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On her twenty-ninth birthday, Mari Hamilton, a worn-out recreation director at Golden Horizons Retirement Home, is convinced that leaving social work will improve her social life. So she seeks and receives a stylish position at a new and fabulous luxury spa. In addition, after countless bad first dates at hip clubs, Mari meets the perfect guy at Golden Horizon's anniversary party (of all places!).

But a funny thing happens to her on the way to a life makeover--a forced stopover in her past where she admits to the unadmittable... Through all her work and dating adventures and misadventures, Mari realizes that it was in her old life that God was doing a new and incredibly hip thing.

## **Hip to Be Square Details**

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## From Reader Review Hip to Be Square for online ebook

### Melissa says

This book was fun and insightful without being over-the-top. The technology references are now horribly outdated (hard to imagine someone not knowing about blogs, but the Internet was pretty young in 2005. :)

My only frustration was the sheer number of characters--by the grand finale, there were names that I had no recollection of hearing before.

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### LeahBethany says

The book was nice but I felt that it could have been wrapped up more quickly.

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### Elaine says

0 stars would be preferable.

Stunk; hard to trudge through.

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### Ginger says

I'll admit, even though I'm the target demographic for it (I love Jesus, shoes, and baking), I usually don't like chick lit. A step past that, I'm willing to finally admit I usually loathe Christian chick lit.

I heard about this book via Modern Mrs. Darcy, a smart and sophisticated and always trustworthy source of good books. The way a guest described this book on MMD's "What Should I Read Next?" podcast sounded like something I'd be willing to give a try!

I need a little more genre literature in my life, if just to ensure I don't take myself too seriously.

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### Leslie aka StoreyBook Reviews says

This was a fun christian chick lit book about Mari who works at a retirement home in Tucson but her dream is to work at one of the many resorts. Her friends want to help her because she doesn't date and doesn't dress well (in their opinion, and maybe she doesn't!) but they do mean well.

In the end, Mari realizes what her calling in life is and snags a man.

I like this book because the chapters are short which makes me read faster for some reason!

### **Lindsey Stepp says**

Although this a book I only heard of because my sister stumbled upon it, I really enjoyed it. The story was well written and, since I read the second first, I was able to see and understand the little details.

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### **Jill says**

This book is cute. There were a lot of characters to keep track of and it wasn't quite as funny as it tried to be....but I liked how it all came together in the end and the underlying Christian theme that held it together but wasn't at all preachy.

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### **Jenny Lynn says**

Great fast read. Great for us single gals and it's not a trashy romance novel!!!!

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### **Jenna says**

I truly loved this book! More from me on this book later!

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### **Momruns5 says**

Cute enough story, but the writing was sometimes really confusing and disjointed. It just started referencing a whole different character without even letting you know who it was referencing. And the sentence structure was sometimes confusing also.

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### **Miriam says**

I actually liked this book more at a three-star level when I read it, but as I thought about it, I got a little annoyed with it. The Christian elements are handled nicely, but the main plot twists are a little bit much. Also, the "group of four female friends" device has been used way too often. I was bothered a little by the fact that she is supposed to feel guilty for resenting the fact that she didn't have her parents to herself growing up because they were busy running a shelter, and that in the end she realizes how wrong she is. I think it could have been interesting to show that many parents do become too involved in their causes and neglect their children. I'm not saying it should have been all their fault, but a little balance would have been nice.

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### **Geneva says**

Very enjoyable book with a few twists and turns that keep you guessing. The main character tries to figure out what she wants to do with her life, which is a struggle many people can identify with. Funny, relatable, quick-witted, and smart! Look forward to reading more by this author!

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### **Iris says**

Okay, I love Christian novels that don't force it on you. And that let you see the faults of their characters. Christians are humans too. This is a great book. I loved the sassiness of the Golden Horizon residents. Who wouldn't want to work there?

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### **Donna Collier says**

I was reading three different non-fiction books at one time and needed a break. I decided on a Christian chick lit book that had been one guest's favorite on the What Should I Read Next podcast. It was a quick read and definitely much easier than the non-fictions, but that is about all I can say. This was pretty much the definition of fluff, and while I am not against fluff, this was not quite my cup of tea. I like a little more action, or something. So I am a bit surprised that it was someone's favorite and I will most likely skip the next two in the series!

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### **Reading Faerie says**

Mari dreams of the shiny oatmeal color of a nice car . . .and gets the matte oatmeal walls of the nursing home she works in.  
I just love this book, it's quirky and funny, and I just can help but re-read it every once and a while.

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