

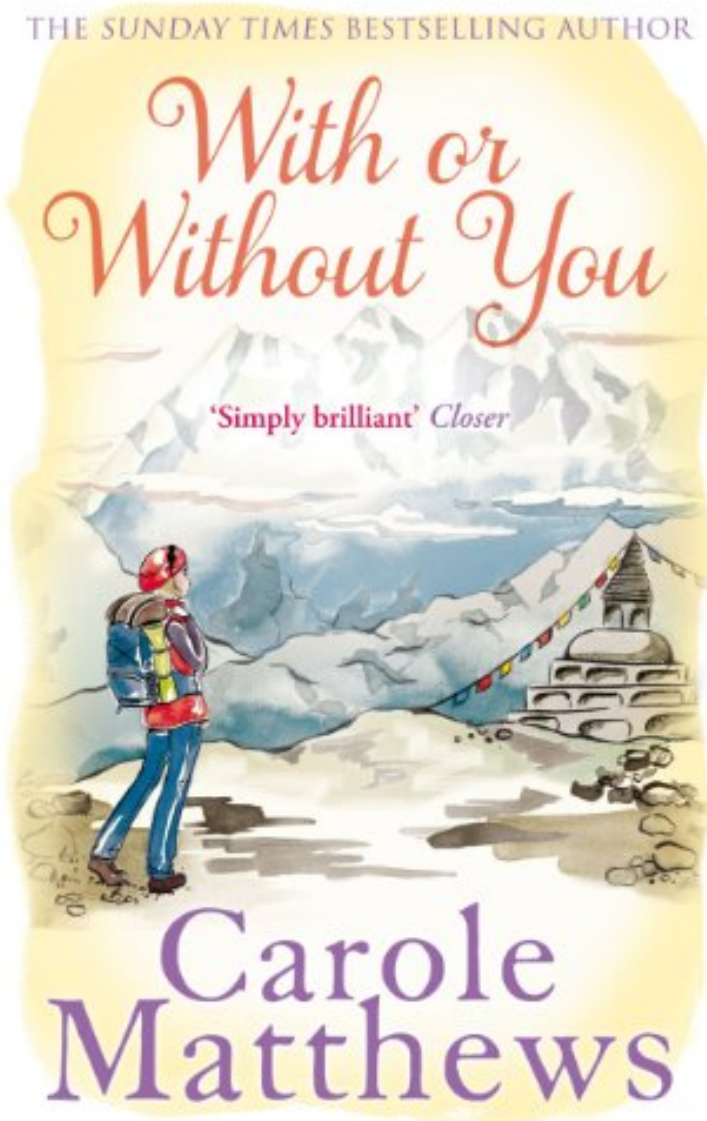
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**Description :** Description du produitIn her most accomplished and entertaining novel to date, Carole Matthews takes her London-weary heroine on a life-changing trek through the Himalayas, where she ponders the meaning of such concepts as success, love, family -- and even civilization. After her live-in boyfriend extraordinaire, Jake, dumps her for a type-A Angelina Jolie look-a-like who climbs Mt. Everest, Lyssa Allen decides maybe a little adventure of her own can win him back. Leaving hair dryer, lattes and dreams of babies behind, this funny, neurotic and tougher-than-she-thought London editor sets off for Nepal, to the envy of her all-too-fertile sister. Her month-long sojourn in the East teaches Lyssa that maybe her horizons are bigger than she knew -- and the man of her dreams far different than she thought. Even her ideas about children undergo a change, and she gains a new perspective on her former obsession with having a baby. As her eyes are opened by her handsome and serene American tour guide, Lyssa wonders if she can

ever return to her old life. When it's time to go home, she has the chance to find out . . . and faces the hardest decision of her life.

Prsentation de l'diteurWhen Jake tells Lyssa it's not working, she knows he's not talking about the toaster. Her immediate reaction is to sob into her pillow and wait for Jake to come to his senses. But slowly Lyssa begins to understand that's not an option. In a bid to escape, she embarks on a trekking holiday in Nepal. Lyssa needs to get away - it never occurred to her that she might fall in love . . . When it's time to go home - back to reality and a very sheepish Jake - Lyssa is faced with the hardest choice of her life.From Publishers WeeklyA lover's infidelity prompts a homebody toward big adventures and new priorities in Brit Matthews's entertaining romantic comedy. Lyssa Allen works at a baby magazine and is dying for a child of her own, but when successive rounds of IVF fail, her live-in boyfriend, Jake, declares he's had enough. Of course, he's also gotten himself involved with "a nubile twenty-five-year-old with legs like Lara Croft whose urge to go through the motions of procreation is very much in evidence." Poor Lyssa! What will she do? Shack up temporarily with her younger sister, Edie (aka "Rabbit"), who has a whopping six children at 29and then jet off to Nepal for a trek through the Himalayas. After all, if Jake's new (but sort of slippery and insincere) lady can climb Everest, can't Lyssa hump a pack along a trail? And wouldn't it be nice if her guide were "a vision of manly loveliness" named Dean? Pretty soon Lyssa's contemplating big life changes, even as her old dreams look like they could finally come true. Matthews throws a few wrenches into Lyssa's voyage of self-(re)-discovery, but never leaves any doubt that happiness is around the bend. (Aug.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.BooklistLyssa Allen is devastated when her boyfriend, Jake, announces that he wants to move out after they've spent months fruitlessly trying to conceive a child. Frustrated with Lyssa's growing obsession with having a baby, he finds passion in the arms of Neve, an athletic, ambitious colleague at his advertising firm. Lyssa seeks solace with her sister, Edie, a frazzled mother of six, and with her colleagues at work. But when Lyssa's boss tells her that she is being moved from her staff position at a baby magazine to one focusing on divorce, Lyssa decides she has had enough. She quits her job and heads off to Nepal to trek through the Himalayas for a month in the hopes of changing her life and gaining some perspective. There she finds more than she bargained for when she becomes enamored of the handsome guide. Matthews is a master of compelling stories about women and men at crossroads in their lives, and her latest is a winner in every way. Kristine HuntleyCopyright American Library Association. All rights reserved