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# JENNIFER WEINER

## chick lit

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Amid the roar of a vacuum cleaner and the sharp barks of her terrier, Wendell, novelist Jennifer Weiner tries to find a quiet spot in her Philadelphia home. Weiner, who has already had a busy morning chaperoning her 3-year-old daughter, Lucy, on a nursery school trip, finally gets a respite when a babysitter arrives.

Time off is a novelty to the young mother. At 37, Weiner has five books to her credit: *Good in Bed*, *In Her Shoes*, *Little Earthquakes*, *Goodnight Nobody*, *The Guy Not Taken*—her first short-story collection—and her latest, *Certain Girls*, due out this fall. She has found a niche relating the tales of women who feel like outsiders, either because of the way they look or the way they lead their lives. Coincidentally—or not—her protagonists also all happen to be Jewish.