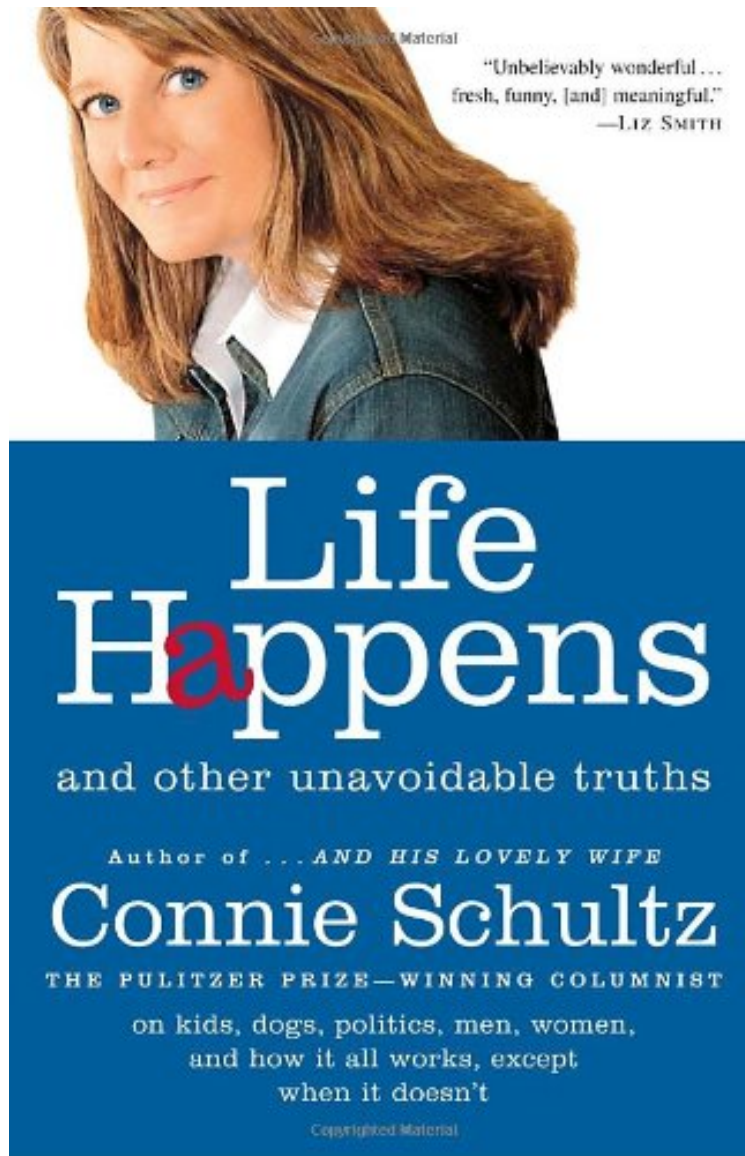


[Read and download] Life Happens: And Other Unavoidable Truths

Life Happens: And Other Unavoidable Truths

Connie Schultz

ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook



 Download

 Read Online

#486485 in Books Random House Trade Paperbacks 2007-06-19 2007-06-19 Original language: English PDF # 1 7.99 x .70 x 5.251, .54 #File Name: 0812975685279 pages | File size: 71.Mb

Connie Schultz : Life Happens: And Other Unavoidable Truths before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Life Happens: And Other Unavoidable Truths:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Give yourself a great treat and read this book By S. H. Jolly This is Connie's first book, a collection of shortish essays on "life;" from her childhood tales of her parents and siblings and the middle class world she grew up in, to her adulthood in the exciting arena of world-class journalism, as a single mother and later as a middle-aged newly-wed with an A-list husband and a blended family. Some of the essays will

make you laugh, some will make you think, some will make you shake your head and say, "yes, me too." and some of them will make you cry tears of sadness as you learn about the lives of her hardworking parents and how much she loves and respects them, and honors them in her daily life, in her writing and in her devotion to her own children. Give yourself a great treat and read this book, and buy a copy for your sisters, mothers, cousins and friends who need a refresher course in how to keep from beating oneself up while being a mother, a lover, a friend or a career woman. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Funny and genuine By Karen Dyer I became familiar with Connie Schulz from her periodic pieces in Parade news magazine. I always enjoy her columns. I was delighted to find that she had written this book and bought it posthaste. Ms. Schulz has not disappointed me. Her book is genuine, funny and entertaining. Talking about her experiences in a wealth of mundane to profound subjects, I saw myself in almost all of them. Even when I had no experience with a topic, I was amused and educated. I hope she writes more, whether in book form, news magazines or some other medium because I'll be looking forward to anything she writes. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well done! By Sara I only came to know of Connie Schultz in the last six months or so. I now follow her on Facebook and enjoy her observations, sense of humor, and the way she has of pointing out truths. She writes for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and the book is a collection of her columns. I love her writing style and insight into people. Highly recommend.

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. From the Hardcover edition.

From Publishers Weekly Pulitzer Prize-winning Cleveland Plain Dealer columnist Schultz has been compared to Anna Quindlen and Molly Ivins, but as this collection of dozens of her columns shows, she's not a pale imitator; her focus is local (her family, her marriage, her state), but her observations resound across the country. Organized topically, the book's sections include "Love in the Middle Ages," about her marriage to Ohio congressman Sherrod Brown; "Family Values," with tales about her loving but complex family and background; and "Keeping the Faith," a selection of liberal religious columns best summed up by one of the columns' headlines: "It's Not Christian to Champion Hate." The most powerful work is culled from Schultz's columns on the war in Iraq and its effects as felt in Ohio. Attending a mass for a fallen Marine, Schultz writes, "We stand near the lifeless remains of our beloved, so grief-stricken we can barely breathe when, suddenly, we look up and behold the face of someone we can't quite believe took the time to find us in our darkest hour." Schultz's humor and eloquence, along with her anger with-and affection for-contemporary America, make this collection an intelligent and affecting read. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Following an editor's advice, Schultz, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for the Plain Dealer in Cleveland, began to inject her own life in her commentaries on the elements of everyday life. In this collection, she offers a broad spectrum of commentary on marriage, divorce, single parenthood, a parent's death, career, and remarriage. She tackles middle-aged romance, recalling her courtship and eventual marriage to Ohio congressman Sherrod Brown; religious beliefs; Ohio's blue-collar economy; family values; and a host of "head-shaking" moments in life passed on by her avid readers. She reflects on a policeman whose son died after inhaling a spray cleaner, a quiet lesson in taking things for granted following the report of the terrorist attack on a Russian school, throwing the first pitch in a major league baseball game and sparking envy in every man she knows, and Ohio legislators reconsidering a law banning breast-feeding in public. These are short but deeply engaging glimpses of everyday life offered by a keen observer. Vanessa Bush Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved. About the Author Connie Schultz, a bi-weekly columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary in 2005. Her other accolades include the Scripps-Howard National Journalism Award, the National Headliner Award, the Batten Medal, and the Robert F. Kennedy Award for social-justice reporting. Her narrative series "The Burden of Innocence," which chronicled the life of a man wrongly incarcerated for rape, was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. After the series ran, the real rapist turned himself in, and he is now serving a five-year prison

sentence. 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. Connie is married to Ohio's popular congressman Sherrod Brown. From the Hardcover edition.