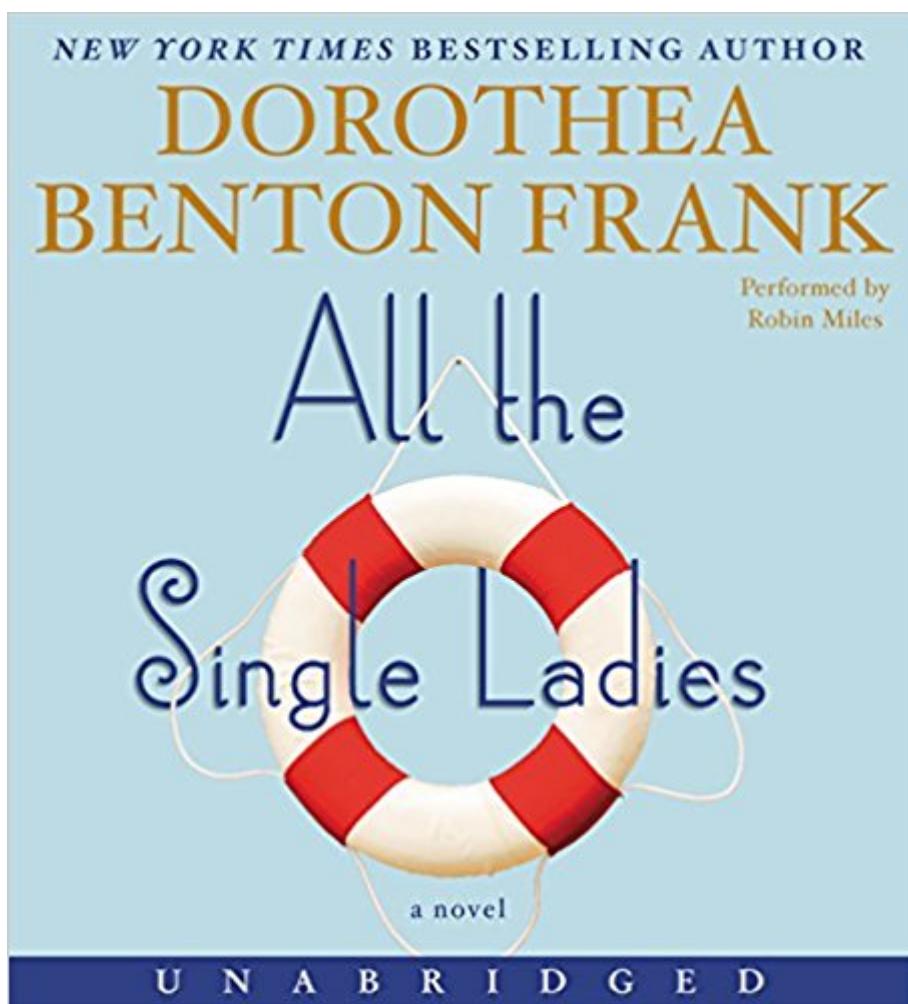


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All The Single Ladies CD: A Novel



Synopsis

The perennial New York Times bestselling author returns with an emotionally resonant novel that illuminates the power of friendship in women's lives, and is filled with her trademark wit, poignant and timely themes, sassy, flesh-and-blood characters, and the steamy Southern atmosphere and beauty of her beloved Carolina Lowcountry. Few writers capture the complexities, pain, and joy of relationships between friends, family members, husbands and wives, or lovers as beloved New York Times bestselling author Dorothea Benton Frank. In this charming, evocative, soul-touching novel, she once again takes us deep into the heart of the magical Lowcountry where three amazing middle-aged women are bonded by another amazing woman's death. Through their shared loss they forge a deep friendship, asking critical questions. Who was their friend and what did her life mean? Are they living the lives they imagined for themselves? Will they ever be able to afford to retire? How will they maximize their happiness? Security? Health? And ultimately, their own legacies? A plan is conceived and unfurls with each turn of the tide during one sweltering summer on the Isle of Palms. Without ever fully realizing how close they were to the edge, they finally triumph amid laughter and maybe even newfound love.

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Customer Reviews

"All the Single Ladies is vintage Dorothea Benton Frank --a funny, poignant read." (Liane Moriarty, #1 New York Times Bestselling author of *BIG LITTLE LIES* and *THE HUSBAND'S SECRET*) --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

In this fast-paced and evocative novel, Dorothea Benton Frank again takes us deep into the Lowcountry of South Carolina, where three unsuspecting women are brought together by tragedy and mystery. Lisa St. Clair knows a thing or two about weathering storms. A dedicated nurse with a healthy sense of humor, she singlehandedly raised her truculent daughter Marianne, after her ex walked out on them twenty-four years ago. When Kathy Harper, Lisa's favorite patient, loses her battle with cancer, Lisa finds herself drawing closer to Carrie and Suzanne, the devoted friends who were always by Kathy's side. As these three women's lives inevitably connect, they share their concerns about men, getting older and the horrors of maintaining financial stability. Somehow their conversations always return to the enigma of Kathy. Who was she? What did her short life mean? Gradually they uncover the truth of Kathy's life and unfurl plans to secure their own futures, as fate steps in to help them discover that being single doesn't have to mean being alone. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Sweet. A little too much so. I found this very predictable. I'm a little tired of all the leading characters must find a husband to be fulfilled. I prefer stronger leads. I was a little surprised at the lack of depth in this book compared to most of this author's previous books.

I too, am an avid fan of Dorothea Benton Frank - and too, anxiously await each new novel. I have savored most and re-read many. I'm uncertain as to why - with all of her talent, she missed the mark with this one. So much so, that with each turn of the page, I'm tempted to put it down. I keep waiting....and waiting for something to happen, for the characters to be more developed, for her snappy and edgy repartee between characters. I'm into chapter 6 and still waiting. I'm waiting for the amazing description of the low country, the sights and smell and sounds - Ms. Frank is so good at conveying. The conversations between the characters are long, drawn out, choppy and uninteresting. The writing over-all is in the very least amateur. I will finish the book simply out of the high esteem I have for Ms. Frank but sorry to say I don't recommend it.

I've read all of DBF's books and, in my opinion, this is one of the best. The story line held my interest throughout and the characters this time out were wonderfully developed. As is her habit, Ms. Frank includes the mention of a large number of commercial enterprises, ranging from Costco to Krispy Kreme. I'm not sure if she does this to make her characters more easily relatable to her readers, because of genuine loyalty to the companies' products, or if she actually receives

compensation for what amounts to free advertising, but her practice of doing it is once again front and center from cover to cover. It doesn't bother me - in fact as a frequent visitor to the Charleston area, I appreciate the mentions of the local restaurants. After reading this book I'll be sure to visit places like the Obstinate Daughter and Tavern and Table on my next trip to the glorious Holy City. As is also her habit, she includes another ex-husband in the story. This time, though, he's not a complete jerk who gets bashed throughout the book, and actually becomes a semi-sympathetic character in the end. One of the most interesting characters in the book is the 99 year old Miss Trudie. DBF does such a fine job of developing this character that I think most readers will be very moved by Miss Trudie's fate in the book. I rank this one right alongside Dorothea Benton Frank's finest novels. Well done.

Great fun! The story could easily reflect reality. I know people like her characters, and I get her message. Sure, everyone doesn't always find a happy ending, but I personally like happy endings. Dorothea Benton Frank's book "All the Single Ladies" is fun and entertaining. If you don't want either, then pass on this one. I'm personally happy I read it!

Having been a single lady in my thirties and forties, I really thought she did a great job describing what that is about. Her writing is great. Her editors produce perfect copy, which is becoming increasingly rare in the days of self-published works. She never disappoints -- humor, life, sadness, FOOD, wonderful characters, whether good or bad.

After waiting with great anticipation for the release of Dorothea Benton Frank's newest novel...I regret to say this book was a true disappointment! Yes, ladies... I'm in my fifties and hardly found anything to relate to while reading this book. I never once experienced the "Oh I can't put this book down or I can't wait to see what happens to the main character in the next chapter." Previously, Frank's books have been a true beach read for me, while mixing in lowcountry charm that would wisp me away while reading on the beach. This book starts out dark with a death almost from the very beginning of the book and then transitions to a desperate woman on the prowl in search of a meal ticket! I mean really...are there that many women still so desperate in today's society? Unfortunately, I could relate to children being unappreciative, but the pot smoking plot and men barging in demanding material objects at a total strangers house was also a stretch for me. At various times, I found myself thinking...did she really write this book or did someone else pen the novel and she simply allowed her name to be put on the jacket. I ordered the book first and then realized I would be at the beach

where she was scheduled to do a book signing. I've always wanted to attend and get an autographed copy. However, that would have been another 50 dollars on top of the original book purchased. Basically, after finishing the novel, I'm glad I didn't waste additional money. My aunt has met Frank and talked with her at a restaurant on Sullivan's Island, so naturally I felt compelled to attend a book signing or luncheon after listening to her rave and rant about the opportunity to meet and talk with her personally. Overall, I can't help but wonder if one of my favorite author's hasn't ran out of material to write about concerning South Carolina. Has she lost touch with reality and women? Essentially, I find it hard to believe that I'm so off base concerning this novel compared to other readers that gave outstanding reviews of the book! Are these readers just continuing to blow hot air or did they really enjoy a bad attempt of a mystery? In the future, her books won't be considered an automatic purchase!

I'm curious how much it costs to get talked about in one of Frank's books? the story is cute ,easy reading but the constant advertisement is so obvious it has the effect of watching a tv shows with commercials. also I would think an educated author would not misquote a famous quote " music hath charms to soothe the savage breast " not beast.

i am on page 100 and i think this book is awful. very disappointed as i have really loved most of her books. it is boring and pointless. i don't plan to finish it. sorry i wasted the money.

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