

The Marrying of Chani Kaufman

Eve Harris

Longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2013

ABOUT THIS BOOK

19 year-old Chani lives in the ultra-orthodox Jewish community of North West London. She has never had physical contact with a man, but is bound to marry a stranger. The rabbi's wife teaches her what it means to be a Jewish wife, but Rivka has her own questions to answer. Soon buried secrets, fear and sexual desire bubble to the surface in a story of liberation and choice; not to mention what happens on the wedding night.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Eve Harris was born to Israeli-Polish parents in Chiswick, West London. She has worked as a teacher in London and Tel Aviv, and her time at an all girls' ultra-Orthodox Jewish school in North West London inspired this book.

PRAISE FOR THE MARRYING OF CHANI KAUFMAN

'Longlisted for [2013's] Booker Prize, *The Marrying of Chani Kaufman*, by former teacher Eve Harris, is one of those books you cannot put down.'

-*The Sunday Express*

'Harris writes of this closed world with knowledge and understanding, and highly observant, slightly acidic humour. Deservedly longlisted for the Booker'

-*The Times*

'Harris's debut novel [...] is confidently done, a romantic comedy at ease with its own lightness.'

-*The Sunday Times*

'Harris's eye for suburban social mores is wickedly acute, as is her evident relish in describing both the sensual life and its absence. [...] her book has the potential to be that rare thing – a crowd-pleaser about Orthodox Judaism.'

-*The Guardian*

'Her fiction debut is witty and compassionate'

-*The Independent on Sunday*

'Harris evokes the community's insular nature, she also suggests the sense of comfort and belonging that it confers, offering a sympathetic window on a way of life little glimpsed in contemporary fiction.'

-*The Financial Times*

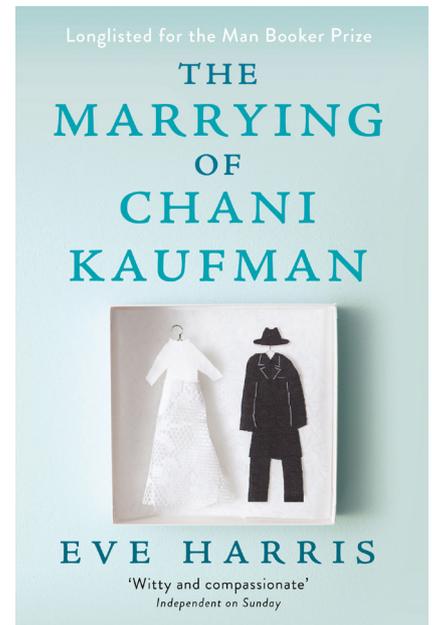
'A lovely, very funny and touching account of a marriage in orthodox Jewry.'

-*The Spectator*

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