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Katie wears T-shirt, £585,
and skirt, £695, Louis
Vuitton (020 7399 4050).
Shoes, £290, Giuseppe
Zanotti (020 7838 9455).
Gold diamond ring
by Maurizio DM
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Southern comfort

One evening in Manhattan in 2003, America's most famous downtown boy bumped into a 21-year-old beauty on the way into a hotel loo. For Katie Lee and Billy Joel, it was both love and the first step in her bid to become New York's answer to Nigella Lawson. **Edward Helmore** meets a woman who's happy to talk endlessly about her husband's appetites