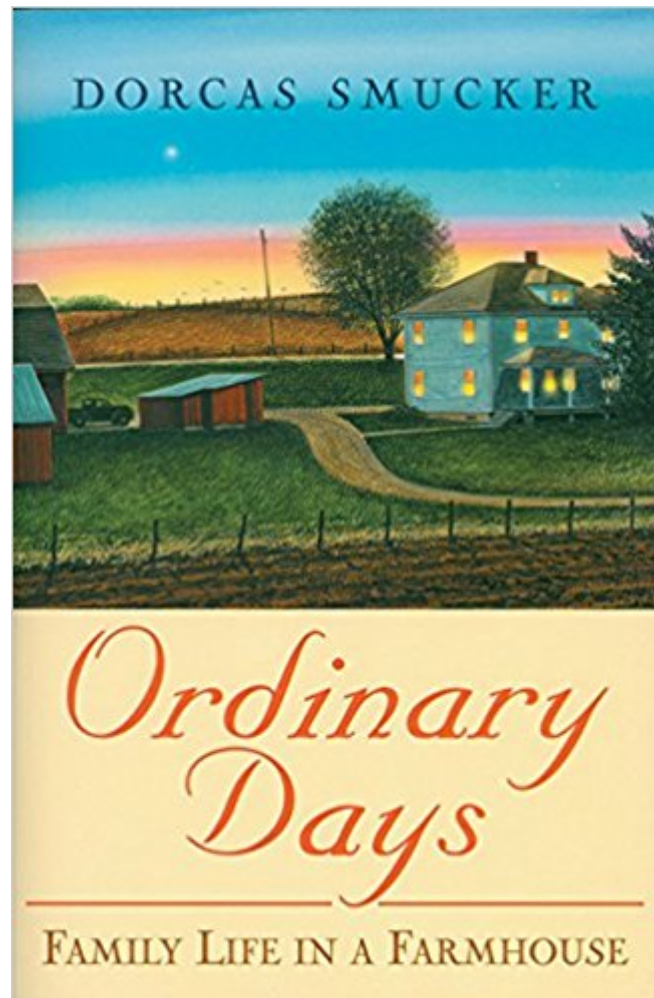




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# Ordinary Days: Family Life In A Farmhouse



## Synopsis

Imagine raising six spirited kids on a grass farm. Today. That'll test any mama's strength. Dorcas Smucker and her brood live out their days in full view in this collection of musings—picking blueberries while watching for bears, hoping for angels driving off the nearby freeway, moving into the "thousand-story house." Then there was the four-week road trip, which, Dorcas says, "My sister-in-law warned me would be like putting your whole family in the bathroom and staying there for three days." There are no recipes here. But there is story upon story. Dorcas has three daughters and three sons. And she has a voice—encouraging, doubting, entertaining, but never taking herself too seriously. Often slightly off-stride, and with disarming humility, Dorcas keeps finding resource in her life at home.

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## Customer Reviews

This book reminds you of Little House on the Praire in modern day. It is so homey, so pleasant. The author captures the readers attention immediately and moves you along through her stories with enthusiasm. Well written.

Many things we may or may not take for granted--wall-papering with a spouse, a family cross-country trip, teaching a teen-aged son to drive--Dorcas Smucker highlights in her tender, yet straightforward prose. Though Ordinary Days isn't chronologically organized, I found I liked the categories Smucker uses to group her short tales: Family; Seasons; Relatives; Places; Lessons. The last grouping held my favorites, with the final chapter providing drama and a great

resolution. Never preachy, endearingly humble, Smucker lets her faith shine behind her writing, a skill that's served her well through years of writing a column for my local newspaper. We need more honest, humorous people of faith like Dorcas contributing to media everywhere.

THIS BOOK IS WONDERFUL SO HILARIOUS A BIT TOUCHING AND ALWAYS FUN TO READ MRS SMUCKER SURE CAN WRITE AND WRITE FUNNY STORIES. I AM GOING TO GET AND READ ALL OF HER BOOKS I AM STARTING HER SECOND BOOK RIGHT NOW. I HAVE HER THIRD BOOK AND ORDERED THE FOURTH OR FIFTH BOOK I DO HOPE SHE WRITE MORE BOOKS. I JUST LOVE GOOD FUNNY CLEAN STORIES. AND YOU WILL TOO BUY READ IT, YOU WILL JUST LOVE IT LIKE I DID.

I love reading about the Amish and Mennonite people and this book is a wonderful read. Dorcas Smucker takes each chapter of her book and writes about family, friends, home, etc. Reading this book makes me wish I could live in the country.

So happy to have found this author. I can't say enough good things about her engaging style of writing. Although this was a chapter book I didn't want to put it down until I had read the entire book. I especially loved how she reminded us to never take ordinary days for granted. Lots of great thought provoking stories though out the entire book. I'll be keeping this one instead of donating to the library.

As an Oregonian and Willamette Valley resident, I love reading about places that are near and dear to me. As a Christian and a Mom, I love even more reading about Dorcas' experiences. She is funny, touching, and humble. This is my favorite of her books. They're the kind of books you can pick up off the shelf when you want a little something to occupy you for half an hour, then put them back...or, if you're like me, you sit down and read "just one more" story for hours.

Loved it! A peek into a 'normal' family life in America, full of love, laughter and trouble. Smucker portrays her family in a real way, not too perfect, just right. A must read for the winter days when it's too cold to go outside and the couch is calling.

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