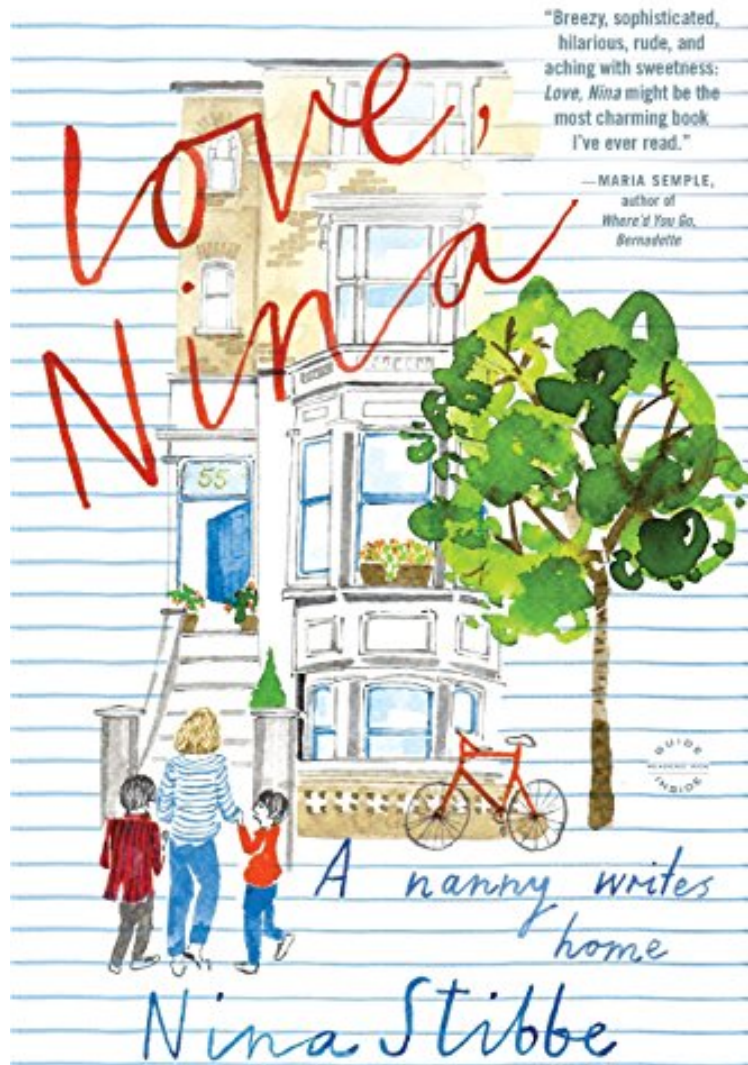


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**Nina Stibbe : Love, Nina: A Nanny Writes Home** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Love, Nina: A Nanny Writes Home:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I did not want this book to end!By Jack E GeltoskyI loved this book and hated it when I got to the end. Ms Stibbe forms very loving pictures of all the diverse characters she interacted with in North London. I would have loved to have had some meals at Ms Wilmer's. And drinks. It gladdens me to know that there are such wonderful, funny and intelligent folk out there.I had started Mary Kay's book on her family,

"The Eitingons", about 2 years ago and kind of stalled out. Based on my new found knowledge of her many personality quirks, I have gone back to that book with real enthusiasm. I look forward to more work from Nina. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the funniest books I have read. By Zoey My constant cracking up while reading this book prompted my husband to buy it too although he loathes doing this so that we have to pay for it twice on kindle. But his reaction was the same as mine. We both howled with laughter all the way through. Hated to finish it. This is the only book Nina Stibbe has written? She makes the recounting of every day conversations between herself, her employer, her charges as a nanny and the friends who wander in and out of their home in London excruciatingly funny. I am relying on this book being a huge success so that she will be moved to write more. She is a great comedic talent. Of the 300-odd books on my kindle this is the first that overcame my preference for getting on with the next one to bothering to review the last. I really really want her to write another. Please. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. DELIGHTFUL PICK-ME-UP IN ONE'S DAY. By Bellabell Getting real mail was fun. Whatever today's electronic connections are, they can't compare with the arrival of a chatty letter from someone you know--a letter neither urgent ("Where R U?") nor briskly demanding ("Pick me up ASAP!"), but leisurely, chock full of casual details, giving you a personal moment with someone who matters to you, and vice versa. Under these circumstances, anything and everything can be interesting--who threw up and why, what caps and hats are in vogue this month, or what the Famous Man Next Door is really like when he's at supper with two small boys, a sassy young nanny, and the Mum, who seems well-loved but very much an after-thought in the group. Nina Stibbe's book is the kind of thing you take to bed at night to leave a pleasant, relaxing aura over your soon-to-be-sleeping head. It's the perfect book to carry in your bag and read on the train, or while waiting in the hair salon. It will be on a first-name basis with all the pleasures of your vacation at the beach. You will finish it with satisfaction while much heavier, more probing works lie with their bookmarks permanently out of gas on p. 35.

"Breezy, sophisticated, hilarious, rude and aching with sweetness: LOVE, NINA might be the most charming book I've ever read." --Maria Semple, author of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* In 1982, 20-year-old Nina Stibbe moved to London to work as a nanny to two opinionated and lively young boys. In frequent letters home to her sister, Nina described her trials and triumphs: there's a cat nobody likes, supertime visits from a famous local playwright, a mysteriously unpaid milk bill, and repeated misadventures parking the family car. Dinner table discussions cover the gamut, from the greats of English literature, to swearing in German, to sexually transmitted diseases. There's no end to what Nina can learn from these boys (rude words) and their broad-minded mother (the who's who of literary London). A charming, hilarious, sweetly inspiring celebration of bad food and good company, *Love, Nina* makes a young woman's adventures in a new world come alive.

From Booklist \*Starred\* With a who's who at the beginning that ranges from film director Stephen Frears to Maxwell, the author's "ex-pony," you might guess this is not your typical memoir. Not only that, but it comprises the tuneful, descriptive letters Nina wrote in the 1980s, while she tried her hand at nannying in London, to her sister, Vic, who stayed basically at home, near Leicestershire, England. The nannied children were young Sam and Will Frears—their arty, daffy children's conversations fill the pages—living with their sharp, blunt mother, Mary-Kay Wilmers, deputy editor of the *London of Books*. Nina herself, then just 20 and new to the task of being a nanny, was a lover of London and quite the observer, documenting for her sister back home the who, the when, and her full-blown, clever, open-eyed take on the what of life at the Wilmers-Frears. Stibbe notes that nannying is "not like a job really, just like living in someone else's life," but what a funny, artist-filled life she lived, and how well she watched and participated. This is an offbeat paean to families, real and cobbled-together, to sisters and siblings, and to communicating with love. It's also a rare and wholly delectable epistolary slice of life. --Eloise Kinney "I adored this book, and I could quote from it forever. It's real, odd, life-affirming, sharp, loving...and I can't remember the last time I laughed out loud so frequently while reading."?Nick Hornby, *The Believer* "My feel-good recipe is to have a top self-help book on the go together with a novel with a light and jolly perspective on life. On the novel front, anything by P.G. Wodehouse never fails, but this year, *Love Nina: A Nanny Writes Home* worked just the same magic."?Helen Fielding, author of *Bridget Jones's Diary* "[*Love, Nina* is] observant, funny, terse, at times a bit rude. It affords a glimpse into a rarefied London social and literary milieu...These letters are winning from the start...we simply like being in Ms. Stibbe's company."?Dwight Garner, *The New York Times* "I have never laughed so hard reading a book. Nina Stibbe's recollections of life as a London nanny are both hilarious and heartwarming."?J. Courtney Sullivan, author of *Maine* and *The Engagements* "I must MOST EARNESTLY recommend *Love, Nina* by Nina Stibbe. It's the most piss-funny thing I've read all year. I can't remember a book since *Adrian Mole* that so brilliantly, drily nailed day-to-day life in BRILLIANT, faux-naive prose."?Caitlin Moran, author of *How to Build a Girl* "Nina Stibbe is the funniest new writer to arrive in years. *LOVE, NINA* is a memoir so warm, so witty and so wise, it's like finding the friend you always deserved."?Andrew O'Hagan, author of *Be Near Me* and *Missing* "What a funny, artist-filled life she lived, and how well she watched and participated. This is an offbeat paean to families, real and cobbled-together, to sisters and siblings, and to communicating with love. It's also a rare and delectable epistolary slice of life."?Booklist (starred review) "I loved this

book. What a beady eye she has for domestic life, and how deliciously fresh and funny she is - a real discovery."?Deborah Moggach, author of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*"You'll find yourself laughing out loud but also touched by the book's depiction of family as it should be: people bound not just by blood but by shared affinities, humor and unfailing interest in hearing the answer to the question, 'How was your day?'"?People"Enchanting . . . a glimpse into the domestic life of a fascinating family."?The Wall Street JournalAbout the AuthorNina Stibbe, after leaving her work as a nanny and attending university, worked in publishing. She now lives in Cornwall with her husband and their two children.