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Friendship Envy

Like Ann Patchett, I too lost a best friend -- two, in fact -- both within one year. Both died of breast cancer. At times, the void I feel is heightened by watching the women of "Sex and the City" explore the world together. But I feel a peculiar comfort in the reminder of how rich and rewarding close friendships can be. Even though the lives of these women may be complicated, their friendships are not.

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