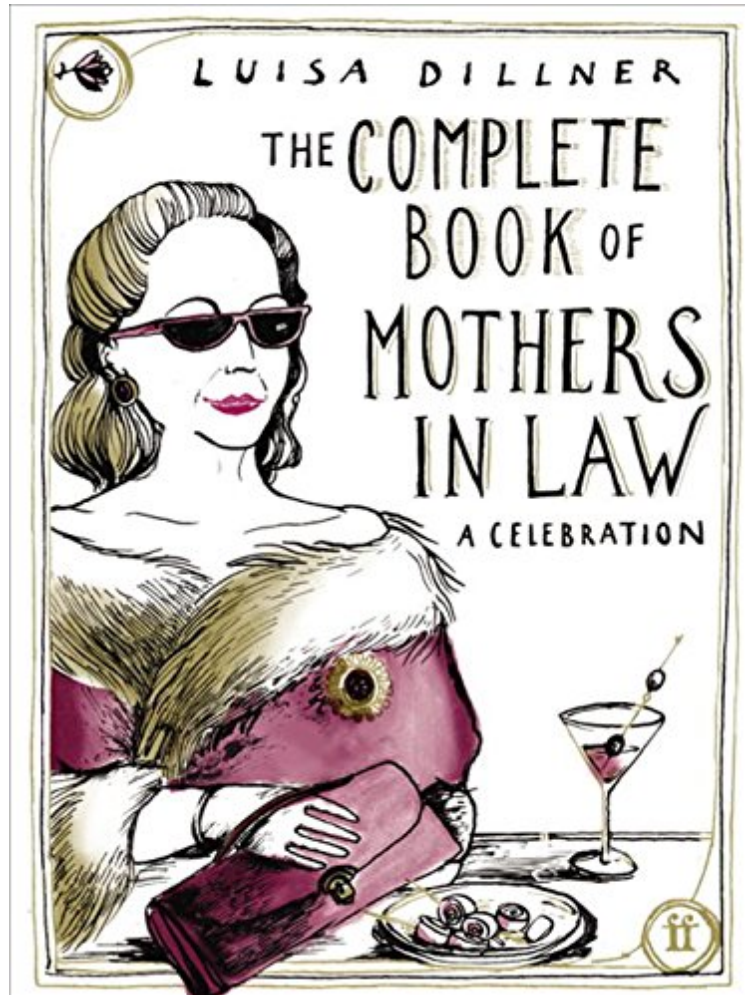


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1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great gift for the mother of the groom or bride! By Nana Annie Looking for a good gift for your mother in law? Or for a friend who is going to be the mother of the bride or groom? Or maybe something to cheer you up because you just became a mother in law... This is the book! I wish there was time and space here to print out volumes of excerpts from this book. It isn't a collection of jokes and stories about evil mother in laws (though there are some mixed in), but some real stories as well as mythical tales. Beginning with a prologue about her own mother in law - or mother out of law, as she lived with her husband for ten years before they wed - this book has nearly everything in it about mother in laws from different times and countries. She delves into mixed feelings about Mother in Laws with a Chapter by that name, Racy Mother in Laws, Mad Bad and Scheming

Mother in Laws, and a chapter on How to be a Good Mother in Law. There's a chapter on Presidential and Royal Mother in laws that does deal with Princess Diana's situation - and of course Queen Victoria and Alexandra. Stateside she talks of Rose Kennedy and daughter in law Jackie, and Eleanor Roosevelt and her mother in law Sara. Alas, it was written before our current President brought the First Mother in Law (more often referred to as the First Grandmother) into the White House - one can only hope for a sequel. There's a poem or two but this isn't a sappy book thrown together for that Hallmark moment -- this is a thoughtfully researched book in which the author has given time and care -- recognizing that many of us who are mothers will one day be mothers in law. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Each Mother- in- Law experience is its own story. By Shalom Freedman, Luisa Dillner opens this book by giving a highly favorable account of her own mother- in- law. The book throughout will contain personal testimonies of 'ordinary people' who relate the story of their relationship with their mother- in- law. The book also contains a kind of global historical survey of the mother- in- law role. In many societies the mother- in- law was the mentor of the daughter- in- law who came to live in a patriarchal family. The variety of the reports is impressive. There is a lot of information given, and there are also stories of the mother- in- laws of famous people. Especially interesting to me were the stories of Keats whose mother- in-law was a source of great emotional help to him, and Poe who also had a very helpful mother- in- law. There are also stories of well-known political mother- in- laws, for instance the mother- in- law stories of Eleanor Roosevelt and Jacqueline Kennedy. Sara Roosevelt and Rose Kennedy were formidable and intimidating mother- in- laws but also had their favorable points. There are also the stories of two Queen Mother- in- Laws Victoria and Elizabeth II, the first according to the author a far superior mother- in-law. This is a truly respectable treatment of a rich subject. I suppose the real conclusion is that what counts in understanding Mother- in- Laws is not the prejudices and pre- judgments but rather the individual stories.

Most of us either have a mother-in-law or will be one, and it's not a role most women take on gladly. Mothers-in-law are traditionally the butt of jokes, declared to be nasty, possessive and interfering - but are they really as bad as this reputation suggests? Luisa Dillner looks beyond the stereotype of the mother-in-law and finds they come in many different varieties, from loveable and loyal to lonely, ferocious and scheming. She traces their history, from Ancient Greece and Rome to modern times, through fairy tales and traditions, in this celebration of this most complicated of relationships.

About the Author Luisa Dillner is a columnist for the Guardian and works on new ideas for the British Medical Journal Publishing Group. She has been a contributor to many magazines and newspapers, including Vogue, Cosmopolitan and the Observer. She originally trained and worked as doctor in Bristol. She now lives in London.