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Editorial Review

Review

"...a book with all the elements I love: best friends, "found" families, Ribon's trademark humor and vivid writing (the description of Smidge's cancerous cough is heart-stopping)." -- Jennifer Weiner, author of GOOD IN BED and THE NEXT BEST THING

"YTIFH is ... like a planetarium, where what matters is the feeling of the whole... You get to the end... and you have that sense that you've heard a whole story that seemed to be about skin-and-bones people, to the point where part of you is still worrying about them, like they're phantom limbs." -- Linda Holmes, NPR

"Don't let the cover ... fool you:... the story that unfolds is anything but just another chick lit beach read. Ribon has undoubtedly made you laugh in the past... but with "*You Take It From Here*," she will make you cry. Buckets." -- Danielle Turchiano, Made Possible By Pop Culture

"*You Take It From Here* was my first experience with author Pamela Ribon, but it won't be my last. She has a wry sense of humor, a unique way of putting words together, and even managed to write a humorous book about a dying wife and mother." -- BOOKS AND MOVIES

"If the standard of a good book is the emotions it conveys, the thoughts it sparks, and the way you find it touching your life after you close the pages, because the story sits with you (and I think it is), then this book is more than good. It is spectacular." -- FromTracie.com

"A book with all the elements I love: best friends, "found" families, Ribon's trademark humor and vivid writing... I can't wait to dive in." (Jennifer Weiner *A Moment of Jen*)

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"One of those rare books where the characters feel like your best friends from the first page. You'll laugh and cry as Pamela Ribon takes you on a colorful, rich and unforgettable journey of friendship." (Kristin Harmel, author of *The Sweetness of Forgetting*)

"Hilarity and heartbreak compete, but ultimately hope wins in this thoroughly delightful story about what it means to be a woman, a mother, a best friend. I can't wait to pass this book along to every woman who ever mattered to me. Pamela Ribon has a huge, fresh voice, and this is her best book yet." (Joshilyn Jackson, New York Times bestselling author of *Gods in Alabama* and *A Grown-Up Kind of Pretty*)

"I giggled, I laughed, I got all angry and emo - and once I made sure no one was looking - I cried." (*The Readers Cafe*)

From the Author

[Excerpt from a piece written for John Scalzi's THE BIG IDEA]

You Take It From Here deals with a lot of bossiness. Stubborn people, one-track-minded illnesses, the conviction that comes with knowing someone loves you wholeheartedly, and what can happen when you're faced with the terrifying enormity of the unknown. It's about the lengths we will go to for the people we care about the most, and how much we can handle in order to hang on for the ones who need us. We act like nobody knows how he or she going to die, but that's not exactly true. Some people know. They know with utter certainty. Sometimes they even have a pretty good idea of when. When those people need you, it's hard to say anything other than, "Tell me what to do."

This is the part where I need to tell you that this novel is mostly a comedy. It's about friendship and history and small towns and love affairs and yes, cancer, but it's really about that bond you have with your very best, lifelong friend, and how it can survive pretty much anything.

Perhaps because there's no legal way to sever it. You can't divorce your best friend. You can't get emancipated from her. A restraining order only sends her to the boundaries of what will still be an audible yelling zone. You are stuck with each other, even if you spend years ignoring it, even if you pretend each other dead. You will still talk to each other inside your heads. You can hate each other like siblings in the back of a car on week three of a month-long family vacation, but you will still need each other like lovers reuniting at an airport. Nothing can split that bond. Not even death. Because you know that girl will find a way to haunt you. So you'd better be nice to her while she's still around.

From the Inside Flap

"I can't wait to pass this book along to every woman who ever mattered to me." -- Joshilyn Jackson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gods in Alabama* and *A Grown-Up Kind of Pretty*

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Martha Wilson:

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