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Editorial Review

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Members of a Saturday morning club in Larksdale, Minnesota, in 1983 venture timidly into the alien world of investing. This group of eight mostly married, mostly middle-aged, mostly Methodist members soon become the Larksdale Ladies Investment Club, resembling the much-heralded Beardstown Ladies of several years ago. Eventually these novices strike gold through investments in new companies such as Intel and Microsoft, thanks to insights from the group's sole young member--a pink-haired rebel named Skye. Hartwick intertwines the investment naivete of the club's eight members with their own personal development. Their financial savvy grows along with the portfolio's value, as does their control over their own lives and the influence they wield in their communities. In this rosy take on small-town life, nearly everyone experiences a crisis of some sort and works her way through it with the support of the group. And the men in their lives, mostly abusive or sly scoundrels, barely stand a chance as the women grow wiser and more fulfilled, not to mention wealthy beyond imagination. *Suzanne Young*

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Review

“A can’t-put-it-down, stay-up-all-night, page-turner.” —**Barbara Bretton, author of At Last**

“Delightful and entertaining...a story to invest in.”—**Lynne Hinton, author of Friendship Cake**

“Hartwick’s novel chronicle of a Minnesota ladies’ investment group is neither Standard nor Poor...loaded with great one-liners...Fabulous!”—**Pamela Morsi, author of Here Comes the Bride**

“I laughed, loved, and triumphed with the Larksdale Ladies. Cynthia Hartwick is definitely an author to watch!”—**Barbara Bretton, author of At Last**

“Lively, insightful and entertaining...her blend of humor and perspective on Middle America pays big dividends, both fun and bittersweet.”—**Pamela Morsi, author of Here Comes the Bride**

“Touching and laugh-out-loud funny.”—Jennifer Chiaverini, author of The Quilter’s Apprentice

“An engaging story of female bonding and finance...You’ll cheer them on as they risk their wad to save their town.”—**Sandra Dallas, author of The Persian Pickle Club**

“Who knew that making money could be so fun? Welcome to the Larksdale Ladies Independence Club where you’re sure to learn as much about friendship as about finances. Delightful and entertaining.”—**Lynne Hinton, author of Friendship Cake**

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Cynthia Hartwick has a Ph.D. in English and also attended film school. When not writing, she works as a business consultant.

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