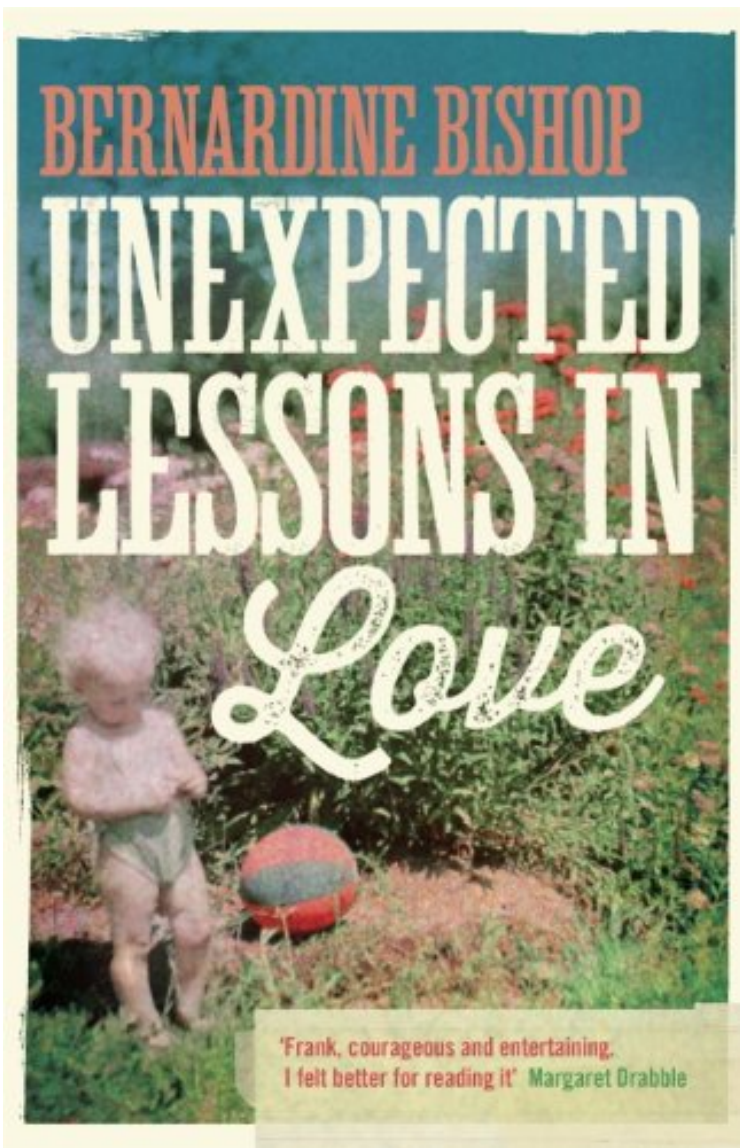


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'A remarkable, immensely readable and warm-hearted book' (Sunday Express)

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'A charming, playful novel' (Red)

'Bishop treats a fearful subject with an extraordinary lightness of touch; her humour and her emotional wisdom make this a delightful and humane novel' (The Times)

'This novel, wise, sharp and startlingly frank, distils a lifetime of reflection on the rules of attraction, affection - and family life. From confused youth to the ordeals and confusions of old age, her wry insights delight' (Independent)

'A wonderful novel, one of those rare books which leaves the reader with a deeper understanding of the human heart . . . This is an author of exceptional intelligence, subtlety and warmth. Expect to hear the name Bernardine Bishop when the lists for the Costa and Man Booker prizes are compiled later this year' (Spectator)

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'This is a vibrant and even welcoming novel . . . it offers such a rich range of pleasures' (Observer)

'This is the sort of story which grabs you, pulls you in and won't let you go - but in a very gentle way. The characters are superb. It's wise and it's witty. It's sublimely well-written, not with flowery literary devices but in the sort of prose that leaves you surprised when you realise that you've read a hundred pages and you've no intention of giving up just yet. On a cold winter's day I was left with a warm glow when I finished reading' (Bookbag)

Effortlessly graceful writing (Sunday Times)

Bishop wanders rich fictional ground (Times Literary Supplement)

A warm and emotionally convincing novel . . . a cut above the rest, in a plot that connects madness, cats, extreme selfish behaviour and unwanted babies (Sunday Times)

It's impossible to recommend the late Bernardine Bishop's wondrous book too highly . . . You will not be so afraid of cancer after reading this book (Guardian 2013-07-27)

Full of humour, kindness and gentle irony, this is a richly satisfying read (Sunday Mirror 2013-07-27)

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A tender and acerbically witty tale of two women who survive cancer and become friends (Sunday Mirror 2013-11-29)

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