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About the Author

Jenny Block writes for *Women's Health*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *American Way*, *ellegirl.com*, *BeE*, *bRILLIANT*, *People Newspapers*, *Stone*, *Where*, and *D*. She also has work in the books *It's a Girl: Women Writers on Raising Daughters* (Seal Press, 2006) and *Letters to my Teacher* (Adams, 2005), as well as in the forthcoming book, *Have I Got a Guy For You: Fix-ups and Blind Dates Coordinated By Our Mothers* (Viking, forthcoming 2007). In addition, her writing has appeared in *Chow*, *Pointe*, *Virginia Living*, *Style Weekly*, *Tango*, *Richmond Magazine*, and *Literary Mama*. The inspiration for *Open* stems from the piece, "Portrait of an Open Marriage", which ran in *Tango*, and was reprinted by *Cosmopolitan Germany* and *The Huffington Post*. Jenny was also interviewed about the story on Chick Chat Radio, and for the daily newspaper *a.m. New York*.

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