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### **The Funeral Planner**

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Fresh from her successful debut novel, *My Life Uncovered*, Lynn Isenberg dives into the world of the young and the driven as she tells the tale of Maddy Banks, an overachiever who equates self-worth with net worth. A born entrepreneur, Maddy has great business ideas -- but ones that always seem to get beaten to market by her college nemesis, Derek Rogers. Her hard-driving outlook on life takes a tumble when a good friend suddenly dies. Experiencing Tara's very generic funeral service, Maddy turns the need for a personalized ceremony into a business: Lights Out Enterprises. Aided by an angel investor and a handsome venture capitalist, Maddy forges ahead, until suddenly there's one death too many. Her retreat to a lake in Michigan, where she tends bar, teaches her the part they left out of the balance sheet: balance. And wouldn't you know it, love follows.

*Ginger Curwen*