

Dear Editor/Reviewer:

Adena Halpern laid out her heart and her wardrobe in the memoir *Target Underwear and a Vera Wang Gown*, based her *Haute Life* column for Marie Claire. Now, Halpern makes her fiction debut with a sweet and laugh-out-loud funny look at the serene, yet highly fashionable, afterlife in **THE TEN BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE** (Plume/\$14.00/June 2008).

Newly deceased twenty-nine year-old Alexandra Dorenfield is finding heaven to be, well *heavenly*. After an unfortunate collision with a MINI Cooper, she and her dog Peaches arrive in seventh heaven—to the happiness of being reunited with her grandparents, a house full of designer clothes and foods without calories. And if that weren't enough to convince a twenty-something fashionista she had died and gone to heaven, she also may have found the perfect guy living right next door!

Just as Alex finds herself getting comfy, an unexpected visit from her guardian angel brings her back down to reality. In order to remain on the seventh plane, she must pass an entrance exam by writing an essay about the ten best days of her life. Fail, and she'll be demoted to a lower level of heaven—one where the clothes are last season, the men aren't as handsome and her loved ones won't be nearby. Hoping to stay with her family, and the possible love of her afterlife, Alex sets out to show that her brief existence was meaningful, not only to keep her spot in heaven, but to prove it to herself as well.

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THE TEN BEST DAYS OF MY LIFE makes a great summer read and is especially perfect for any seasonal reading round-ups you're planning. I'm sure you'll want to share it in your June/July review coverage.

Best Regards,

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