



A Hundred Lives Since Then:

Essays on motherhood, marriage, mortality, and more (2022) by Gail Rosenblum

Reviewed Jerry Woolpy

In the first person, Gail Rosenblum tells of her love of father, mother, and children, love of neighbors, love of strangers, mothers-in-law, ex-husbands, best girlfriends, the chaos of families, and the openness to hear and retell the intimate stories of a wide variety of the many real people she interviewed in her years as a columnist at the Minneapolis Star Tribune. At a time when truth is especially precious, her work is a tribute to authenticity in journalism. And she is a most readable, outstanding writer.

When you read this collection of short essays you will be better able to raise your children, manage your household, cope with the exigencies of intimate relations including divorce, and your own imperfections. You'll learn how to appreciate the people who work for you and around you. She even delves into the processes of true forgiveness, grieving, and the function and limitation of anger. And she will help you to undertake projects that interest you about which, previously, you knew nothing.

I take this book seriously and hope to be a better person for having read it.