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Review

Praise for ONE PLUS ONE:

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"Jojo Moyes' new novel *One Plus One* adds up to a delightful summer read, where the whole is greater than the sum of its charming parts...Moyes' observations on modern life are dryly hilarious...You don't need to be a math whiz to figure out this book is one worth adding to your summer reading list." —*USA Today* (4 stars)

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"Fans of the 2006 summer sleeper hit *Little Miss Sunshine* will find a lot to love in British author Jojo Moyes' latest, about a madcap road trip that's packed to the boot with familial drama, class clashes, and romance...In Moyes' deft hands, even a bout of kebab-induced food poisoning is somehow charming. You'll be rooting for this ragtag group of strivers until the very last page." —*Entertainment Weekly* (A-)

"Jojo Moyes' latest novel has humor, heartbreak and romance—a.k.a. the perfect beach read." —*Lucky Magazine*

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"An irresistible mix of romance and humor"—Dallas Morning News

"No need to worry where this road trip is headed. Just sit back, roll down your window and enjoy being a passenger." —*Cleveland Plain Dealer*

"Moyes has a remarkable gift for creating balanced, deep characters who struggle to find their own way. Filled with humor, and insight... she has written an emotional, rich, and satisfying novel. Highly recommended." *Library Journal* (starred review)

"One Plus One equals one fine novel.... Bravo to Moyes for delivering characters in a story readers will truly care about. Is that Hollywood calling?"—Booklist

"There's never anything predictable about stubbornly optimist and protective Jess and her oddball kids, or the distracted Ed and his disjointed work-family relationships. It's exactly that quality that makes this offbeat journey so satisfying, and Moyes's irrepressible flaws-and-all characters so memorable."—*Publishers Weekly*

Lev Grossman at *Time* gave ONE PLUS ONE 2-1 odds for becoming the 2014 "Book of the Summer"

Bustle.com included ONE PLUS ONE in their list of "8 Books to Read in July": "With surefire prose and a likeable protagonist, Moyes captures the comic charms of single motherhood and middle-aged dating in this humor-filled, haphazard love story...far from simple or unexpected. Serious beach read potential here, friends." —Bustle.com

About the Author

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Prologue

Ed

Ed Nicholls was in the creatives' room drinking coffee with Ronan when Sidney walked in. A man he vaguely recognized stood behind him, another of the Suits.

"We've been looking for you," Sidney said. "Well, you found us," Ed said.

"Not Ronan, you."

Ed studied them for a minute, then threw a red foam ball at the ceiling and caught it. He glanced sideways at Ronan. Investacorp had bought half shares in the company a full eighteen months ago, but Ed and Ronan still thought of them as the Suits. It was one of the kinder things they called them in private.

"Do you know a woman called Deanna Lewis?" "Why?"

"Did you give her any information about the launch of the new software?"

"What?"

"It's a simple question."

Ed looked from one Suit to the other. The atmosphere was strangely charged. His stomach, a packed elevator, began a slow descent toward his feet. "We may have chatted about work. No specifics that I remember."

"Deanna Lewis?" said Ronan.

"You need to be clear about this, Ed. Did you give her any information about the launch of SFAX?"

"No. Maybe. What is this?"

"The police are downstairs searching your office, with two goons from the Financial Services Authority. Her brother has been arrested for insider trading. On the basis of information that you gave them about the launch of the software."

"Deanna Lewis?" Ronan began to wipe his spectacles, a thing he did when he was feeling anxious.

"Her brother's hedge fund made two point six million dollars on the first day of trading. She alone cleared a hundred and ninety thou- sand on her personal account."

"Her brother's hedge fund?"

"I don't understand," Ronan said.

"I'll spell it out. Deanna Lewis is on record talking to her brother about the launch of SFAX. She says Ed here said it was going to be enormous. And guess what? Two days later her brother's fund is among the biggest purchasers of shares. What exactly did you tell her?"

Ronan stared at him. Ed struggled to gather his thoughts. When he swallowed, it was shamefully audible. Across the office the development team was peering over the tops of their cubicles. "I didn't tell her anything." He blinked. "I don't know. I might have said some-thing. It's not like it was a state secret."

"It was a fucking state secret, Ed," Sidney said. "It's called insider trading. She told him you gave her dates, times. You told her the company was going to make a fortune."

"Then she's lying! Shooting her mouth off. We were just . . . having a thing."

"You wanted to bone the girl, so you shot your mouth off to impress her?"

"It wasn't like that."

"You had sex with Deanna Lewis?" Ed could feel Ronan's myopic gaze burning into him.

Sidney lifted his hands. "You need to call your lawyer."

"How can I be in trouble?" Ed asked. "It's not like I got any benefit from it. I didn't even know her brother had a hedge fund."

Sidney glanced behind him. The faces suddenly found something

interesting to look at on their desks. He lowered his voice. "You have to go now. They want to interview you at the police station."

"What? This is nuts. I've got a software meeting in twenty minutes. I'm not going to any police station."

"And obviously we're suspending you until we've got to the bot- tom of this."

Ed half laughed. "Are you kidding me? You can't suspend me. It's my company." He threw the foam ball up in the air and caught it, turning away from them. Nobody moved. "I'm not going. This is our company. Tell them, Ronan."

He looked at Ronan, but Ronan was staring fixedly at something on the floor. Ed looked at Sidney, who shook his head. Then he looked up at the two uniformed men who had appeared behind him, at his secretary, whose hand was covering her mouth, at the carpet path already opening up between him and the door, and the foam ball dropped silently onto the floor between his feet.

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