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Prsentation de l'diteurThe groundbreaking graphic memoir that inspires breast cancer patients to fight backand do so with style. What happens when a shoe-crazy, lipstick-obsessed, wine-swilling, pasta-slurping, fashion-fanatic, about-to-get-married big-city girl cartoonist with a fabulous life finds . . . a lump in her breast? Thats the question that sets this powerful, funny, and poignant graphic memoir in motion. In vivid color and with a taboo-breaking sense of humor, Marisa Acocella Marchetto tells the story of her eleven-month, ultimately triumphant bout with breast cancerfrom diagnosis to cure, and every challenging step in between. One of Times top ten graphic novels of the year Slate.coms medical book of the year One of the Wall Street Journals five best books on living with illness Finalist, Books for a Better Life Finalist, National Cartoonists Society Graphic Novel of the Year Powerful . . . A vibrant, neon chronicle with plenty of attitude . . . A triumph of imagination and spirit. Los Angeles Times Ebullient . . . Visually invigorating and unflinching. The New York Times Book Irresistibly authentic . . . These words and pictures convey humility and humanity with witty grace and heartfelt power. The Miami Herald Funny, eye-opening, moving. TimeFrom the Trade Paperback edition.Revue de presseIn 2004, cartoonist Marchetto, a hyper-stylish terminal bachelorette, was busy capturing fabulista humor, in the New Yorker and Glamour. She was engaged to a fabulous guy, perennially cool restaurateur Silvano Marchetto, whose personal style perfectly matched her Manhattan-centric life. If this were fiction, this is exactly when shed stumble; unfortunately for her, life imitated art, and sure enough, she found a lump in her breast shortly before her wedding . . . Cancer Vixen tells the story of what happens next, and how her inner circle stylists, gossip columnists, shoe

designers and assorted others you'd only find in New York City, rallies round to help her beat the disease and get married on time and in high style. Marchetto wears her best high heels to chemotherapy and remarks on the similarities between her hospital gown and Diane von Furstenberg designs. The fashion details are great fun, drawn in a spare loose style, but it's the heart of her story, the support and love she gets from her family and friends, that make *Cancer Vixen* a universal story that's hard to put down. Publishers Weekly What's a New Yorker cartoonist fashionista who gets breast cancer to do? Draw a cartoon about it, of course, and this painful and very funny memoir is the result. Determined not to cave into gloom and doom, Marchetto negotiated chemo light to keep her hair; wore killer shoes to chemo sessions, and dithered that her fiancé, an in restaurateur hit on by hot models would dump her. Advice from everyone complicates her crisis. Her mother advises, Get rid of your negativity, hon, her Best-Friends-Forever brigade recommend numerous experts, her higher self hovers cross-legged over her head admonishing, You have a lot of spiritual work to do! Marchetto's account is not merely vivid and engrossing but also a close-up of what a cancerista could expect . . . Highly recommended. Library Journal, starred review A health crisis provides an accomplished cartoonist with the richest material of her career. Though there's never an ideal time for someone to learn she has cancer, Marchetto . . . found it particularly ironic that the worst news she'd ever received came during the best stretch of adult life she'd ever enjoyed. She'd started selling cartoons to the New Yorker . . . had fabulous friends, fabulous shoes and an overstuffed apartment she could afford. Best of all, she had fallen madly in love with a celebrity restaurateur who somehow preferred her to all the leggy models who patronized Da Silvanos and fawned all over him. Then she discovered the lump, learned she had breast cancer and realized that she had let her health insurance lapse. From this potentially depressing material, the author has drawn a triumphant, biting, self-deprecating, journalistically detailed and frequently hilarious account of true love conquering all . . . Somehow, the graphic artist has taken the tone of *Sex and the City* into the cancer ward, with a happy ending that makes her memoir seem all the more life-affirming. Inspirational proof that there's nothing like a death scare to put life into perspective. Kirkus's, starred review *Cancer Vixen* [is] Marisa Acocella Marchetto's *Sex in the City* style portrait of her battle with breast cancer. Elizabeth Williams with Raya Kuzyk, Library Journal *Cancer Vixen* is a visually electric read, but it's also a good old-fashioned story of triumph starring a New York woman with great shoes, fast-talking friends and the most honest dialogue I've ever read about what it's like to face disease. *Cancer Vixen* is 100% unputdownable. This is NOT a treacherous survival story, NOT an expected woe-is-me tale it's a lively, surprising, and completely absorbing story of single life, love, best friends, clothes, work travails, New York apartments, late dinners . . . and, yes, cancer. I just love this book. Cindi Leive, Editor-in-Chief, *Glamour* I salute Marisa Acocella Marchetto and women like her who not only have the courage to battle breast cancer, but are able to do it with such unflagging optimism, creativity and humor. Marisa's willingness to share her experiences in such an honest, personal way is an incredible inspiration whether you have experienced breast cancer yourself or love someone who has endured its many challenges. Evelyn H. Lauder, Founder and Chairman, The Breast Cancer Research Foundation *Cancer Vixen* redefines the memoir by expanding what's possible in the genre. Incredibly bold and brave, inspiring and absolutely packed with life-force, it's one of the freshest works of autobiography I've read in years. Part love story, part survival guide, *Cancer Vixen* is for everyone who would never read a cancer book. And it's for everyone who believes they'll never fall in love. Here's proof that sometimes the worst thing that can happen to us is actually the very best thing, in disguise. Augusten Burroughs, author of *Running with Scissors* and *Dry: A Memoir* *Cancer Vixen* is so powerful it made me cry as I laughed. Marisa Acocella Marchetto's strength and wit in the face of such a terrible disease should be a beacon for all women. Paula Froelich, CBS's *The Insider* correspondent, reporter for *New York Post's* Page Six gossip column, and author of *It! Nine Secrets of the Rich and Famous that Will Take You To The Top* Presentation de l'diteur The groundbreaking graphic memoir that inspires breast cancer patients to fight back and do so with style. What happens when a shoe-crazy, lipstick-obsessed, wine-swilling, pasta-slurping, fashion-fanatic, about-to-get-married big-city girl cartoonist with a fabulous life finds . . . a lump in her breast? That's the question that sets this powerful, funny, and poignant graphic memoir in motion. In vivid color and with a taboo-breaking sense of humor, Marisa Acocella Marchetto tells the story of her eleven-month, ultimately triumphant bout with breast cancer from diagnosis to cure, and every challenging step in between. 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