

MISSING YOU

by Harlan Coben | ★★★★★

THRILLER

NYPD Det. Kat Donovan sees her ex-fiancé's photo on You Are Just My Type.com and soon finds herself in a maelstrom involving Internet fraud, psychos, a bipolar yoga teacher and her cop dad's unsolved murder. Coben's story twists tight: It will leave you eyeing your computer, wondering what horrors might await the next time you log on.

—REVIEWED BY ELLEN SHAPIRO

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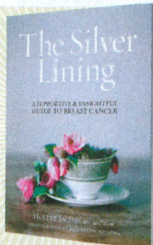
MANNEQUIN GIRL

by Ellen Litman | ★★★★★

NOVEL

Growing up in Soviet Moscow, Kat Knopman has always been a bit of an outsider. But when she's diagnosed with scoliosis and fitted with a brace, her oddities feel suddenly on display. Kat's struggles to become a "mannequin girl"—straight-backed and pliant, like a model—make up this tender, bittersweet coming-of-age tale.

—REVIEWED BY ANDREA WALKER



The Bright Side

Nurse and breast-cancer survivor Hollye Jacobs's new book helps patients find light in the darkness.

What silver lining can there possibly be to cancer?

When I was a patient, everything that could go wrong, did. I remember lying on the bathroom floor one day, looking and feeling like a bald skeleton, when my 90-lb. Labrador curled up next to me. Then my husband sat down and rubbed my head. I had the support and comfort I needed. Looking for a silver lining doesn't negate feelings of sadness, fear and anger, but it helps get through them.

Why write a book? I couldn't find one that was simultaneously supportive and clinically credible. With my background, I can offer guidance as someone who's been on both sides of the bed.

And you include photos. So much of patients' fear comes from the unknown. My friend Elizabeth's photos of me during chemo and after surgery help demystify the experience.

What are your top tips? Inform your children early, learn to ask for help, take a list of questions to doctor visits—and just be kind to yourself. —JANINE R. RUBENSTEIN



Jacobs, 43 (right), with friend and photographer Elizabeth Messina.

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