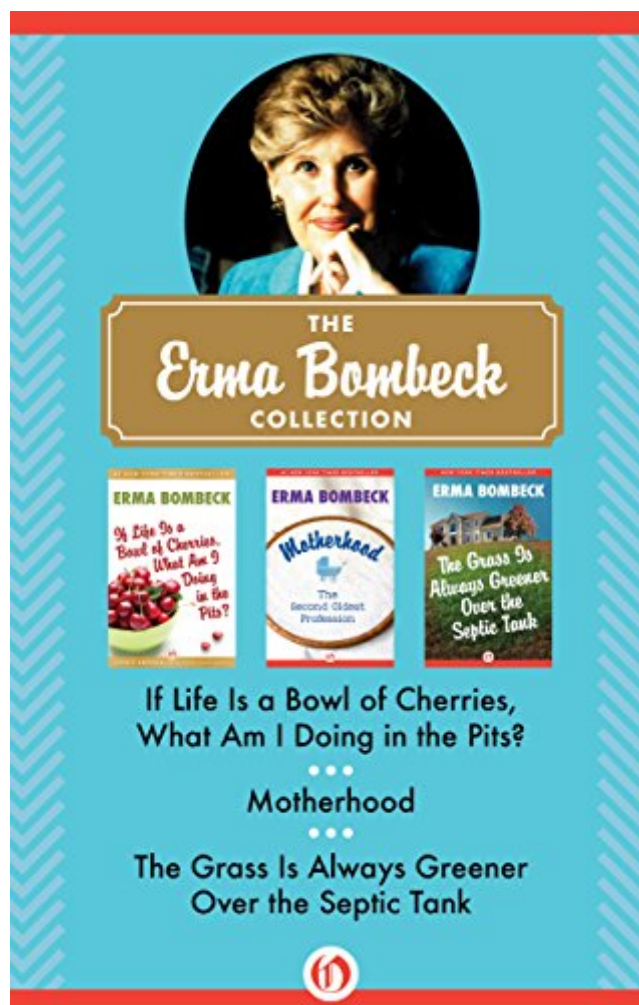




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The Erma Bombeck Collection: If Life Is A Bowl Of Cherries, What Am I Doing In The Pits?, Motherhood, And The Grass Is Always Greener Over The Septic Tank





Synopsis

Three books of timeless wit and heart from celebrated humorist Erma Bombeck! If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits? is Erma Bombeck's timelessly witty look at the hidden side of married life. Motherhood captures one of the toughest jobs on earth with humor and heart. And The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank is Bombeck's take on the unforgiving frontier of American suburbia.

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Customer Reviews

Erma Bombeck's work is timeless and hilarious. 5 stars! The people involved in typing this and getting it to Kindle? 0 stars. I am shocked at the number of typos in this book. Did anybody proofread it before it went to print? The terrible editing does a disservice to Erma's wonderful writing and to the Kindle brand for selling it in this condition. I'm sure Erma would have something hilarious to say about it... *Edited to clarify - while the typos are very distracting, the Kindle quality is excellent. It downloaded and is viewable with no issue.

While Erma Bombeck was a brilliant writer, whomever put this kindle book together was a complete

idiot. There are numerous editing errors in the first few pages alone. This detracts from the experience. Get your act together and issue an update.

I enjoyed rereading Erma Bombeck. The careless typos showed a rush to get it to the emarket and did a disservice to new fans.

I read each and everyone of her books as they were published beginning with "At Wits End" and although I still have them "somewhere" I haven't read them in many years. This collection is a wonderful look-back at a time when life was clearly very different than now. Her references to "transistor radio" and corded telephones show how very different homes of today are. Having the three books together is nice but I would have preferred that they be in chronological order rather than randomly selected. I think reading Erma that way is most reflective of her views and how they changed as her children got older. Buy it for your Kindle...you'll always have a little humor with you.

I'm not sure how old I was when I stumbled across one of Erma Bombeck's books, *The Grass Is Always Greener over the Septic Tank*, in a second hand bookstore though I think I was maybe in my mid teens. I hadn't really read anything by a humourist before and I wasn't expecting to find much in a book written by an old (from my perspective), American housewife amusing but I did. In fact I think it was probably the first book that actually made me laugh out loud. After that I kept an eye out for anything else by Erma, at that stage (in the late 1980's) she had published 8 books but they were difficult to find in Australia. Over the years I have managed to collect five of her books, and read 2 others (courtesy the library). The Erma Bombeck Collection includes two of the books I already own - *The Grass Is Always Greener over the Septic Tank*, and *If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?* and a third I hadn't managed to get a hold of *Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession*. It's delightful to discover just how timeless Erma Bombeck's sense of humour is. Despite the generation gap and the seismic changes in society, her domestic commentary is still as relevant as it was 40 years ago. My children regularly ambush me with the need for a costume/cake/working model of a rocket ship the night before it is needed, my husband can never find anything on a shelf in the pantry or fridge without my help and I haven't seen the floor in my teenage daughter's room for years. No matter if you are the mother of toddlers or teenagers, and regardless of whether you are a stay at home mum or work full time, it is easy to relate to Erma's light-hearted diatribes. Hilarious, heartwarming and at times poignant, this is a wonderful collection of three of Erma Bombeck's best, and a thoroughly entertaining read.

I ordered this book before I attended the Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshops. Erma's wit, humor and helpful ideas still delight readers long after her death. She was one special lady, and she has not been forgotten.

I've only read a few pieces by Erma Bombeck before this so I was interested in this collection. I saw a bit of a different side of Erma in a couple of her "stories", but the Erma I had experienced shined through in many of her stories. She makes me laugh and cry. I think a younger audience may not get a lot of what Erma talks about, especially related to the suburbs. Those stories definitely touch an older reader. Several of her stories are memorable and will stay with me for a lifetime. If she were still alive, I think she'd have material on more modern topics and she could go on forever.

I love all of Erma's writing and own all of her books, so I really purchased this just to have a Kindle edition. Her humor comes from her experiences, family, and most of all, her love of life, despite its contradictions.

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