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#### **Description:**

**From** Prolific fiction writer Lipman also boasts a generous body of nonfiction work that examines multiple facets of one woman's life, from the personal to the professional, from marriage and family to writing and teaching. Gathered from essays and columns previously published in outlets ranging from Good Housekeeping to the New York Times, and penned in her trademark tongue-in-cheek sarcasm and disarming, self-deprecating humor, these pieces tackle memories of her New England childhood and her long-standing marriage and foray into late-in-life parenting. Of particular

poignancy are works that deal with the sudden death of her beloved husband and tenuous navigation of the unfamiliar worlds of widowhood and contemporary dating, topics that inspired her latest novel, *The View from Penthouse B*. Though the subjects and details may be exceedingly specific and personal, Lipman speaks as an Everywoman. Lipman's revelatory essay collection may resonate most with the loyal readers of her novels, and fans of fellow journalist and novelist Anna Quindlen may also find much here to enjoy and reflect on. --Carol Haggas --This text refers to the edition.

**Review** "Lipman's acuity as a social observer makes her voice seem to belong to a wise and funny friend." —*The Boston Globe*

"More addictive than that bag of peanut M&M's... [Lipman] is always in top form as an essayist...Her essays celebrate an uncommon virtue: common decency. Lipman is eloquent and loving." —*The New York Times Book Review*

"Endearingly personal...The essays are full of wit and charm, along with some trenchant observations." —*The Seattle Times*

"[Lipman's] good nature twinkles on virtually every page of *I Can't Complain*...Lipman is unfailingly funny, and comic flashes illuminate even her saddest essays...Lipman portrays our most painful emotions coexisting with the humor that makes them bearable." —*The Washington Post*

"Engaging...Good-natured confessions run throughout the pieces in *I Can't Complain*." —The Miami Herald

"Funny, witty, gracious and knowing personal essays that make a reader want to have lunch with the author." —*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*

"The essays in *I Can't Complain* bring warmth and insight to topics ranging from soap operas to the death of [Lipman's] beloved husband." —*Parade*

"In each piece, no matter how brief, Lipman tackles the subject at hand with Dorothy Parker-esque wit and verve. The author's good-spirited openness and self-awareness shine through...A feast of bite-sized morsels of humor and wisdom." —*Kirkus Reviews* "As if readers are sitting down to sip a glass of wine with their best friend (if that best friend happened to be incredibly witty, intelligent, self-aware and encouraging-and also a bestselling author), this collection feels like the very best gabfest imaginable...Very highly recommended." —*Book Reporter* "Charming...Whether or not one is a Lipman fan before reading this collection, he or she most certainly will be by the time the final page is turned." —*Publishers Weekly* --This text refers to the edition.

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