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# TRUST AND SAFETY

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### MARKETING & SALES POINTS

A wry yet tenderhearted novel about a couple who attempt to buy their way into a 'wild and precious' existence in the Hudson Valley, where they become entangled with a queer couple living the dream analog life

Whip-smart and wickedly funny, *Trust and Safety* examines questions of authenticity, betrayal, belonging and entitlement, while poking fun at contemporary fear of the 'gay agenda'

A satirical anti-romcom that will appeal to fans of Naoise Dolan, Kristen Arnett and Torrey Peters

VERVE published Blackett and Gleichman's debut novel, *The Very Nice Box*, in 2022, which was reviewed across the UK press and selected as a *Sainsbury's Magazine Book Club Choice*, a *New York Times Editors' Choice* and an *Apple Book of the Month*

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### THE BOOK

Newlywed Rosie has grown disenchanted with NYC. Inspired by Instagram ads, she starts thirsting for a rural life upstate – one full of beauty and authenticity. Willing to do anything for Rosie's happiness, her tech-bro husband, Jordan, acquiesces to her vision for the future, and they offer – well above asking price – on a beautiful, historic fixer-upper in the Hudson Valley. But when Jordan suddenly loses his job on the day they close the deal, the couple is forced to rent out the property's dilapidated outbuilding.

Enter Dylan and Lark: an incredibly attractive and handy queer couple who offer to rent the outbuilding and help Rosie and Jordan with repairs. They're living the life Rosie had envisioned for herself: hand-built furniture, herbal tinctures, guinea hens, and hand-dyed linens. Rosie grows increasingly infatuated with their new tenants, especially with model-esque and charismatic Dylan – to Jordan's increasing distress.

### PRAISE FOR TRUST AND SAFETY

'Blackett and Gleichman have an extraordinary talent for getting to the heart of what makes a character so horribly human, our hypocrisies and basest desires. *Trust and Safety* is wickedly funny, astute and brilliantly, terribly relatable... I could not put it down' - **Laura Kay, author of *Wild Things* and *Making It***

'Smart, playful and perfectly surprising, *Trust and Safety* is a matryoshka of tart observations that illuminate the strange and many contradictions of contemporary life' - Cecilia Rabess, author of *Everything's Fine*

'Sexy, surprising, witty and beautifully written - *Trust and Safety* is a complete delight from start to finish' - **Andrea Bartz, author of *The Spare Room* and *We Were Never Here***

'*Trust and Safety* is distressingly smart, wickedly sly, and side-clutchingly hilarious - I was howling! I simply could not turn away...What a brilliantly observed and witty take on the sometimes absurd ways we choose to live. And how blessedly and wonderfully gay' - **Vanessa Chan, author of *The Storm We Made***

'Laugh-out-loud... If you want a book that perfectly evokes millennial sexual politics under late-stage capitalism, and in which all of us - gay, straight, cis, and trans alike - are read for absolute filth, then look no further than *Trust and Safety*'

- **Rafael Frumkin, author of *Confidence* and *Bugsy***

'Irresistibly hilarious and weird, sexy and surprising, and gently profound, *Trust and Safety* delighted me at every turn and delivered razor-sharp insights into our contemporary search for authenticity, beauty, and the perfect vintage doorknob' - **Jenny Fran Davis, author of *Dykettes***

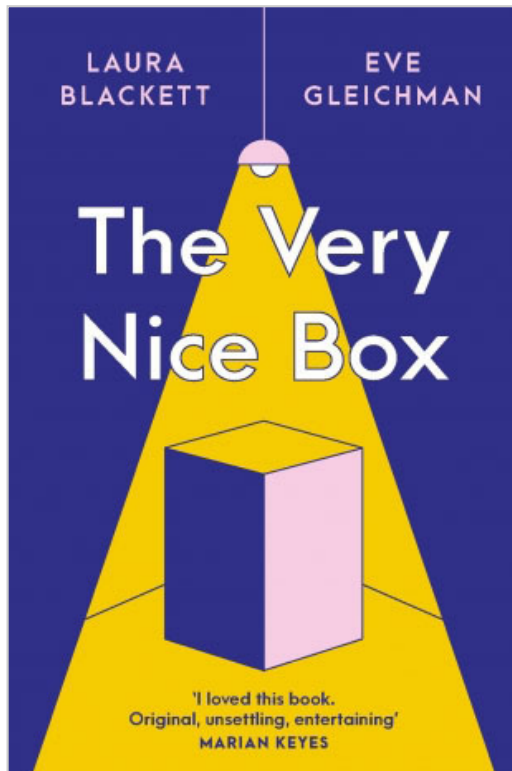
'What happens when we try to live the life that Instagram is selling us? This is the question that *Trust and Safety* hilariously-and poignantly-asks... It's a smart, funny, and timely exploration of what happens when our obsessions get the better of us, and when we discover that authenticity is not as authentic as it seems' - **Grant Ginder, author of *The People We Hate at the Wedding***

### THE AUTHORS

Eve Gleichman and Laura Blackett are writing partners in Brooklyn. They met ten years ago as neighbors in the same apartment building, and soon after began collaborating on their debut novel, *The Very Nice Box*, which became a *New York Times* Editor's Choice.



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