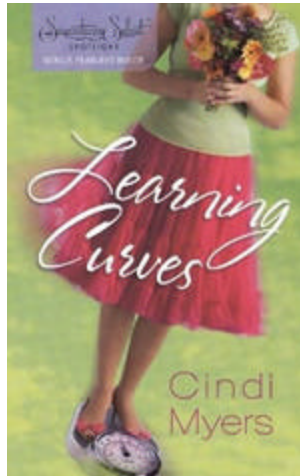


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LEARNING TO LOVE OUR OWN CURVES



How often do we judge others based on their appearance, without even thinking? How much do we let others' judgments about us influence the choices we make? News reporter Shelly Piper finds herself asking these questions as a larger woman in the 'thin-is-in' world of television news in Cindi Myers's novel LEARNING CURVES (Harlequin Signature Select, October 2005, \$5.99 ISBN 0373836759)

As Shelly strives to make a name for herself as an on-air reporter she finds her appearance scrutinized by bosses and viewers alike. As she reports on stories as diverse as children's beauty pageants and indigent health care, she realizes how much our perceptions of others impact our everyday lives. With the help of movie-star-handsome anchorman Jack Halloran she discovers that even great-looking people struggle with the same sort of judgments. As her best friend prepares for plastic surgery, Shelly is struck by how much control otherwise strong people give up to others' opinions of them.

When Jack and Shelly start dating, she realizes how much she's let others'

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