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"We have Nora Ephron to thank for this wonderful girlfriend's guide to aging. In I Feel Bad About My Neck, Ephron perfects her 'vintage whine' in a series of essays conveying everything from beauty regimes to Manhattan real estate. There is little cheerleading here for the joys of acquired wisdom or the age-defying results of botox and collagen–since the neck is still a giveaway–hence the title There are small victories, however, which Ephron chronicles along with her life as overachieving cook, loyal friend and mother, hardworking writer and fashion frump who disses purses but loves black turtlenecks She shares heartfelt ardor for her friends–especially one who passed away–her passion for cooking, including recipes for successful dinner parties . . . Ephron's insights make the book an enjoyable romp. [She'll] make you laugh at her laments. You'll also be grateful for her honesty. One of her best lines is her retort to a baby-boomer editor who complains that too many women over 60 talk about how things were better 'in my day.' 'But it isn't our day,' Ephron tells the editor. 'It's their day. We're just hanging on.' For people who want a little candor and humor about not only hanging on but getting on, this book is for you." –Jill Brooke, New York Post

"In her latest essay collection . . . Ephron offers rearview reflections on her life as a talker and writer, as well as a flinching but honest look at the image she lately confronts in the mirror. Like her fellow Upper West Side loyalist Jerry Seinfeld, she has found a lot of 'something' in the 'nothing' of everyday life. In the manner of all natural-born embroiders, Ephron augments tales she has told before and also divulges new insights, grievances, and gossip Nothing is off limits to her, even personal humiliation–especially personal humiliation . . . [But] Ephron has owned her laughs for several decades [S]he doesn't wallow. Instead, she does what she has always done–she buries . . . bad news under a barrage of shareable anecdotes, humorous self-deprecation and womanly bravado Through [30 years of writing], her focus has remained on the heart. This current gatherum of hard and funny truths spares neither the author's pride nor her audience's, but it does salve wounds, and many of Ephron's insights are bound to come in handy." –Liesl Schillinger, The New York Times Book Review

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"[S]parkling . . . [T]his collection is . . . a thoughtful concession to pre- and post-menopausal women (who else is there?) . . . who 'can't read a word on the pill bottle, 'follow a thought to a conclusion, or remember the thought after not being able to read the pill bottle . . . [R]efreshing . . . witty . . . delightful While signs of mortality proliferate, Ephron offers a rebuttal of consequence: an intelligent, alert, entertaining perspective that does not take itself too seriously. (If you can't laugh, after all, you are already, technically speaking, dead.)"

-Tony Bentley, Publishers Weekly, signature review

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Nora Ephron, best known for her screenplays When Harry Met Sally, Sleepless in Seattle, and Silkwood and best sellers Heartburn and Crazy Salad, has written a sort of Ephron retrospective. Though humorously self-deprecating and poignant, critics agree that the essays, some published previously, are uneven. Readers may love "I Hate My Purse"—unless they find it outdated. Other essays came off as vain, stale, or elitist in their carefree attitude toward luxury items. Only "Considering the Alternative" received uniform praise for its generous introspection. Despite the collection's lightweight feel, Ephron still writes "like someone who has something useful and important to tell her readers" (Los Angeles Times). "When your children are teenagers," for example, "it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you."

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