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Merrill Joan Gerber : The Hysterectomy Waltz before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hysterectomy Waltz:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. What a DanceBy judith StahlFunny , funny and fun to read; just what one would expect from Merrill Joan Gerber. A difficult subject handled well.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Invitation to the WaltzBy Jenjoy La BelleNo one but the astonishing Merrill Joan Gerber could have

written this wonderful and wicked novel. Her heroine undergoes a painful, and perhaps unnecessary, hysterectomy, and yet you'll find yourself laughing hysterically (pun intended) throughout this eloquent black comedy. It is both derisively written and deeply felt. Male gynecologists may have removed the narrator's uterus and one of her ovaries, but it is Gerber's sharp eyes, wit, and tongue that dissect these doctors for our delectation. I relished every page of this provocative novel and each step of the waltz.

"It's truly powerful, and acrid, and barbed, and filled with wonderful, and unexpected, turns of phrase and above all it's shocking in its directness and understated anger and sadness and fear... it's an amazing piece of writing."—Cynthia Ozick
Imagine being told before the age of forty that because you have an ovarian cyst, the surgeon wants to take out the "whole kit and caboodle." Imagine being told that "because you already have your children, "who needs all that?" Why not "keep the playground but get rid of the plumbing?" Imagine watching a film strip at the hospital which assures you that though you will no longer have your female organs, you will still have romance in your life and will be "able to waltz the night away with your husband." *The Hysterectomy Waltz* is a sharp and cynical, funny and tragic comedy, a story of marriage and motherhood under the threat of the knife, a tale of friendship and betrayal.

About the Author
Merrill Joan Gerber: Merrill Joan Gerber has published over a dozen titles including the award-winning *King of the World* and *The Kingdom of Brooklyn*. She resides in Pasadena, CA having taught at Cal Tech.