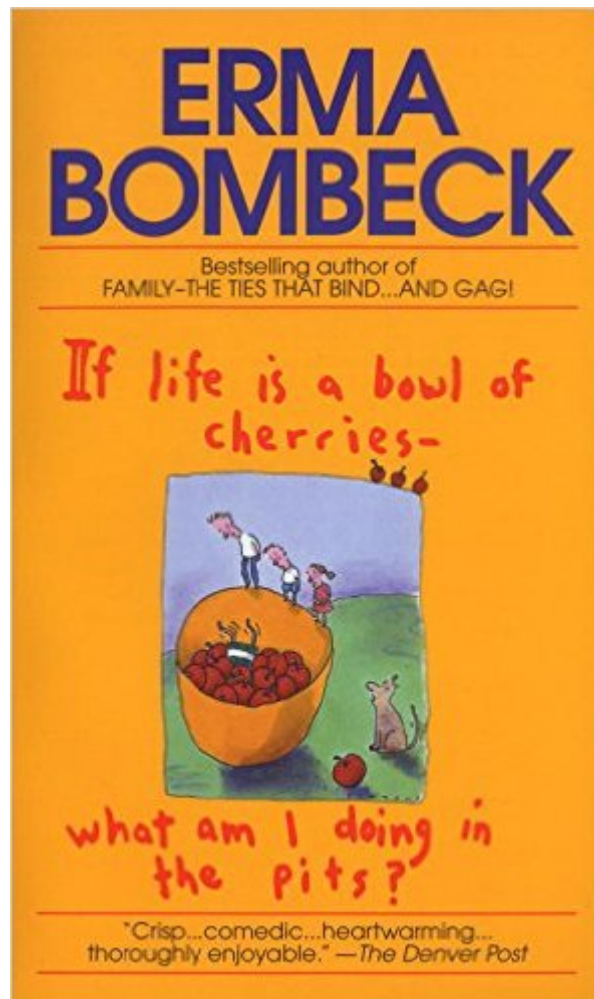


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# If Life Is A Bowl Of Cherries, What Am I Doing In The Pits?



## Synopsis

"See if you can read a paragraph without laughing out loud." Art Buchwald  
The enchanting lady of laughter has done it again--this time taking a hilarious swipe at husbands, honeymoons, tennis elbow, marriage, lettuce, the national anthem, and a host of other domestic dilemmas. "It's fun from cover to cover."  
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## Customer Reviews

This book shows a little of the effects of the changing world since the time it was written. But it is still well written and it's still funny. That's because though we have other things to worry about, some basic things stay the same. And maybe it's not stated in the current trend of the week, but life is still life and family is still family. So buy this book, read a bit and see if you don't laugh out loud over it. I'm betting you will.

I am on an Erma Bombeck kick ~~ and to be honest, this one is my favorite. I have rated all the others a five but if I could rate this one a ten, I would. It's funny, it's warm and it's loving as well as full of satire. I love satire. It's not the mushy warmth you'd think you're getting. Even if it is a bit dated (I grew up in the 70s & 80s) ~~ the insights are still true today. This book made me laugh and made me cry. I think my absolute favorite chapter would be: I am Laughing So Hard that I Can't Stop Crying. I think I cried and laughed throughout that whole chapter. There's one where the father grumbles about the grass being torn up because of the wading pool, the sledding parties and beach

parties. Then there's the one where it says, I love you enough to say no .... truths that my parents have always said to me and truths that I plan to pass onto my kids. This book is heartfelt and witty. I wish there are more writers like Erma still out there. Sometimes, it seems like not everyone has a sense of humor anymore about life ~~ and even though life was hard, Erma made it all worthwhile. It still rings true today. 5-15-06

Erma Bombeck was, hands down, the funniest humorist of her time. Even today, her work is still some of the best ever written. This book is a combination of a collection of her column writings, mixed in with some new (at the time) observings. Her reflection of husbands, kids, friends, and her own sanity (or lack thereof) will have you rolling on the floor with laughter (or, at least, giggling fairly loudly). A great book to add to your collection.

My wife and I had stopped at her sister's home in Fort Lauderdale on one of our winter breaks from our "Hobo-ing America" adventure some time back in the 70s. Whenever I am in anybody's home, I pick up whatever books they have laying around and scan them. My sister-in-law had several books by Erma Bombeck laying here and there. I wasn't really interested but I picked one up out of sheer nervousness. I am not sure which was the first of Erma's that I read. But I do remember that I couldn't put it down and that I was constantly laughing out loud. I read this book about the Cheeries, "the Grass is always Greener over the Septic Tank" and at least 5 or 6 more on that visit. Erma was just a funny lady. Her sense of humor and her style on putting that humor down on paper is a study in the art of writing humorously. From that time on I read her newspaper columns and listened to her commentaries when she was on TV. Her style and her attitude have become a part of the female culture of the American housewife. She made a bigger impact culturally than she even accomplished in the literary field. Any "funny" female writer that you pick up today will contain shades of Erma. She is now a part of Americana and deservedly so. We often hear the phrase "So and so is/was an American treasure." Well, Erma was without any doubt an American treasure. I love Erma! If you can read any of her books without spitting up laughing at some point, then you do not have a sense of humor. Sorry, but that the way it is. I love Erma. Richard Noble - The Hobo Philosopher - Author of: "The Eastpointer" Selections from award winning column.

The book is a time capsule of sorts, reflecting the nature of our society at the time in which it was written. There are a few tremendously funny parts and many great observations about life and human nature-- all of which transcend time. In general, I seem to remember it being a bit more

funny, but that was probably due to the fact it was first read within the context of a different decade and point in my life. Bottom line, it's a light enjoyable read, to which we all can still relate.

For those of you unfamiliar with Erma Bombeck, I suggest that you check this book out, as part of your introduction to her wonderful, unique brand of comedy. Most of her insights in this book (like many of her books) are family-centered observations, that relate to the part that exists in all of us--yes, that tension between us and the fear that we are indeed a product of our environment, and that we also may be turning into our parents!!!! Bombeck takes on the topics like housecleaning, childrearing and the day-to-day sagas of the American housewife. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise, that job, in and of itself, is just as full time and demanding as any out-of-the-house kind of work. Bombeck depicts her experiences, as a housewife, with a combination of wit and sensitivity that also makes her exceptionally engaging as a wonderful storyteller. A fast and entertaining read!!

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