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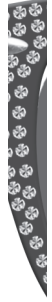
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"A funny, feel-good read for the holidays" **The Times**

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*For Louise. Because everybody  
needs a fairy godmother.*





**HEAD OVER  
HEELS**

**HOLLY  
SMALE**



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**head over heels:** idiom

- 1 To be excited, and/or turn cartwheels
- 2 To fall in love
- 3 To become temporarily the wrong way up
- 4 To go at top speed
- 6 To fall over

ORIGIN: an inversion of fourteenth century expression  
*heels over head*, to literally turn upside down





**M**y name is Harriet Manners, and I have friends.

I know I have friends because this is by far the busiest I've ever been.

Honestly, my calendar is *manic*.

Between group study sessions and movie nights, pizza-eating competitions and crossword round robins, it's all I can do to keep my epic new social life in some kind of order.

So now I've got two diaries: one to make sure I'm in the right place at the right time, the other for making sure everyone else is.

What can I say?

Winnie-the-Pooh was Friendship Ambassador in 1997: I have an awful lot to live up to.

The other reason I know I have friends is that I have a badge that says this in bright blue ink:

*Team JINTH!*



“Harriet,” Nat said when I presented her with one. “Is this *totally* necessary?”

“Yes,” I confirmed, pinning it to my Best Friend’s coat. “We don’t want our brand-new additions to feel left out, do we?”

Then I gave badges to Jasper, India and Toby.

Along with the key-rings and magnets I made on my laminating machine.

That’s right: I am now in an official *gang*.

A clique, a posse, a fellowship.

A group of five happy kindred spirits, never to be parted. Just like the Famous Five or Scooby Doo, except one of us isn’t a big brown dog.

And it’s literally changed my life.

Studies have shown that people with a large network of friends tend to outlive their peers by up to twenty-two per cent, but I’m having so much fun I expect I’ll last even longer.

It took sixteen years, but I finally found them.

People who genuinely want to know that the average London pigeon has 1.6 feet and the soil in your back garden is two million years old.

People who love discovering that a single sloth can be home to 980 beetles and that Martian sunsets are blue and then maybe trying to Google a picture.



I finally found *my* people.

Etymologically, the word *happy* comes from the Old Norse noun *happ*, which means *good luck or fortune*, and that's how I feel: as if everything is finally happening exactly as I've always wanted it to.

Because for the first time ever, I'm not on the outside looking in any more: I'm smack bang in the middle.

Part of a team and fitting in perfectly.

And I'm having the time of my life.