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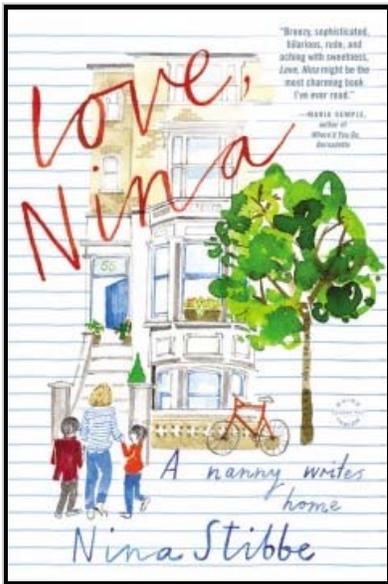


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Love, Nina

by Nina Stibbe

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From the Publisher: "Breezy, sophisticated, hilarious, rude and aching with sweetness: LOVE, NINA might be the most charming book I've ever read." --Maria Semple, author of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*

In 1982, 20-year-old Nina Stibbe moved to London to work as a nanny to two opinionated and lively young boys. In frequent letters home to her sister, Nina described her trials and triumphs: there's a cat nobody likes, supertime visits from a famous local playwright, a mysteriously unpaid milk bill, and repeated misadventures parking the family car. Dinner table discussions cover the gamut, from the greats of English literature, to swearing in German, to sexually transmitted diseases. There's no end to what Nina can learn from these boys (rude words) and their broad-minded mother (the who's who of literary London).

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Love, Nina by Nina Stibbe is a charming memoir presented as a series of letters between Stibbe and her sister. Stibbe worked as a nanny for the female head of the London Review of Books in the 1980s, allowing her to weigh in on everyone from her boss's ex-husband, film director Stephen Frears, to various and sundry figures, from a decidedly humorous and domestic perspective. It's a delight, mostly centered on family. But the real catnip for theater lovers is next-door neighbor Alan Bennett, who Stibbe first thinks might be an actor on the telly but finally susses out is a playwright. Bennett encourages her to go back to school when not obliquely criticizing her cooking (he's often over for dinner), and it's a most

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Nina Stibbe, after leaving her work as a nanny and attending university, worked in publishing. She now lives in Cornwall with her husband and their two children.

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"I adored this book, and I could quote from it forever. It's real, odd, life-affirming, sharp, loving...and I can't remember the last time I laughed out loud so frequently while reading."âNick Hornby, *The Believer* -

"[*Love, Nina* is] observant, funny, terse, at times a bit rude. It affords a glimpse into a rarefied London social and literary milieu...These letters are winning from the start...we simply like being in Ms. Stibbe's company."âDwight Garner, *The New York Times* -

"I have never laughed so hard reading a book. Nina Stibbe's recollections of life as a London nanny are both hilarious and heartwarming."âJ. Courtney Sullivan, *author of Maine and The Engagements* -

"I must MOST EARNESTLY recommend *Love, Nina* by Nina Stibbe. It's the most piss-funny thing I've read all year. I can't remember a book since *Adrian Mole* that so brilliantly, drily nailed day-to-day life in BRILLIANT, faux-naive prose."âCaitlin Moran, *author of How to Build a Girl* -

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