glory, *A Merger of Equals* demonstrates that quite a few so-called truths – about work, life and love – are not even close to true and that half a life is no life at all.

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