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Great, complex, beautiful novel. - TimeOut Moscow

Marina, or Auntie Mina as her father used to call her when she was a child, is a 30-years-old woman, a daughter of university professor and a philologist by education herself, works as a proofreader in the newspaper. She's married for eight years, and has a 5-year-old son Artyom, though she's very unhappy with her family life.

At one point, Marina falls in love with her co-worker Lanin, a famous columnist and TV host. He is some twenty years her older, but their affair is growing fast, and they love each other passionately. The only obstacle is that Lanin is married, and his wife is slowly dying of cancer, so he can't divorce her.