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# Forever, Erma: Best-Loved Writing From America's Favorite Humorist



## Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller: This anthology of Erma Bombeck's most memorable and humorous essays is a tribute to one of America's sharpest wits. When she began writing her regular newspaper column in 1965, Erma Bombeck's goal was to make housewives laugh. Thirty years later, she had published more than four thousand columns, and earned countless laughs from housewives, presidents, and everyone in between. With grace, good humor, and razor-sharp prose, she gently skewered every aspect of the American family. This collection holds the best of her columns—not just her famous quips, but also the heartbreaking observations that gave her writing such weight. In 1969, Erma wrote: "screaming kids, unpaid bills, green leftovers, husbands behind newspapers, basketballs in the bathroom. They're real . . . they're warm . . . they're the only bit of normalcy left in this cockeyed world, and I'm going to cling to it like life itself." • With what Publishers Weekly calls her "infectious sense of human absurdity," Erma Bombeck's writing remains a timeless examination of the still-cockeyed world. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Erma Bombeck including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's estate.

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## Customer Reviews

I loved Erma Bombeck from the beginning. Her ability to make you laugh without being mean or crude, to see the humor in any situation, to be dignified and tolerant without being forceful about it. These make her a unique person. This is a collection of some of her best columns. She knew the world could be mean, cruel, bitter, and unfair, yet she never was any of these things. She was a great writer and a great person. I love the tribute section of this book, though the story from her husband made me cry. It was April 22, 1996 and the ride was over.

After Erma Bombeck's death, editors Donna Martin and Alan McDermott created this collection of best Bombeck stories. It blends her life experiences and philosophies, and those of others close to her by weaving the former news articles and stories with her unique thread of humor and poignancy. The reader can enjoy watching the pitfalls and highlights of a growing family and the author growing both as a woman and as a writer. Pick it up on your next trip to the bookstore or library. You'll laugh, cry, and be totally delighted.

I am not a Mother, I do enjoy a good humorist though, and Erma delivered. This is the first Erma book I've read, and I am saddened that she won't be around to write more! However I am happy to know that she left plenty of books to keep me busy!! I especially appreciated her commentary on the socks that go in the drier as a pair and don't come out as a pair! Good argument for never having to wear socks!! I also appreciated her ability to speak freely about the Catholic church, and what Catholicism has meant for her. She didn't "force" her religion on others, yet gently stood firm in her belief, and in no uncertain terms, documented her strong faith in the Catholic church and in God. I am sad to see her go. If God only knew how funny Erma was, he probably would have taken her long ago! Thanks for giving us one last chance to laugh! Read it for the laughs, and remember, life is temporary, no one gets out alive! Erma lived life to the fullest, in this book, Erma promises each one of us, that we can do the

When it comes to humour, there is no one who could pack a more powerful punch than Erma Bombeck. In this collection of essays, Erma tackles children, motherhood, fatherhood, neighbours, family gatherings and then finds the humour in life's most ordinary events. Five days before her passing, Erma wrote her final message and still, she faced life with amazing courage and wit. As the years pass by, we still miss Erma deeply. She became a part of our own family and mothers could read her words of wisdom and come to the conclusion, "It puts my mind at ease to know that I am

not the only one who feels this way about...."Erma was a lady ahead of her time and a primary lesson we learn from her is "don't fret the small stuff; look at each day as a new experience and enjoy it to the fullest. Soon, our children will leave the nest; we will grow older and develop wrinkles but become more tolerant and accepting of ourselves. Even in her last days, she managed to find the beauty and humour in life...what better legacy could she leave us? The book, like Erma, is deserving of a thousand twinkling stars. No wonder the Heavens shine so brightly.

I have loved Erma since the early years of motherhood. I was so saddened by her death. This book, however, has allowed me to remember how much I could identify with her writings. I could relate to the early years since the date of each of the entries was listed. I recommend this book to anyone who loved and enjoyed Erma.

This is a great tribute to Erma Bombeck. Filled with the best of her columns and fond memories for many of us. Anyone that enjoyed her column will be thrilled to find so many of their favorites. Anyone that is new to her humorous antidotes about life as a mom are in for a fun treat.

It has always amazed me how Erma could take such mundane, normal situations and make them so funny! She had me laughing so hard that my family was worried that they may have to call an ambulance if I totally stopped breathing. I enjoyed this collection of some of the best columns that she wrote--it brought back great memories of my Mom reading her columns in the paper and then cracking up so hard she could hardly talk. Erma Bombeck is definitely an icon that is timeless!

I would recommend this book to any Moms ---Grandmothers--Aunts--Mothers to be----puts the real into Motherhood--helps you see that life is not always so serious---

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