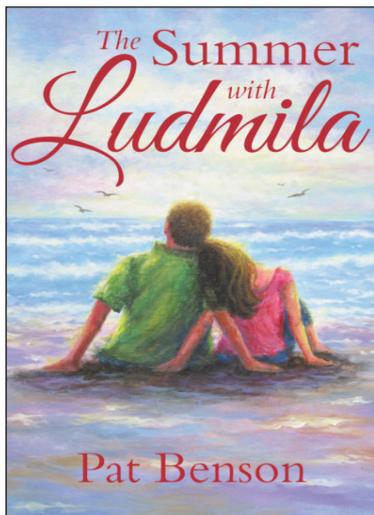




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THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE...

The Summer with Ludmila is all about the modern-day dating game. Can City boy Ben find his Miss Right?

Looking for love can take you on unexpected journeys...

The Summer with Ludmila is the debut novel from Surrey-based writer Pat Benson, and is partly based on the real-life troubles he had in finding love. 'The book looks at the hardships a single young man, trying to find a girlfriend in a new town, can face,' explains Pat. 'This isn't a book about drunken 30-year-olds out for a good time, but the reality of being single and looking for love in the 21st century.'

The Surrey-based writer also explores cross-cultural love in the novel, which focuses on protagonist **Ben Smith**, a good-looking, likeable young man who has a well-paid job in the City. On paper, it looks as if Ben is one of the lucky ones – but he suddenly wants more from life. He wants to find somebody to love.

'On New Year's Eve, Ben toasted the New Year with his family and smiled to himself. He was quietly confident that 2009 would be his year and that he would find his Miss Right.'

He hopes that moving from London to Oxford will bring him new opportunities, but still the perfect match eludes him. He tries out speed dating and Lonely Hearts adverts – yet all his dates end in humiliation, and Ben is left wondering what might be wrong with him. Until, he unexpectedly meets **Ludmila**, a beautiful au pair from Eastern Europe. Can she be his 'Miss Right'? Will he find true love and happiness after all?

The Summer With Ludmila is a touching account of the life of a young man and his search for the girl of his dreams. It's a story of loneliness, love and romance, all centered around themes that will resonate with the modern reader.

PAT BENSON is the pen name of a Surrey-based writer.



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