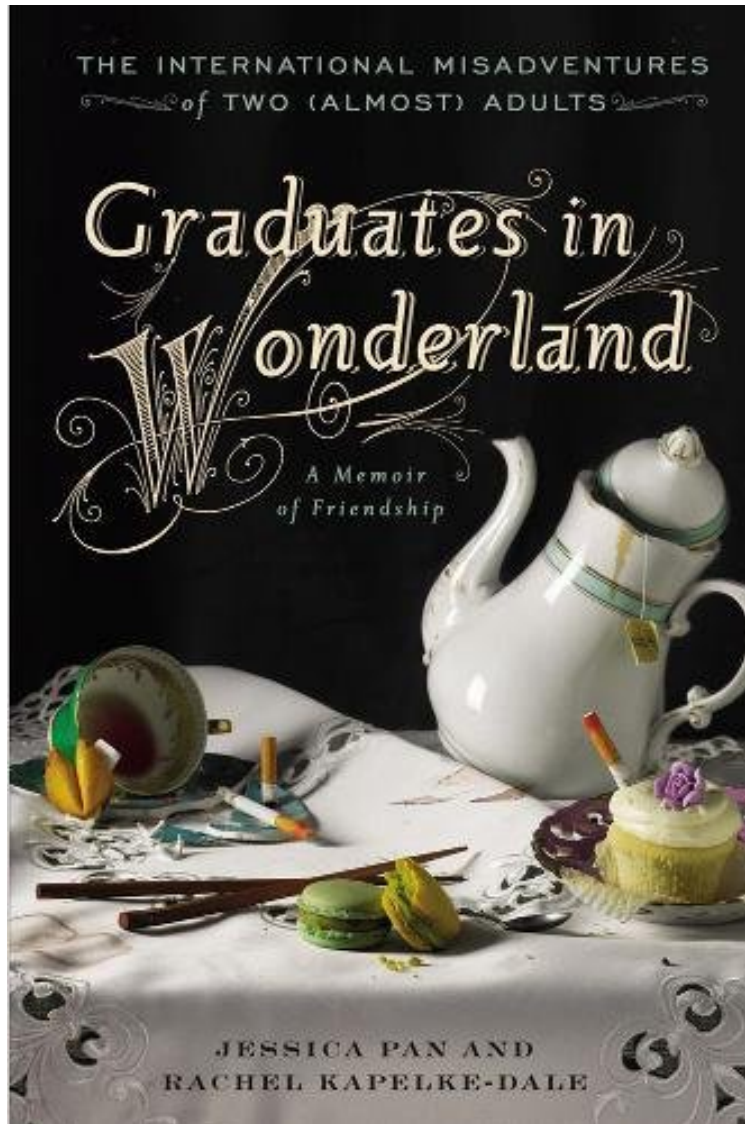


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**Jessica Pan, Rachel Kapelke-Dale : Graduates in Wonderland: The International Misadventures of Two (Almost) Adults** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Graduates in Wonderland: The International Misadventures of Two (Almost) Adults:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. If you've ever been glad to face life's challenges with a close (and hilarious) friend to confide in, you'll enjoy this book! By E G H LEEI loved Graduates in Wonderland, and read it all in

one sitting. Two friends make a pact to write to each other regularly, through thick and thin. Through their intimate and revealing e-mails, you follow their stories as Jess ends up in Beijing and then Australia, while Rachel ends up in New York and then Paris, navigating the challenges of early adulthood with pluck, humour, and growing wisdom. I laughed out loud many times. I felt my heart sinking many other times, during the more intense parts. I found myself emotionally invested in the story from beginning to end. Jessica and Rachel's voices - and the colourful characters they encounter - jump right off the page, and it's easy to get caught up with their (mis)adventures. And along the way, you'll get to see some fascinating places in their own right, through their eyes, whether the narrow alleyways of Beijing, the boulevards of Paris, or a dusty farm in the Australian countryside. If you've ever wondered what you should do with your life after college, if you've ever learnt lessons from past flings or relationships and feel the wiser for it, if you've ever been glad to face life with a close friend to confide in, you'll enjoy this book. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Dooooo it! By Emily Hamlin Loved this book! Funny, smart, well written, embarrassingly and sometimes heartbreakingly honest. It's a great balance between the authors' personal self-reflections/coming of age moments and simple, universal truths that make any reader feel validated for at some point asking themselves the same questions. The emails exchanged between these two adventurers are often meaty in length and content, but the voice and tone is always fresh, authentic and digestible; never prosaic or long-winded. This is a great read that inspired me to not only connect with my closest friends, but also go seek out an adventure! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Warning: You will not be able to put this down once you start. By Megan Jessica and Rachel vow to keep in touch after graduating Brown. What ensues is a series of emails back and forth as the two of them discover what they actually want to do now that they are expected to be real adults. I absolutely loved this book. It really made me feel nostalgic, as their emails reminded me of my blockmates from college. Fine Letters we would send each other every month relaying our own crazy postgraduate adventures. I literally couldn't put the book down and stayed up all night reading it...on a work night no less! The fun, humor and hilariousness of the emails have you smiling throughout the entire story. I even found myself reading aloud certain paragraphs to my boyfriend, as it was just too good not to share. I would highly recommend this book.

Two best friends document their post-college lives in a hilarious, relatable, and powerfully honest epistolary memoir. Fast friends since they met at Brown University during their freshman year, Jessica Pan and Rachel Kapelke-Dale vowed to keep in touch after their senior year through in-depth and brutally honest weekly e-mails. After graduation, Jess packs up everything she owns and moves to Beijing on a whim, while Rachel heads to New York to work for an art gallery and to figure out her love life. Each spends the next few years tumbling through adulthood and reinventing themselves in various countries, including France, China, and Australia. Through their messages from around the world, they swap tales of teaching classes of military men, running a magazine, and flirting in foreign languages, along with the hard stuff: from harrowing accidents to breakups and breakdowns. Reminiscent of Sloan Crosley's essays and Lena Dunham's *Girls*, *Graduates in Wonderland* is an intimate, no-holds-barred portrait of two young women as they embark upon adulthood.

One of Jennifer Weiner's Ten Best Beach Reads USA Weekend "This book will take me back to those days when everything was possible" Jennifer Weiner, author of *All Fall Down* "Totally addictive" BUST "Graduates in Wonderland was a gem of a find. Reading through it (and it goes by fast) is a kind of hybrid between the most amazing nostalgia spiral and a very satisfying session of eavesdropping (extensively) on friendly strangers." Refinery29 "The book is full of witty descriptions and cultural observations, capturing not just a picture of twentysomething life but also a sense of the time." The Hairpin "Life is hard after graduation. These two BFFs get it" Cosmopolitan "I loved *Graduates in Wonderland*. It made me nostalgic for the uncertainty and excitement and seemingly endless possibilities of the post-college years. The first thing I did after reading it was pour my heart out--via email, of course--to my best friend." Rachel Bertsche, New York Times bestselling author of *MWF Seeking BFF* "I knew from page 8, on which one of the authors ends a letter with a piece of brutally honest advice about the other's crush, that I would love *Graduates in Wonderland*. There is a best friendship I find as complex, challenging, and deeply intimate as my own: the type of dynamic, all-consuming female friendship story that is as common as it is under-told. Jess and Rachel are smart, funny, and wise, and it's a pleasure to be like a fly in their emails, if that were a thing." Katie Heaney, author of *Never Have I Ever* "A charming epistolary tale of female friendship and early post-graduate life in all its exciting and confusing glory. Jess and Rachel's adventures will be relatable to anyone who has ventured down that strange rabbit hole we call the 'real world' and wondered just how to find her way back out again in one successful, happy piece." Rachel Friedman, author of *The Good Girls Guide to Getting Lost* "Sounding, thinking, and talking exactly like your best friends, these girls dive headfirst into the humor and heartache of life after college. They kiss a lot of foreign frogs in a lot of foreign cities. And just when they think they are in danger of becoming real live adults, they prove themselves spectacularly wrong. And I love them for it." Jerramy Fine, author of *Someday My Prince Will Come* "Gloriously addictive. This book is like catching up with your best friends over two-dollar tacos and margaritas, trying to convince each other to date this guy or travel or buy weirdo heels. I've been there, babes! The two authors have

perfectly captured a time in your life where you have no footing and everything is utter chaos...but at least you have your buddies. A warm breath of both nostalgia and reality. The kind of writing you eat with a spoon. Funny and sweet and honest, like the best kinds of friendships. Will recommend to all my ladies." Alida Nugent, author of *Dont Worry, It Gets Worse* "Rachel and Jess have done an extraordinary job, in the creation of this book, of turning an epistolary life story into something richly tender, and genuinely suspenseful. The intimacy here, is not just between the writers, but with the readers. I've adventured forth now with Jess and Rachel, and I have returned with a warm, good feeling in my heart." Beth Kephart, author of *Handling the Truth: On the Writing of Memoir and Going Over*

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