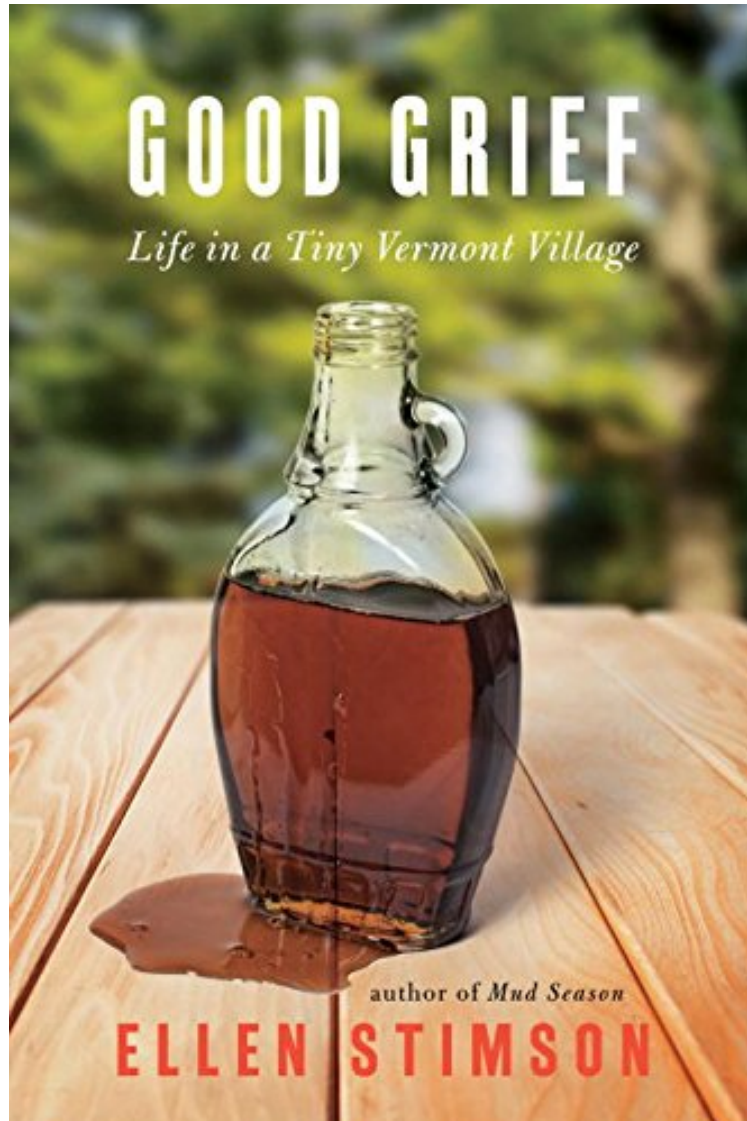


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Ellen Stimson : Good Grief: Life in a Tiny Vermont Village before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Good Grief: Life in a Tiny Vermont Village:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This is a great book! A quick, easy read that will make you laugh, cringe and maybe "sniff sniff".By Collette MartinoI loved this book! It felt like a series of conversations with a close friend and I want desperately to attend one of those dinner parties. The author describes things in such a way that I can visualize the events as they unfold. I fell in love with her family and sometimes that made me cringe or laugh out loud. There is of course the death of a significant family member and that was indeed sad. My big take away from this book

was Ellen's message that we can't always control things that happen in our lives but we can control our reactions and she has chosen love and humor. The end of the book left me a little sad but only because she got me to care so much about the people in this book and that is the gift of a good writer. Sometimes you wear grief like a watch or a favorite scarf....you almost forget it is there until something reminds you....please write more books Ellen. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Family is both funny and very sad By Cissa Personal anecdotes ranging from the funny through the very sad make up this book. There's a motif weaving it all together: tables. It sounds odd, but it works well. The funny is very funny indeed, and the sad had me sniffing. Stimson is a skilled and effective writer, and I enjoyed spending vicarious time with her, her family, and their friends and critters. Compared to "Mud Season", this is more centered on relationships than on place. I enjoyed it, both the funny and the sad, and look forward to reading more by her. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyed it By J. Lawson I enjoyed the book. I could identify with how much she loves her family, animals, home and food. My politics and faith practices are different but that doesn't make me like her any less. She is honest and would be a fun friend. Enjoyable read.

An endless New England vacation becomes a way of life for one woman and her family Ellen Stimson and her husband had such a wonderful time in Vermont that they wondered what living there would really be like. What if we stayed here . . . forever? So began the series of adventures and misadventures of Ellen Stimson's hilarious first book, Mud Season. Now, having settled the family in Vermont's rich, muddy soil, they are faced with new challenges of raising kids in the paradise of this very small, very rural town. Good Grief tells the tales of the hopes and dreams of parents just trying to do their best and not always succeeding. Imagine being the mom of the kid who peed on his teacher's chair . . . On Purpose. Now imagine the governor asking you about it! Good Grief is all about the inevitable moment right after somebody says, What next? Ellen Stimson's irrepressible optimism and good humor prevail as she, her two husbands, their three kids, and various much-loved pets face down real life, and even death and grieving, with good humor intact. This is life in a state where everyone knows everything, and everything is everybody's else's business.

Stimson makes great, entertaining reading out of kids' unusual dating selections, shark attacks, sudden illness, and even an untimely death. Entertaining? Yes. She has that articular way with words and storytelling that makes the most out of learning to deal with grief. - Booklist This is my favorite kind of book: a messy, loving, bubbling over at the edges family, replete with exes, dogs, culinary disasters, and the tender heart of love and loss. A must-read, never-forget story. - Jo-Ann Mapson, author of Solomon's Oak, Finding Casey, and Owen's Daughter I laughed and cried the whole way through this marvelous, moving, and, above all, joyful book. A chronicle of the further adventures of Ellen Stimson's eminently lovable family, Good Grief is a lesson in love and loss, as well as a reminder that life keeps happening, rituals matter, and dogs really are man's best friend. Ellen Stimson's voice is humane, human, and hilarious but always wise. And her family is the one you want to borrow. It's impossible not to cheer this gang on. - Julia Reed, author of But Mama Always Put Vodka in Her Sangria!: Adventures in Eating, Drinking, and Making Merry Imagine Jerry Seinfeld and Annie Dillard on the dance floor, gliding gracefully from keenly observed humor to contemplative insight. As they glide by, you join them in a few pirouettes, and the challenges of your own life transform: you laugh at them; you understand them better. When the music ends, you feel grateful, lighter, and more compassionate. That dance is Ellen Stimson's Good Grief. In the midst of the ups and downs of daily life, Stimson and her nontraditional family choose to respond, as she says with love and humor. What shines through these pages is Stimson's deep and genuine gratitude for this whole messy thing we call Living. Good Grief taught me to laugh harder and love better and to always, always choose compassion. - BK Loren, author of Theft and Animal, Mineral, Radical Both hilarious and poignant, Stimson spins the tales of her ever-eventful small-town Vermont life with a self-effacing, smart, and heart-touching honesty that will make you feel as if you are sitting across from her at her (burned) dining room table and wishing so much that you really were! - Suzanne McMinn, author of Chickens in the Road: An Adventure in Ordinary Splendor About the Author Ellen Stimson is blessed with a wild pack of children; not-so-wild but completely adorable husband; and a very civilized group of chickens, dogs, and cats. Lately she's decided that she really wants a pig. She writes about the whole catastrophe from an old farmhouse in Vermont.