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.s irreverent essays present that you could be a rebel regardless of your age -- even though you do live in a Florida retirement community. sharp-witted, well crafted, and refreshingly outspoken. .ll never move to a Florida pension community. -Abigail Thomas, NY Times bestselling writer of Three Dog Existence and What Comes Next and How to Like It "I'm so Old, As to why Aren't I Smart may be the mostly true tale of how a hip native New Yorker gets stuck in artsy Woodstock, a location she should have loved but actually hates, and in her 70s reinvents her lifestyle in a place she should have hated but winds up loving -- the cultural and architectural wasteland of South Florida. Abigail Thomas, NY Times bestselling writer, Three Dog Lifestyle and What Comes Next and How exactly to Like it "s possible to flourish in Florida without playing canasta or bridge or mahjong, or even Scrabble. Manfred is usually a deliciously good article writer who will take no prisoners and speaks her mind. A veteran essayist and journalist who's I Wise" Manfred is now happily ensconced deep in the enemy territory of her parents' old retirement community, Hundred Years Village. Part memoir, part cultural observation, "-Kate Walter, author Searching for a Kiss: A Chronicle of Downtown Heartbreak and Healing m so Older, Why Aren't s contributed to THE BRAND NEW York Times, Village Voice, Salon and Cosmopolitan amongst others, will make you rethink ageing in the Sunshine Condition. If, like Erica Manfred, you've sworn never to do it again your parents' version of " She tosses issues into her car and drives south in a snowstorm to restart her life in sunny Florida. My favorite essays discussed a red diaper baby time for her roots and surviving among Trump voters. Manfred's. In a punk yet kind approach to the always complicated problem of aging, Manfred reaches a lot of the knotty problems of ageing when you still feel young." Heartfelt and problematic in the easiest way." -Julie Powell, NY Times bestselling author, Julie and Julia "Erica Manfred's new book is sharp-witted, well crafted, and refreshingly outspoken. It is lots of fun to read this." Manfred proves that it's Erica draws us into her Florida adventures with such keen focus on the details of aging in the sunlight that we may take her lessons anywhere we are actually.. "-Linda Gravenon, editor: In the fullness of Time, 32 Women on Life after 50" " If you're planning a move to Florida, this book a must read. Long winters and poor thoughts push her to burn bridges. the golden years" Erica is an extremely funny writer, tussling with pool police and fighting parking space wars. Ironically, she lands up surviving in the same pension complex as her deceased parents! as you age, you should

browse this insightful and witty publication. Erica Manfred is a snarky senior banished to Florida from hippie dippy small city Woodstock. Her irreverent sense of humor carries your day! I&apos;



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If you feel you're too young . Memories of her mom and "the goils" she utilized to pal with give way to Erica Manfred's present love of the weather and swimming and social life with intergenerational close friends at horror and sci-fi films. All you have to do is check out the essay titles to know why you should read this book. Through her struggling and gimlet eyes Erica Manfred achieves not merely wisdom but makes the unlikely leap to become the heroine of her very own lifestyle. Enjoy! I'm snarkier with each passing 12 months, as I resolve to avoid suffering the fools! I cherished it! Her observations on seniors in Florida are so on target. Wiser Than She Thinks!m. Senior trying to be snarkier I've followed this writer for quite some time.Unlike Erica, I really like Woodstock, NY, but her acerbic take on the pretentiousness theremakes me rethink my view. This book is, most importantly, laugh out loud funny, the writer's vulnerabilities reveal an extremely individual person behind the snark. Ms Manfred shares around her life, in every its pain, sorrow, loss and triumphs and provides with it an evergrowing personal acceptance of herself, on all levels, and coming to a ultimate conclusion that is heartening. Hilarious and honest - -a book that may open your personal heart to itself.Hardly ever Too Later: From Wannabe to Wife at 62 Extremely funny, refreshingly insightful and snarky! Hilarious in parts and oh so honest, it's humbling. Strongly suggest to seniors and those who will be seniors someday! I am recommending this publication to all or any my friends, especially then ones who've moved from what used to become called the bone yard (Florida) Because Ms. Manfred, with all her aliments, has elevated her fortune of gold there and is normally having a ball. Five Stars I loved this book. I love the question this name asks. We're "of an age," as the saying goes, and I'm also an explant from upstate NY. ? It's relatable and easy to get an image of that which was happening in real time as you go through it. The Florida section is certainly a treasure trove of well-written and fun essays that aren't only must reading for Sunshine condition dwellers but for everyone. ? fun book for youthful and old Fabulous, fun book for youthful and old. I'm often tempted to state "get a lifestyle" to the pool patrol checking my Id badge or sending out citations to anyone who hasn't retrieved their recycling can by 10 a. Such a smart author! Erica is normally honest, funny and I am recommending this reserve to all my close friends. The hilarious cover guarantees very much, and delivers.Both Send-Up and Loving Tribute to Florida From film-flam to friends to the pool police, this memoir of survival in South Florida after a post 60 divorce is caustic and self aware. . . "When you are, I was once. As I am, you will be"(in the event that you live long enough). Self awareness is gold,which author has it, and shares it with an open up hearted, and open up handed generosity. This is a hilarious and very entertaining book! It spans from Woodstock, to Manhattan and Florida. All throughout, as promised, snarky along with insightful. Even Erica Manfred's self-deprecating humor is usually snarky. Thoroughly enjoyed

the essays on Woodstock that bring a completely and surprising brand-new perspective on this famous place. The author's exclusive take on aging is normally refreshing and honest. Plus I'm in it! Bravo!



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