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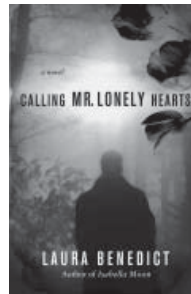
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Calling Mr. Lonely Hearts

By Laura Benedict

Ballantine Books, \$25.00, 336 pages

Highly original, and just as much unexpected, *Calling Mr. Lonely Hearts* gently teases you into reading along, while you are unknowingly being led into the setup for quite the ride. Three childhood girlfriends are all drifting apart in their now middle-aged lives and going through the same old routine – divorce, loneliness, the works. All of their problems, it seems, are being caused, at least in part, by the suave and secretive Varick, and it looks like he knows exactly what to do to achieve his goal. Varick has been sent on a mission of vengeance by a bitter priest, who all three women wronged quite a long time ago.



With creative plot lines and quite innovative drama, *Calling Mr. Lonely Hearts* is an excellent piece of work. Benedict has come up with something new in genre in which too many books read exactly the same, save for names of characters, and she has done so with chilling aptitude.