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Now up for the same promotion, their battle of wills has come to a head and Lucy refuses to back down when their latest game could cost her her dream job...But the tension between Lucy and Joshua has also reached its boiling point, and Lucy is discovering that maybe she doesn't hate Joshua. And maybe, he doesn't hate her either. Or maybe this is just another game.



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Editorial Review

Review

"A brilliant, biting, hilarious new voice. THE HATING GAME will take the rom-com world by storm. One of the best I've read, ever." (Kristan Higgins, New York Times bestselling author)

"Funny, smart, fresh, and thoroughly enjoyable from the first delicious page to the last. I highly recommend." (Susan Elizabeth Phillips, New York Times bestselling author)

"Thorne is a strong writer and one to watch. Her debut will have readers rooting for both Lucy and Joshua in whatever games they play." (Library Journal)

"An addictive, dazzling debut. The Hating Game is bursting at the seams with love (and hate) and heart." (Christina Lauren, New York Times bestselling author)

"Deliciously fun and super sexy, Sally Thorne's The Hating Game stole my life for two days. I couldn't put it down until Lucy and Josh's all-consuming hateship changed into a tentative friendship and then a juicy, tender, adorable love." (Valerie Frankel, bestselling author of *Four of a Kind*)

"Be prepared to play the Charming Game with Sally Thorne. The irrepressible Lucy and her starchy, growly counterpart Joshua will win you over from the opening page." (Jane Litte, Dear Author)

"Some of you might have traveled to the beach for the sole purpose of escaping the office, but we think this funny and romantic workplace comedy just might change your mind.... we know you'll find their story entertaining and sexy." (Bookish)

"Sally Thorne satisfies hearts longing for laughter in their love stories....Their battle of wits is tremendously fun - acerbic and sexy and filled with tension. The result is a wicked, witty romance that will capture readers' hearts long before Joshua manages to capture Lucy's." (Sarah MacLean, Washington Post)

"A breezy tale perfect for a day at the beach, this one's a real winner." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

"Hating someone feels disturbingly similar to being in love,' says Lucy Hutton, who can't stand fellow executive assistant Joshua. There's only one place this could go...but it's good fun getting there." (People)

"If your reading catnip includes dialogue that crackles, cranky heroes with hidden depths, and vivid, self-assured heroines who take exactly zero crap from said hero, find yourself a copy of this book immediately." (Sarah Wendell, Smart Bitches, Trashy Books)

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

Sally Thorne lives in Canberra, Australia and spends her days writing funding submissions and drafting contracts (yawn!) so it's not surprising that after hours she climbs into colorful fictional worlds of her own creation. Sally believes that romance readers are always searching for intensity in their next favorite book—and it isn't always so easy to find. *The Hating Game* is her first novel.

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From reader reviews:

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