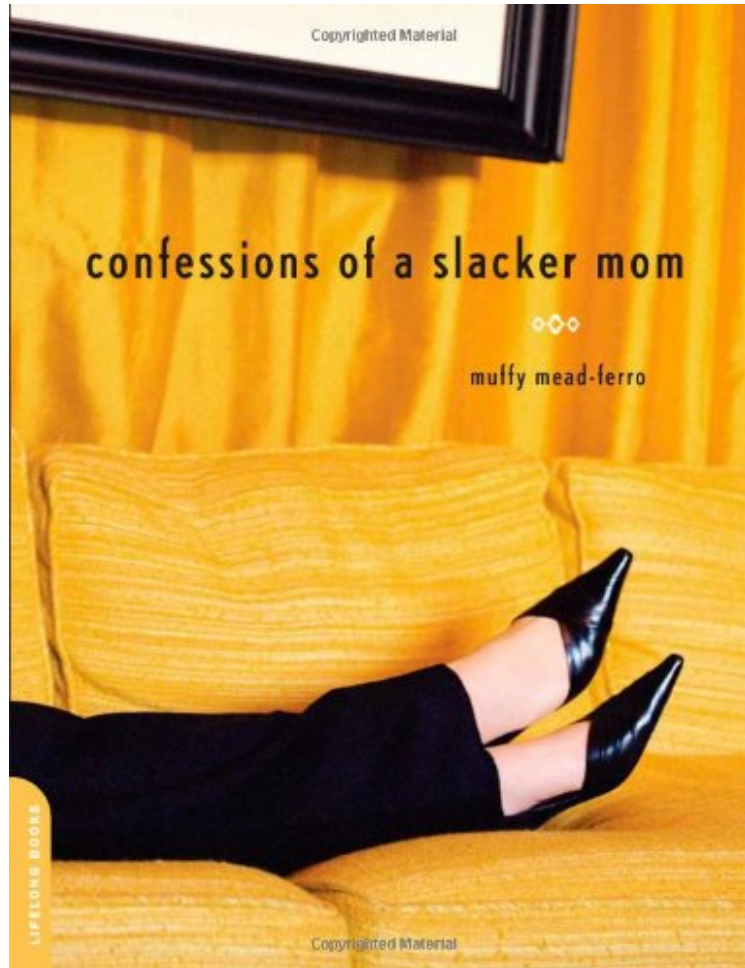


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Muffy Mead-ferro : Confessions of a Slacker Mom before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Confessions of a Slacker Mom:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sanity, thy name is Slacker MomBy TheclaI have read this book about a dozen times; before I was pregnant, while I was pregnant, after I was pregnant, and all over again with the second kid. My sister has read it at least as much, as well as my mom. When my sister-in-law became pregnant and started worrying about being a good mom and buying the right stuff, I told her to chill out and embrace her inner Slacker Mom. Since I have worn out and loaned out my personal copy of this book, I bought another just for her. Hopefully it will bring her the serenity and laughs it brought me.17 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Refreshing ...By BusyMomI will admit one thing right now, I am glad that I didn't read the spotlight reviewers or any other reviewers before I bought this book or even before I read it. I guess the author has touched some sore spots with this little book.As for me, I found this book refreshing. It is honest. I didn't find it bitter or anything. I laughed out loud

in places where I even recognize myself and while I don't agree with every single thing this woman said, I enjoyed her perspectives and thoughts. As a mom of twin preschoolers, I have been known to buy excessive amount of toys till in a fit of frustration, give a good part of it away. I am known to scrapbook ~~ which I love to do and count myself fortunate to be able to do that. I still laugh though over Mead-Ferro's description of her first scrapping party (which I have never attended either ~~ I prefer to do those things solo). Sure I am a stay-at-home mom ~~ but I didn't find this book insulting at all. I find it delightful, thoughtful and with good points. So what if she has a nanny? She mentioned that she grew up on a ranch in Wyoming and the stable hands were her nannies. She was just stressing the point what works for her works for her and she is not alarmed to have someone else watch her kids. In fact, she did mention that she's a happier person because she's not trapped at home and feeling guilty ~~ she's enjoying her job and providing a good role model for her children in seeing that work is not bad. She wasn't warped by the fact that her parents worked hard all day and expected the same of her and her brothers. She wasn't warped because of her lack of toys. She didn't lose out educationally because she didn't have all those educational toys (which after seeing how MY two just dump them in the toy box ... she has good points regarding that. Think it's odd that her daughter played for hours with an empty paper towel roll ~~ my two play with my pots and pans, and play choo choo trains with kitchen chairs and yes, with an empty paper towel roll). She was taught responsibility, discipline and work ethics. Was she bored as a kid? Yes. Is boredom a bad thing? No. I think she was just responding to all these parenting books, magazines, videos that are out there and stating the obvious: just thirty plus years ago, parents didn't have all these advantages and people still turned out fine. That doesn't mean that we should ignore our kids ~~ but it's ok once in awhile not to give in to their demands or expectations. It's ok to be the parent of the relationship. It's ok to have your own life as well. It's ok to stop stressing over every little detail of your child's life. And it's ok to have fun. And starting with this little gem of a book ~~ it's ok to do all these things (within reason, of course) and maybe enjoy your children's lives before they grow up. They grow up too fast anyways. 10-31-06 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Seriously a great read. The writer has a great style. By A Todd Seriously a great read. The writer has a great style, and she has a great message. How many more times can I say great? =)

Parents who are fed up with the pressure to turn their children into star athletes, concert violinists, and merit scholars—all at once!—finally have an alternative: the world of Slacker Moms, where kids learn to do things for themselves and parents can cut themselves some slack; where it's perfectly all right to do less, have less, and spend less. Slacker moms say "No" to parenting philosophies that undermine parents'-and children's-ability to think for themselves. They say "Yes" to saving their money and time by opting out of the parenting competition. And they say "Hell, Yes!" to having a life of their own, knowing it makes them better parents. In this witty and insightful book, author Muffy Mead-Ferro reflects on her experience of growing up on a ranch in Wyoming, where parenting-by necessity-was more hands-off, people "made do" with what they had, and common sense and generational wisdom prevailed. We should all take her sane lead!

From Publishers Weekly A welcome relief from the flood of how-to-mother-perfectly tomes, Mead-Ferro's short and sweet book is a reminder not to take parenthood so seriously. The author, who in addition to being the mother of two young children also has a demanding career as an advertising copywriter, has drawn valuable lessons in "making do" from her grandmother, who "had none of the proper equipment by today's standards" yet "never described motherhood as a hardship." Mead-Ferro doesn't care for creating clever scrapbooks, accessorizing the nursery or trying to impart baby genius status to her three-year-old. Rather, she teaches her children that "making do" with their imagination is as good a route to inspiring creativity as any educational toy. She believes in letting her kids learn that the physical world is a complicated place; it's better than smothering, isolating and "child-proofing" the world for them, she says. Rejecting the mentality that results in pre-school admission anxiety attacks and overly competitive soccer leagues for six-year-olds, Mead-Ferro both soothes and inspires as she prompts parents, and mothers in particular, to trust their own instincts rather than that of the "experts." Let the kids get messy, she says, and let them figure some things out for themselves. While Mead-Ferro's not at all sheepish about labeling this approach similar to that of a "slacker," readers will come away with the feeling that the author is in fact a wise veteran who has experienced many of the conflicting messages women face today, and who nevertheless comes up smiling. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A brief, breezy take on a theme that seems to be resonating with a lot of mothers right now." -- USA Today "Celebrates the benefits of simplicity in mothering." -- New York Daily News "Hilarious... [A] refreshing, honest book." -- Healthy Family "Quirky and unpretentiously honest." -- Library Journal "The latest and funniest in a series of parenting backlash books." -- Los Angeles Times 4/25/04 "The latest and funniest in a series of parenting backlash books." -- Los Angeles Times "This quick, entertaining read provides welcome validation for the feet-on-the-couch mom many of us long to be." -- Chicago Tribune "Will have you nodding knowingly, chuckling out loud and maybe even shedding a tear or two." -- Arizona Republic "[Mead-Ferro has a] wicked sense of humor." -- Washington Post "[Mead-Ferro's] no-nonsense way of life encourages...A+" -- On-the-Town, September 2005 From the Publisher Finally! A witty and insightful book that puts parenting back into

perspective. Muffy Mead-Ferro compares the "hyper-parenting" of today with that of her childhood on a ranch in Wyoming, where kids had to figure things out for themselves, parenting by necessity was more hands-off, and common sense and generational wisdom prevailed.