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## **Editorial Review**

### **Review**

Maggie's Plan is not nostalgic. It doffs a manic pixie dream girl's hat to the past, but it's bang up to date in asking whether heterosexual relationships will survive among the young, should they become superfluous to species continuation . . . Maggie's Plan is a film highly invested in the dynamics of marriage . . . Miller's plan, then, isn't just to send you home on a high. It's to make you address fundamental preconceptions about yourself. At heart, her film is a cautionary fable about the fallacy of trying to cheat fate -- Catherine Shoard \* Guardian \* A delight -- Nigel M Smith \* Guardian \* Maggie's Plan is nicely crafted on all levels \* Variety \* It must have been a nice break for [Julianne] Moore to do something that isn't weepy or harrowing, and it's certainly a joy for us in the audience \* Vanity Fair \*

### **About the Author**

Rebecca Miller is the author of the short story collection *Personal Velocity*, her feature film adaptation of which won the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance; *The Private Lives of Pippa Lee*, which she also adapted for the screen, and *Jacob's Folly*. Her other films include *Angela* and *The Ballad of Jack and Rose*.

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