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From the 2005 Pulitzer Prize—winning columnist Connie Schultz comes fresh, clever, insightful commentary on life today: love, politics, social issues, family, and much, much more. In the tradition of Anna Quindlen, Molly Ivins, and Erma Bombeck, but with a distinctive voice and sensibility all her own, Connie Schultz comes out of the heartland of America to get you seeing, feeling, and thinking more deeply about the lives we lead today.

“You might spot someone you know in the stories here,” writes Connie. “Maybe you’ll even find a glimpse of yourself. Yes, each of us is unique, but life happens in ways that bind us like Gorilla Glue.” In *Life Happens*, Connie shares sharp, passionate observations, winning our hearts with personal thoughts on a wide range of topics, from finding love in middle age to the meaning behind her father’s lunch pail, from single motherhood, to who really gets the tips you leave and why as the war in Iraq, race relations, gay marriage, and why women don’t vote. In a more humorous vein, Connie shares her mother’s advice on men (“Don’t marry him until you see how he treats the waitress”) and warns men everywhere against using the dreaded f-word (it’s not the one you think). Along the way, Connie introduces us to the heroic people who populate our world and shows us how just one person can make a difference.

Charming, provocative, funny, and perceptive, *Life Happens* gives us, for the first time, Connie Schultz’s celebrated commentary in one irresistible volume. *Life Happens* challenges us to be more open and alive to others and to the world around us.

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Angie says

This is a collection of Connie's essays, categorized by subject. Connie is an excellent writer - she captures your attention immediately and you find yourself laughing or crying along with her. She shares her thoughts on everything - being female, being a mom, being a wife, daughter, working mother, etc.

Her investigative stories are moving. Again, you will find yourself crying or laughing with her. I recommend this highly. Actually, I have recommended it to a lot of folks.

Connie is a special lady.

Shena Vasko says

She made me laugh. She made me cry. Best of all, she made me reflect. Bonus: I learned the true meaning of "peruse." You think you know what that means? Ha! Look it up! :)

Evelyn says

Cleveland Plain Dealer columnist Connie Schultz is known for her columns that provide a voice for the underdog and underprivileged. This collection of stories showcases her passion for making the world a better place.

You'll laugh, you'll cry, but you'll never be indifferent after reading this book. Connie's reflections about her father are especially poignant. Highly recommend.

Katie Townley says

This collection of columns by Connie Schultz was awesome. Some were funny, some sad, some serious, all quick reads since they are columns. Sharing this woman's political/social/religious views will affect how much you'll like it.

Tracy says

This was a good book in terms of getting you to think about some of the day-to-day stuff in your life. She touches on raising children, prejudice, money etc. I do believe she spends too many chapters talking about war, it became repetitive. She made her point after the first few chapters on war. All in all a good book to read if you just want to pick it up from time to time and read a chapter or two. Thought-provoking, but the

chapter breaks make it easy to pick up and set down.

Debra says

Very witty and well written, and I found myself laughing out loud at times. However, not all of the content was interesting.

Monika says

This book is about 12 years old, but a lot of Connie's tales are just as relevant today. I found her when she was a columnist for Parade magazine and really like her style. This book is full of short articles she's published over the years, sometime political, sometimes just life lessons. Enjoyable read.

Karen says

I can't remember why I put this on my Good Reads To Read list, but I am so happy I did. It was such a refreshing look at life and I love Connie's attitude although don't agree with all of her politics. I especially enjoyed the essays about men and women in the military. Her journey with her daughter through childhood to college also made me weep.

Ben Pushka says

For me, it is tough to rate a book like this. I picked up this book because Mrs. Schultz was coming to speak at campus, and finally have gotten around to it. While interesting, it was difficult to just sit and read through, because the subject matter changed every few pages. With that said, it is a wonderful collection of articles written. I just wished that they would have had dates of publication on them, because for some of the stories (especially the ones about the Iraq War) it was difficult to figure out the time frame and context that she was writing them in. But overall, easy, yet informative read.

Sophie says

I'm a long-time Connie Schultz fan, and this book lived up to all the expectations. It's a collection of her columns from the Plain Dealer. They talk about a wide variety of topics — including her marriage, family, dog, politics, labor and feminism. I always enjoy a book with a different kind of reading style — this one was easy to pick up when I had just a few minutes, as each column was only a few pages. I'd recommend this to anyone.

Tori says

This is a collection of her best columns (she's a Plain Dealer columnist). She's a great writer, and her columns are always entertaining. Sections on politics (she's pretty liberal), relationships, career, etc.

marilyn says

Editing after reading the final third: She just packed a whollop on me. I was in tears in public at the chapter on war, ever so pleased by her commentary on religion, ready to buy copies for all the moms in my life after reading the last chapter on her daughter growing up.

I also excerpted this one bit.

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Heartwarming and funny, though it feels a little strange to be reading on the subway, like people will think I read Erma Bombeck and the "Life in These United States" blurbs in Reader's Digest.

Connie Schultz is smart and funny and I like her tremendously, it's just this is aimed at a little more of the middle-aged heartland than at my urbn trendsetting lifestyle, I suppose. It doesn't stop me from tearing up on the train, though.

Amanda Ishtayeh says

This was a great read with short "columns". She is a very talented, passionate reader who rights about life and how it is. She came from a working class upbringing so she really relates to everyone. Read it!

Lori Ann says

I saw Connie Schultz on Real Time with Bill Maher, and she seemed great. Probably is. But the book was just too folksy for me...I went through a number of her articles in the book, but it just got sappy and repetitious for my taste.

Ayelet says

I love Connie Schultz and would read just about anything she writes. I do agree with another reviewer that it would have been nice to have the original print date. Some of them give a reference but others would be nice to know.
