

# Publicity Etc.

## ***Woman on Top*** **by Deborah Schwartz**

What happens when you love everything about a man except for who he is?

After the heartbreaking death of her physician husband, Kate begins a new career as an attorney to support her two young children. When she finally finds the courage to reenter the dating world, she falls prey to Len, a powerful Wall Street banker. Len's wealth and influence become the compelling aphrodisiac that draws Kate into his world of private jets, five-star vacations and Cartier jewelry. It's not long before Len begins to strategically acquire Kate's heart in the same calculated way he lands multi-billion dollar deals -- by pouncing on the vulnerable and taking control.

Lured by the excitement and glamour she finds on Len's arm, Kate struggles with what he can offer her and her children against what's really important to her – love, respect and honesty. As Kate searches to find what matters most, she sets off on an extraordinary adventure -- climbing to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa. When she returns, it is with an open heart and a newfound strength that allows her to be loved by a good man.

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### **Suggested Topics of Discussion**

Some people say it’s as easy to fall in love with a rich man, as it is to fall in love with a poor man. Not according to *Woman on Top*, which explores the unexpected pleasures, detours and decisions we face throughout our lives, and raises questions including:

1. What do some women put up with just to maintain status quo in their marriages?
2. Why will one woman “stand by her man” while the next kicks him to the curb for the same offense?
3. If a woman stays in her relationship despite being mistreated or lied to, is that a sign of low self-worth or resilience?
4. How can you build up the courage and confidence to move on?
5. What’s the first step to getting out of your comfort zone ..... no matter how scary it is?
6. How do you spot a man that will take advantage of a vulnerable woman from a mile away?

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