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The Honesties of *Love*

In this comedy of bad manners, the ill-matched parents of too-young newly-weds Billy and Ann Richardson politely collide in a series of encounters guaranteed to insure catastrophe, when a wry college professor, a glamorous real estate agent, a randy plumber, and a frustrated housewife politely face off on some social and sexual battlefields. The confrontations may begin politely, but they are guaranteed to end in chaos when a husband and a wife—not each other’s—find themselves embroiled in an affair that proves to be equally passionate and ridiculous.

What begins as a test between social classes ends in a series of sexual confrontations. Billy and Ann find themselves forced to grow up in a hurry to begin to accept their parents as people who are just as vulnerable as everybody else.

Far from the pastoral romance of *Winter Ridge* (published by Mondial in 2008) and the grim landscape of *The Prettiest Girls in Euphoria, Kansas* (Mondial, 2010), Bruce Kellner’s novel *The Honesties of Love* turns a baleful eye on the minefield of marriage.

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