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In this treasure of a book, Anna Quindlen, the bestselling novelist and columnist, reflects on what it takes to 'get a life' - to live deeply every day and from your own unique self, rather than merely to exist through your days. Anna Quindlen uses her candid, heart-to-heart voice to show us how good life really is: 'Life is made of moments, small pieces of glittering mica in a line stretch of gray cement. It would be wonderful if they came to us unsummoned, but particularly in lives as busy as the ones most of us lead now, that won't happen. We have to teach ourselves how to live, really live-to

love the journey, not the destination.' But how to live from that perspective? To fully engage in our days? In this, an unusual and beautiful book, Quindlen guides us with an understanding that come from knowing how to see the view, the richness in living. When Betty Friedan produced *The Feminine Mystique* in 1963, she could not have realized how the discovery and debate of her contemporaries' general malaise would shake up society. Victims of a false belief system, these women were following strict social convention by loyally conforming to the pretty image of the magazines, and found themselves forced to seek meaning in their lives only through a family and a home. Friedan's controversial book about these women - and every woman - would ultimately set Second Wave feminism in motion and begin the battle for equality. This groundbreaking and life-changing work remains just as powerful, important and true as it was forty-five years ago, and is essential reading both as a historical document and as a study of women living in a man's world. 'One of the most influential nonfiction books of the twentieth century.' *New York Times* 'Feminism began with the work of a single person: Friedan.' Nicholas Lemann

With a new Introduction by Lionel Shriver THE LIBRARY OF CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT is a groundbreaking series where America's finest writers and most brilliant minds tackle today's most provocative, fascinating, and relevant issues. Striking and daring, creative and important, these original voices on matters political, social, economic, and cultural, will enlighten, comfort, entertain, enrage, and ignite healthy debate across the country. Anna Quindlen give us wisdom, opinions, insights, and reflections about current events and

modern life, as a woman, a writer, and a mother. From the acclaimed author of "Blessings, Black and Blue," and "One True Thing" comes a superb novel about two sisters, the true meaning of success, and the qualities in life that matter most. Contains author's "afterthoughts" and a reading group guide. Two children sitting at home on a rainy day meet the cat in the hat who shows them some tricks and games. NATIONAL BESTSELLER • In this clarion call to pick up a pen and find yourself from “ one of our most astute chroniclers of modern life ” (The New York Times Book Review), #1 New York Times bestselling author Anna Quindlen shows us how anyone can write, and why everyone should. What really matters in life? What truly lasts in our hearts and minds? Where can we find community, history, humanity? In this lyrical new book, the answer is clear: through writing. This is a book for what Quindlen calls “ civilians, ” those who want to use the written word to become more human, more themselves. Write for Your Life argues that there has never been a more important time to stop and record what we are thinking and feeling. Using examples from past, present, and future—from Anne Frank to Toni Morrison, from love letters written after World War II to journal reflections from nurses and doctors today—Write for Your Life vividly illuminates the ways in which writing connects us to ourselves and to those we cherish. Drawing on her personal experiences not just as a writer but as a mother and daughter, Quindlen makes the case that recording our daily lives in writing is essential. When we write we not only look, we see; we not only react but reflect. Writing gives you something to hold onto in a changing world. “ To write the present, ” Quindlen says, “ is

to believe in the future. ” "A splendid collection...Eloquent, powerful, compassionate and droll. There is considerable variety in the subjects she addresses....Compelling." THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER Thinking out loud is what Anna Quindlen does best. A syndicated columnist with her finger on the pulse of women's lives, and her heart in a place we all share, she writes about the passions, politics, and peculiarities of Americans everywhere. From gays in the military, to the race for First Lady, to the trials of modern motherhood and the right to choose, Anna Quindlen's views always fascinate. More of her views can be found in LIVING OUT LOUD, and OBJECT LESSONS. ... a tale that captures the beauty and fragility family life In this remarkable book, Anna Quindlen, one of America ' s favorite novelists and a Pulitzer Prize–winning columnist, once again gives us wisdom, opinions, insights, and reflections about current events and modern life. “ Always insightful, rooted in everyday experience and common sense...Quindlen is so good that even when you disagree with what she says, you still love the way she says it, ” said People magazine about her number one New York Times bestseller Thinking Out Loud, and the same can be said about Loud and Clear. With her trademark insight and her special ability to convey the impact public events have on ordinary lives, Quindlen here combines commentary on American society and the world at large with reflections on being a woman, a writer, and a mother. In these pieces, first written for Newsweek and The New York Times, Loud and Clear takes on topics ranging from social change to raising children, from the political and emotional aftermath of September 11 to personal values, from the impact on

individuals of global events to the growth that can be gained by spending summer days staring into the middle distance. Grounding the public in the private, connecting people to each other and to the greater world, Quindlen encourages us to develop authentic lives, even as she serves as a catalyst for political and social change. “ Anna Quindlen ’ s beat is life, and she ’ s one hell of a terrific reporter, ” said Susan Isaacs, and Quindlen ’ s unique qualities of understanding and discernment, everywhere evident in her previous bestsellers, including *A Short Guide to a Happy Life* and *Living Out Loud*, can be found on every page of this provocative and inspiring book. Ellen Gulden is a successful, young New York journalist. But when her mother, Kate, is diagnosed with cancer, she leaves her life in the city to return home and care for her. In the short time they have left, the relationship between mother and daughter - tender, awkward and revealing - deepens, and Ellen is forced to confront painful truths about her adored father. But in the weeks that follow Kate's death, events take a shocking and unexpected turn. Family emotions are laid bare as a new drama is played out, and overnight Ellen goes from devoted daughter to prime suspect, accused of the mercy killing of her 'one true thing'. *One True Thing* is the devastating story of a mother and daughter, of love and loss, and of shattering choices. In *Naked Babies*, Nick Kelsh and Anna Quindlen collaborate to produce a unique view of babies—one that owes nothing to tradition, sentimentality, or the cult of the cute. Unlike traditional baby photographs, Nick Kelsh ’ s amazing black-and-white pictures focus on specific aspects of babies—the perfection of a hand, the swirls of a cowlick, the smoothness of skin on the neck—and

all are honest, exquisite, and invitingly tactile. Anna Quindlen's essays are as graceful, snappy, perceptive, and personal as anything she has ever written. They muse on what it is about babies that causes our hearts to crinkle and fold: "The meaning of life is in them." You'll share some of the things that Quindlen has learned as a mother, such as: "From time to time, I would lie on the floor with my babies to see exactly what they were seeing when it looked as though they were just wasting time" and . . . "The next time you're sitting in a meeting after three cups of coffee, badly needing to go to the bathroom but instead doodling dutifully, crossing your legs and watching the clock, remember that if you were a baby, you would have gone by now, and no one would be the wiser." Kelsh's photographs and Quindlen's text complement each other perfectly. Two masters of their craft have created an unusual meditation and wondrous book—a totally original gift for every parent or parent-to-be. The author offers sometimes poignant, sometimes humorous reflections on living with her beloved black Labrador retriever Beau, describing how her life unfolded in tandem with Beau's and the lessons she has learned by watching him live his life.

~The New York Times bestselling novel from the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer~ ' Miller's Valley reads like a companion to Elizabeth Strout's Olive Kitteridge ' Elisabeth Egan, author of A Window Opens Mimi Miller's family have lived in Miller's Valley for generations and at times it feels like nothing ever changes – until now when the town is under threat. But as Mimi looks back on the span of her life in this place, she confronts the toxicity of secrets, the dangers of gossip, the flaws of marriage, the risks and inequalities of

friendship, loyalty and passion. Home, she acknowledges, is somewhere it 's just as easy to feel lost as contented. A captivating, beautifully crafted story of family and memory that recalls the work of Anne Tyler or Elizabeth Strout, Miller's Valley reminds us that the place where you grew up can disappear, and the people in it too, but all will live on in your heart for ever. 'Qualities and shades of love are this writer's strong suit, and she has the unusual talent for writing about them with so much truth and heart that one is carried away on a tidal wave of involvement and concern' Elizabeth Jane Howard 'Mesmerizing. Quindlen makes her characters so richly alive, so believable, that it 's impossible not to feel every doubt and dream they harbor . . . Overwhelmingly moving ' New York Times Bestselling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Quindlen takes readers on a delightful tour of the English capital, comparing the London of fact with the London of fiction. NATIONAL BESTSELLER • In this clarion call to pick up a pen and find yourself from " one of our most astute chroniclers of modern life " (The New York Times Book Review), #1 New York Times bestselling author Anna Quindlen shows us how anyone can write, and why everyone should. What really matters in life? What truly lasts in our hearts and minds? Where can we find community, history, humanity? In this lyrical new book, the answer is clear: through writing. This is a book for what Quindlen calls " civilians, " those who want to use the written word to become more human, more themselves. Write for Your Life argues that there has never been a more important time to stop and record what we are thinking and feeling. Using examples from past, present, and future—from Anne Frank to

Toni Morrison, from love letters written after World War II to journal reflections from nurses and doctors today—Write for Your Life vividly illuminates the ways in which writing connects us to ourselves and to those we cherish. Drawing on her personal experiences not just as a writer but as a mother and daughter, Quindlen makes the case that recording our daily lives in writing is essential. When we write we not only look, we see; we not only react but reflect. Writing gives you something to hold onto in a changing world. “ To write the present, ” Quindlen says, “ is to believe in the future. ” From Anna Quindlen, acclaimed author of Blessings, Black and Blue, and One True Thing, a superb novel about two sisters, the true meaning of success, and the qualities in life that matter most. It ’ s an otherwise ordinary Monday when Meghan Fitzmaurice ’ s perfect life hits a wall. A household name as the host of Rise and Shine, the country ’ s highest-rated morning talk show, Meghan cuts to a commercial break—but not before she mutters two forbidden words into her open mike. In an instant, it ’ s the end of an era, not only for Meghan, who is unaccustomed to dealing with adversity, but also for her younger sister, Bridget, a social worker in the Bronx who has always lived in Meghan ’ s long shadow. The effect of Meghan ’ s on-air truth telling reverberates through both their lives, affecting Meghan ’ s son, husband, friends, and fans, as well as Bridget ’ s perception of her sister, their complex childhood, and herself. What follows is a story about how, in very different ways, the Fitzmaurice women adapt, survive, and manage to bring the whole teeming world of New York to heel by dint of their smart mouths, quick wits, and the powerful connection between them that even the

worst tragedy cannot shatter. “ The life of a good dog is like the life of a good person, only shorter and more compressed, ” writes Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anna Quindlen about her beloved black Labrador retriever, Beau. With her trademark wisdom and humor, Quindlen reflects on how her life has unfolded in tandem with Beau ’ s, and on the lessons she ’ s learned by watching him: to roll with the punches, to take things as they come, to measure herself not in terms of the past or the future but of the present, to raise her nose in the air from time to time and, at least metaphorically, holler, “ I smell bacon! ” Of the dog that once possessed a catcher ’ s mitt of a mouth, Quindlen reminisces, “ there came a time when a scrap thrown in his direction usually bounced unseen off his head. Yet put a pork roast in the oven, and the guy still breathed as audibly as an obscene caller. The eyes and ears may have gone, but the nose was eternal. And the tail. The tail still wagged, albeit at half-staff. When it stops, I thought more than once, then we ’ ll know. ” Heartening and bittersweet, *Good Dog. Stay.* honors the life of a cherished and loyal friend and offers us a valuable lesson on our four-legged family members: Sometimes an old dog can teach us new tricks. In *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*, New York Times bestseller and winner of the Pulitzer Prize Anna Quindlen shares the events of her own life to illuminate our own. From childhood memories to manic motherhood to middle age, Quindlen tells life as she has lived it. She acknowledges the passing years, from the generational shrinking of underwear to facing the fact that her knees make 'this noise like Rice Krispies' when she exercises. Despite its downsides, she says, aging brings

wisdom, and a perspective that makes life satisfying and even joyful. Honest, witty and moving, this irresistible memoir celebrates all our lives. For fans of Elizabeth Strout and Anne Tyler comes a brilliantly provocative novel from the Richard and Judy Book Club and Number One bestselling author Anna Quindlen. 'Mesmerizing. Quindlen makes her characters so richly alive, so believable, that it ' s impossible not to feel every doubt and dream they harbour . . . Overwhelmingly moving ' New York Times Anna Quindlen follows her highly-praised novel Miller ' s Valley – ' reads like a companion to Elizabeth Strout ' s Olive Kitteridge ' , Elisabeth Egan – with a captivating novel about money, class and self-discovery set in the heart of New York where the tensions in a tight-knit neighbourhood – and a seemingly happy marriage – are exposed by an unexpected act of violence. There are days when Nora Nolan thinks that she and her husband, Charlie, lead a charmed life – except when there ' s a crisis at work, a leak in the roof at home or a problem with their twins at college. And why not? Nora has never stopped loving New York, and their street has become a safe harbour, a tranquil village amid the urban craziness. The residents watch one another ' s children grow up. They trade gossip and gripes, and they manoeuvre for the ultimate status symbol: a spot in the block ' s small parking lot. Then, into their secure, privileged midst comes an unexpected act of violence and their enviable neighbourhood turns into a potent symbol of a divided city. This is a novel of domesticity, of the jarring cacophony of city life and of daily routine and conversation and expectation being suddenly, awkwardly disrupted. It is about the change of dynamics wrought within a family when

children leave home and the fading of love within an outwardly settled marriage. Utterly absorbing and impeccably observed, *Alternate Side* explores, too, what it means to be a mother, a wife and a woman at a moment of reckoning. ‘Qualities and shades of love are this writer’s strong suit, and she has the unusual talent for writing about them with so much truth and heart that one is carried away on a tidal wave of involvement and concern’ Elizabeth Jane Howard ‘I’m a big fan of US author Anna Quindlen’s sharp writing. Her latest novel, *Alternate Side*, is a clear-eyed look at a long marriage, written with wit and warmth’ Good Housekeeping ‘A book about being a mother, a wife and a woman at a moment of reckoning, this is an acutely observed story’ Stylist Books ‘Middle age proves treacherous ground in this smart comedy of manners... Insightful, acerbic and pleasingly tinged with melancholy’ Mail on Sunday

When a group of fifth grade students asks fifty celebrities what their favorite poem was and why, the answers they receive form a collection of some of history’s most beloved poetry, which continues to resonate from one generation to the next. A few times in your life, someone will tell you something so right, so deeply true that it changes you forever. That is what Anna Quindlen, author of the timeless bestseller *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, does here. In *Being Perfect*, she shares wisdom that, perhaps without knowing it, you have longed to hear: about “the perfection trap,” the price you pay when you become ensnared in it, and the key to setting yourself free. Quindlen believes that when your success looks good to the world but doesn’t feel good in your heart, it isn’t success at all. She asks you to set aside your friends’ advice, what

your family and co-workers demand, and what society expects, and look at the choices you make every day. When you ask yourself why you are making them, Quindlen encourages you to give this answer: For me. “ Because they are what I want, or wish for. Because they reflect who and what I am. . . . That way lies dancing to the melodies spun out by your own heart. ” At the core of this beautiful book lies the secret of authentic success, the inspiration to embrace your own uniqueness and live the life that is undeniably your own, rich in fulfillment and meaning. Anna Quindlen, the #1 New York Times bestselling author, has an unmatched eye for the essential relationships in our lives—the powerful bonds between mothers and children, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers. This eBook bundle pairs two of Quindlen ’ s most acclaimed novels—Rise and Shine and Every Last One. With her mesmerizing prose and deeply felt storytelling, Anna Quindlen “ captures both the beauty and the breathtaking fragility of family life ” (People). EVERY LAST ONE “ Spellbinding. ” —The New York Times Book Review

Mary Beth Latham has built her life around her family, around caring for her three teenage children and preserving the rituals of their daily life. When one of her sons becomes depressed, Mary Beth focuses on him, only to be blindsided by a shocking act of violence. What happens afterward is a testament to the power of a woman ’ s love and determination, and to the invisible lines of hope and healing that connect one human being to another. RISE AND SHINE “ Superb . . . The book seduces. ” —Chicago Tribune It ’ s an otherwise ordinary Monday when Meghan Fitzmaurice ’ s perfect life hits a wall. The host of Rise and Shine, the

country ' s highest-rated morning television talk show, Meghan cuts to a commercial break—but not before she does something that, in an instant, marks the end of an era, not only for Meghan, who is unaccustomed to dealing with adversity, but also for her younger sister, Bridget. A social worker in the Bronx, Bridget has always looked up to Meghan while living in her long shadow. What follows is a story about how the Fitzmaurice sisters adapt, survive, and manage to bring the whole teeming city of New York to heel by dint of their smart mouths, quick wits, and powerful connection that even the worst tragedy cannot shatter. More praise for Anna Quindlen “ Packs an emotional punch . . . Quindlen succeeds at conveying the transience of everyday worries and the never-ending boundaries of a mother ' s love. ” —The Washington Post, on *Every Last One* “ [Quindlen] welcomes us into her fictional world with open arms. . . . We fall into this novel as if it were an easy chair, comforted by a writer who knows her craft. ” —Los Angeles Times, on *Every Last One* “ Anna Quindlen ' s writing is like knitting: prose that wraps the reader in the warmth and familiarity of domestic life. . . . Then, as in her novels *Black and Blue* and *One True Thing*, Quindlen starts to pull at the world she has knitted, and lets it unravel across the pages. ” —The Seattle Times, on *Every Last One* “ Stands on its own as a writerly achievement, [Quindlen ' s] best so far . . . Sentence by sentence Ms. Quindlen is the soul of brevity. ” —The New York Times, on *Rise and Shine* “ The dialogue sparkles, the insights are right on . . . and the characters are appealing. . . . [It] has humor, heartbreak and drama. . . . [A] pleasure read. ” —The Charlotte Observer, on *Rise and Shine* “ New friends await

readers . . . characters you will delight in getting to know and miss once you ' ve finished the book. ” —St. Louis Post-Dispatch, on *Rise and Shine* It is the 1960s, in suburban New York City, and twelve-year-old Maggie Scanlan begins to sense that despite the calm surface of her peaceful life, everything is going strangely wrong. When her all-powerful grandfather is struck down by a stroke, the reverberations affect Maggie's entire family. Her normally dispassionate father breaks down, her mother becomes distant and unavailable, and matters only get worse when her cousin and her best friend start doing things to each other that leave Maggie confused about sex and terrified of sin. With all of this upheaval, how can she be sure that what she wants is even worth having? From the New York Times bestselling author of *Alternate Side*, Anna Quindlen ' s classic reflection on a meaningful life makes a perfect gift for any occasion. “ Life is made of moments, small pieces of silver amidst long stretches of tedium. It would be wonderful if they came to us unsummoned, but particularly in lives as busy as the ones most of us lead now, that won ' t happen. We have to teach ourselves now to live, really live . . . to love the journey, not the destination. ” In this treasure of a book, Anna Quindlen, the bestselling novelist and columnist, reflects on what it takes to “ get a life ” —to live deeply every day and from your own unique self, rather than merely to exist through your days. “ Knowledge of our own mortality is the greatest gift God ever gives us, ” Quindlen writes, “ because unless you know the clock is ticking, it is so easy to waste our days, our lives. ” Her mother died when Quindlen was nineteen: “ It was the dividing line between seeing the world in black

and white, and in Technicolor. The lights came on for the darkest possible reason. . . . I learned something enduring, in a very short period of time, about life. And that was that it was glorious, and that you had no business taking it for granted. ” But how to live from that perspective, to fully engage in our days? In *A Short Guide to a Happy Life*, Quindlen guides us with an understanding that comes from knowing how to see the view, the richness in living. 'The first time my husband hit me I was nineteen years old.' For eighteen years Fran Benedetto kept her secret, hid her bruises. She stayed with Bobby because she wanted her son to have a father, and because, in spite of everything, she loved him. Then one night, when she saw the look on her ten-year-old son's face, Fran finally made a choice - she ran for both their lives. Now she is starting over in a city far from home, far from Bobby. She uses a name that isn't hers, watches over her son, and tries to forget. For the woman who now calls herself Beth, every day is a chance to heal, to put together the pieces of her shattered self. And every day she waits for Bobby to catch up with her. Bobby always said he would never let her go, and Fran Benedetto is certain of one thing: it is only a matter of time. Flora Trevelyan is a ten-year-old misfit, despised by her selfish and indolent parents, and left to wander the streets of a small French town whilst her parents prepare to depart for life in colonial India. There she befriends the locals, acquires an extensive vocabulary of French foul language and encounters the privileged lifestyle of the elegant, middle-class British families holidaying in 1920s France. Introduced for the first time to kindly, civilised and, above all, caring people Flora falls helplessly and

hopelessly in love with not one but three young men. Over the next forty years Flora will grow from an awkward schoolgirl into a stunning beauty and explore, consummate and finally resolve each of these affairs. Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 I am in a hotel room in Baltimore, the morning after speechifying at a girls ' school a few miles away. I wake to receive a text from my eldest son, who is about to become a father. I am about to become a grandmother. #2 The baby is the homunculus, the small human dreamed up by alchemists hundreds of years ago. He is the beginning of his own story, but he is also a plotline in a larger one, a branch on an enormous tree. #3 Grandparents know the day-to-day, while grandparents wonder between times of togetherness. It ' s one difference, but there are many. Grandparents never wonder what their children are doing, while parents often wonder what their grandchildren are doing. #4 I feel a sense of great responsibility with Arthur, but being an old hand has its benefits. I know how to handle a crying baby, and I prefer to do that rather than stand by and watch while someone else delivers one. Reading lists of some of the author's favorite books accompany her thoughts on the role of books and reading in her life "Alice Pearse thought she would live happily ever after...then she realized she was in the wrong story...[and] realizes the question is not whether it's possible to have it all, but what does she--Alice Pearse--really want?"-- The Lathams seem to have it all. Health, wealth, a vibrant family life - as Mary Beth Latham contemplates a life built around home, friends and community, she has every reason to feel fulfilled and content. That is, until one of her sons

begins to unravel. As Mary Beth focuses on him, she discovers that the comfortable life she has spent years constructing has been shattered by a single traumatic moment. Forced to confront her own demons, Mary Beth must face the knowledge that one secret, shameful act has set the course of her fate... _____

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father, a family, and the explosive, violent consequences of what seem like inconsequential actions

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Still Life with Bread Crumbs begins with an imagined gunshot and ends with a new tin roof. Between the two is a wry and knowing portrait of Rebecca Winter, a photographer whose work made her an unlikely heroine for many women. Her career is now descendent, her bank balance shaky, and she has fled the city for the middle of nowhere. There she discovers, in a tree stand with a roofer named Jim Bates, that what she sees through a camera lens is not all there is to life. Brilliantly written, powerfully observed, Still Life with Bread Crumbs is a deeply moving and often very funny story of unexpected love, and a stunningly crafted journey into the life of a woman, her heart, her mind, her days, as she discovers that life is a story with many levels, a story that is longer and more exciting than she ever imagined.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The perfect gift for new parents and grandparents this Mother ' s Day: a bighearted book of wisdom, wit, and insight, celebrating the love and joy of being a grandmother, from the Pulitzer Prize–winning columnist and #1 bestselling author

“ This tender book should be required reading for grandparents everywhere. ” —Booklist (starred review)

“ I am changing his diaper, he is kicking and complaining, his exhausted father has gone to the kitchen for a glass of water, his exhausted mother is prone on the couch. He weighs little more than a large sack of flour and yet he has laid waste to the living room: swaddles on the chair, a nursing pillow on the sofa, a car seat, a stroller. No one cares about order, he is our order,

we revolve around him. And as I try to get in the creases of his thighs with a wipe, I look at his, let ' s be honest, largely formless face and unfocused eyes and fall in love with him. Look at him and think, well, that ' s taken care of, I will do anything for you as long as we both shall live, world without end, amen. ” Before blogs even existed, Anna Quindlen became a go-to writer on the joys and challenges of family, motherhood, and modern life, in her nationally syndicated column. Now she ' s taking the next step and going full nana in the pages of this lively, beautiful, and moving book about being a grandmother. Quindlen offers thoughtful and telling observations about her new role, no longer mother and decision-maker but secondary character and support to the parents of her grandson. She writes, “ Where I once led, I have to learn to follow. ” Eventually a close friend provides words to live by: “ Did they ask you? ” Candid, funny, frank, and illuminating, Quindlen ' s singular voice has never been sharper or warmer. With the same insights she brought to motherhood in *Living Out Loud* and to growing older in *Lots of Candles*, *Plenty of Cake*, this new nana uses her own experiences to illuminate those of many others. Praise for *Nanaville* “ Witty and thoughtful . . . *Nanaville* serves up enough vivid anecdotes and fresh insights—about childhood, about parenthood, about grandparenthood and about life—to make for a gratifying read. ” —The New York Times “ Classic, bittersweet Quindlen . . . [Her] wonder at seeing her eldest child grow into his new role is lovely and moving. . . . The best parts of *Nanaville* are the charming vignettes of Quindlen's solo time with her grandson. ” —NPR One night a young couple sneak onto the estate of wealthy Lydia Blessing

and leave a box in the driveway. In the box is a baby and Skip Cuddy, the caretaker who finds her decides secretly to keep her. When Lydia Blessing discovers this she has choices to make, as she had many years before. "A panopticon of life in this decade, sure to be valuable to future social historians She touches on life, love, home, family, work, men, women, children and issues large and small." CHICAGO TRIBUNE The voice is Anna Quindlen's. But we know the hopes, dreams, fears, and wonder expressed in all her columns, for most of us share them. With her NEW YORK TIMES-based column, "LIFE IN THE 30s," Anna Quindlen valued to national attention, and this wonderful collection shows why. As she proved in OBJECT LESSONS and THINKIN OUT LOUD, Anna Quindlen's views always fascinate.

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