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## Hilarious and surprising, this unapologetically Jewish story delivers a present-day take on a highly creative grandmother trying to find her Ph.D granddaughter a husband who is a doctor—with a yarmulke, of course.

Goldie Mandell is opinionated, assertive, and stuck in an Assisted Living Facility. But even surrounded by schleppers with walkers, pictures of sunrises and fancy fish tanks, and an array of daily activities to complement the tepid tea and stale cookies on offer, her salt-free plate is full. She's got a granddaughter to settle, an eager love interest named Harry to subdue, and precious memories of her happy marriage to fellow Holocaust survivor Mordy to draw upon.

Maxie Jacobsen is young, brilliant, and newly single, not by choice. But she's got her science career, a grandmother to care for, and her whole life ahead of her. When Maxie takes on the role of her grandmother's medical advocate, she has no idea Goldie operates with the single purpose of securing Maxie with Dr. Right. Instead, Maxie is distracted by her grandmother's unexpectedly charming longhaired sandal-wearing, peculiarly-named driver, T-Jam Bin Naumann, definitely wrong in every way. While Maxie navigates her sunrise as Goldie confronts her twilight years and legacy, both are forced to challenge long-held beliefs that define their very existence and mutual devotion.

In alternating Goldie and Maxie chapters, this novel explores generational differences, the weight of tradition, and the resilience of love. Drawing on the long tradition of Jewish humor and pathos, *The Goldie Standard* mainly celebrates life.

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Simi Monheit calls Northern California home. Simi is a graduate of Stanford's Online Novel Writing Certificate program, has a Master's degree in Computer Science and an undergraduate degree in English. She started writing after a career in technology. Her work has appeared in *JewishFiction.net*, *The Forward*, *Moment, Chautauqua, HerStry, Pacifica Literary Review* and *Lilith Magazine.* Simi most recently was a Pushcart Prize nominee (2020), placed in the 2020 *Writer's Digest* literary fiction short story contest, and even won the 2022 Pacifica Literary Review bodice ripper contest.





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