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A child, on the verge of being left behind by parents who are going out for the evening, comes up with a variety of pleas and excuses. Judith Viorst is known and loved by readers of all ages, for children's books such as *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*; nonfiction titles, including the bestseller *Necessary Losses*; and her collections of humorous poetry, which make perfect gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduation, Christmas, Chanukah, or at any time of year. Whatever became of Alexander after that famously bad day? And did you know that Judith Viorst is his mother? And what happens to her passion for household neatness and orderliness, her deep devotion to schedules, her compulsive yearning to offer helpful advice when Alexander—now grown up, married, and the father of three—moves his family into

his parents' house? What happens is controlled, and sometimes not so controlled, chaos, as lives and routines are turned upside down and the house is overrun with scattered toys, pacifiers, baby bottles, sippy cups, pink-sequined flip-flops, jigsaw puzzles, and fishy crackers. With her characteristic sparkle and wit, Viorst relates her efforts to (graciously) share space, to become (if only a little bit) more flexible, to (sort of) keep her opinions to herself, and even to eventually figure out how to unlock the safety locks of the baby's (expletives deleted) bouncy seat. She describes how she and her husband, while sometimes longing for the former peace and tranquility of unravished rooms and quiet dinners for two unaccompanied by cries of "Oh, yuck!" survived and relished the extended visit of the Alexander Five. She also opens our eyes to the joys of multigenerational family living and to the unexpected opportunities to grow that life presents—even under the most unlikely circumstances. Several generations of readers surely will relate to this funny and loving book, enhanced throughout by Laura Gibson's delightful two-color drawings. Lulu needs help from a boy named Fleischman if she is to earn money walking her neighbors' dogs, and she finds out that if she wants her business venture to succeed, she has to be nice. With all his family busy, a little boy feels that he is the only one left in the house. Judith Viorst is known and loved by readers of all ages, for children's books such as *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*; nonfiction titles, including the bestseller *Necessary Losses*; and her collections of humorous poetry in her "decade" series, which make perfect gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduation, Christmas, Chanukah, or at any time of year. *Suddenly Sixty* is a funny and touching book that speaks directly to the sixty-ish woman, inviting her to laugh about, sigh over, and come to hopeful terms with the complex issues of this decade of life. Among the poems in this charmingly illustrated collection are those exploring the joys—and strains—of children and grandchildren, and the intimacy of old friends who've 'known each other so long/We knew each other back when we were virgins.' There are poems that tip their hat to mortality, wrestle with a husband's retirement — "He's coming with me when I shop at the supermarket/So I won't have to shop alone. I like alone."— and acknowledge the fact that at this stage of life we'd "give up a night of wild rapture with Denzel Washington for a nice report on my next bone density test." Offering plenty of laughs, a few tears, and cover-to-cover truths, these are poems for everyone who would "rather say never say die than enough is enough." Every woman who has reached this decade will—rueful and smiling—find herself in the pages of this book. From the beloved and internationally bestselling author of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, Judith Viorst comes a collection of wry and witty poems that touch on every aspect of the roller-coaster ride that is childhood. Did you wake up this morning all smiley inside? Does life taste like ice cream and cake? Or does it seem more like your goldfish just died And your insides are one great big ache? From school to

family to friends, from Grrrr to Hooray!, Judith Viorst takes us on a tour of feelings of all kinds in this thoughtful, funny, and charming collection of poetry that's perfect for young readers just learning to sort out their own emotions. Judith Viorst returns with more poems in her "Decades" poetry series detailing the highs and lows of being an octogenarian. Continuing the comedic insight from *I'm Too Young to be Seventy*, these verses of memories and advice from eighty years of love, marriage, and grandchildren are sure to bring laughs. What does it mean to be eighty? In her wise and playful poems, Judith Viorst discusses love, friendship, grand parenthood, and all the particular marvels—and otherwise—of this extraordinary decade. She describes the wonder of seeing the world with new eyes—not because of revelation but because of a successful cataract operation. She promises not to gently fade away, and not to drive after daylight's faded away either. She explains how she's gotten to be a "three-desserts" grandmother ("Just don't tell your mom!"), shares how memory failure can keep you married, and enumerates her hopes for the afterlife (which she doesn't believe in, but if it does exist, her sister-in-law better not be there with her). As Viorst gleefully attests, eighty is not too old to dream, to flirt, to drink, and to dance. It's also not too late to give up being cheap or to take up with a younger man of seventy-eight. Zesty, hopeful, and full of the pleasures of living, Viorst's poems speak to her legions of readers, who recognize themselves in her knowing observations, in her touching reflections, and in her joyful affirmations. Funny, moving, inspirational, and true—the newest in Judith Viorst's beloved "decades" series extols the virtues, victories, frustrations, and joys of life. When *Did I Stop Being Twenty And Other Injustices* brings together all of Judith Viorst's best-loved poetry—including many previously out-of-print favorites that her fans have been waiting to own. A compilation of all three of Judith Viorst's Alexander stories. I want them. I need them. I love them. Beautiful earrings. Glorious earrings. What will a young girl do to get her ears pierced? Will she walk the dog for a year? YES! Will she clean her room every day for a year? YES! Will she be nice to her brother for a year? YES! Well, maybe for six months... Recounts the events of a day when everything goes wrong for Alexander. Suggested level: junior, primary. Bringing together some of the best of Judith Viorst's witty and perceptive poetry—and featuring the illustrations from the original edition by John Alcorn—Viorst explores the all-too-true ironies and absurdities of being a woman in the modern world. Whether she's finding herself or finding a sitter, contemplating her sex life as she rubs hormone night cream on her face, or wrestling with the contradiction of falling in love with a man her parents would actually approve of, Viorst transforms the familiar events of daily life into poems that make you laugh with recognition. Here is the young single girl leaving her parents' home for life in the big city ("No I do not believe in free love/And yes I will be home for Sunday dinners"). Here is the aspiring bohemian with an expensive liberal arts education, getting coffee and taking dictation,

“Hoping that someday someone will be impressed/With all I know.” Here is that married woman, coping with motherhood (“The tricycles are cluttering my foyer/The Pop Tart crumbs are sprinkled on my soul”) and fantasy affairs (“I could imagine cryptic conversations, clandestine martinis...and me explaining that long kisses clog my sinuses”) and all-too-real family reunions (“Four aunts in pain taking pills/One cousin in analysis taking notes”). And here she is at mid-life, wondering whether a woman who used to wear a “Ban the Bomb” button can find happiness being a person with a set of fondue forks, a fish poacher, and a wok. Every step of the way, *It’s Hard to be Hip Over Thirty and Other Tragedies of Married Life* demonstrates once and for all that no one understands American women coming of age like Judith Viorst. \**It’s Hard to be Hip Over Thirty and Other Tragedies of Married Life* is a reissue of the previous collection originally titled *When Did I Stop Being Twenty and Other Injustices*. Angry Alexander refuses to move away if it means having to leave his favorite friends and special places. Judith Viorst returns with more poems in her “Decades” poetry series detailing the highs and lows of being an octogenarian. Continuing the comedic insight from *I’m Too Young to be Seventy*, these verses of memories and advice from eighty years of love, marriage, and grandchildren are sure to bring laughs. What does it mean to be eighty? In her wise and playful poems, Judith Viorst discusses love, friendship, grand parenthood, and all the particular marvels—and otherwise—of this extraordinary decade. She describes the wonder of seeing the world with new eyes—not because of revelation but because of a successful cataract operation. She promises not to gently fade away, and not to drive after daylight’s faded away either. She explains how she’s gotten to be a “three-desserts” grandmother (“Just don’t tell your mom!”), shares how memory failure can keep you married, and enumerates her hopes for the afterlife (which she doesn’t believe in, but if it does exist, her sister-in-law better not be there with her). As Viorst gleefully attests, eighty is not too old to dream, to flirt, to drink, and to dance. It’s also not too late to give up being cheap or to take up with a younger man of seventy-eight. Zesty, hopeful, and full of the pleasures of living, Viorst’s poems speak to her legions of readers, who recognize themselves in her knowing observations, in her touching reflections, and in her joyful affirmations. Funny, moving, inspirational, and true—the newest in Judith Viorst’s beloved “decades” series extols the virtues, victories, frustrations, and joys of life. Anthony has two dollars and three quarters and one dime and seven nickels and eighteen pennies. Nicholas has one dollar and two quarters and five dimes and five nickels and thirteen pennies. Alexander has...bus tokens. And even when he’s rich, pretty soon all he has is bus tokens. He was rich. Last Sunday. Grandma Betty and Grandpa Louie came and gave Anthony and Nicholas and Alexander each a dollar. Alexander was saving his. Maybe for a walkie-talkie. And then there was bubble gum, some bets with Anthony and Nicholas (that Alexander lost), a snake rental, a garage

sale, and all kinds of other things to spend money on. And now all he has is bus tokens. When he used to be rich last Sunday. The classic New York Times bestseller about the many forms of loss we experience throughout our lives, and the necessity of letting go. In *Necessary Losses*, Judith Viorst turns her considerable talents to a serious and far-reaching subject: how we grow and change through the losses that are a certain and necessary part of life. She argues persuasively that through the loss of our mothers' protection, the loss of the impossible expectations we bring to relationships, the loss of our younger selves, and the loss of our loved ones through separation and death, we gain deeper perspective, true maturity, and fuller wisdom about life. She has written a book that is both life-affirming and life-changing. Drawing on psychoanalysis, literature, and personal experience, *Necessary Losses* is a philosophy for understanding and accepting a universal human experience. "One of the most sensitive and comprehensive books about the human condition I have read in a long time." —Harold S. Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* "Viorst has synthesized a vast amount of research into a very readable and generous whole." —The New York Times Book Review Charlie is always ready for anything . . . "just in case." But as Charlie is about to find out, sometimes not being ready is even better. Full color. Bringing together some of the best of Judith Viorst's witty and perceptive poetry—and featuring the illustrations from the original edition by John Alcorn—Viorst explores the all-too-true ironies and absurdities of being a woman in the modern world. Whether she's finding herself or finding a sitter, contemplating her sex life as she rubs hormone night cream on her face, or wrestling with the contradiction of falling in love with a man her parents would actually approve of, Viorst transforms the familiar events of daily life into poems that make you laugh with recognition. Here is the young single girl leaving her parents' home for life in the big city ("No I do not believe in free love/And yes I will be home for Sunday dinners"). Here is the aspiring bohemian with an expensive liberal arts education, getting coffee and taking dictation, "Hoping that someday someone will be impressed/With all I know." Here is that married woman, coping with motherhood ("The tricycles are cluttering my foyer/The Pop Tart crumbs are sprinkled on my soul") and fantasy affairs ("I could imagine cryptic conversations, clandestine martinis...and me explaining that long kisses clog my sinuses") and all-too-real family reunions ("Four aunts in pain taking pills/One cousin in analysis taking notes"). And here she is at mid-life, wondering whether a woman who used to wear a "Ban the Bomb" button can find happiness being a person with a set of fondue forks, a fish poacher, and a wok. Every step of the way, *It's Hard to be Hip Over Thirty and Other Tragedies of Married Life* demonstrates once and for all that no one understands American women coming of age like Judith Viorst. \**It's Hard to be Hip Over Thirty and Other Tragedies of Married Life* is a reissue of the previous collection originally titled *When Did I Stop Being Twenty and Other Injustices*. In *The Alphabet from Z to A*

(With Much Confusion on the Way), Judith Viorst once again applies her clear-sighted wit to a subject of universal appeal, turning the traditional alphabet book on its head by going through the alphabet backwards. Viorst's lively verse irreverently demonstrates that the spellings and sounds of our language are often so maddeningly inconsistent -- "blue" and "blew," "chute" and "shoe" -- that, as her exasperated narrator complains, "It could drive you berserk." Aimed at children who already have some facility with language (and at anyone else who likes to play with words), *The Alphabet from Z to A* is an entertaining and thought-provoking romp through the quirks and quagmires of the English language. Richard Hull's exquisite drawings enrich the text and offer a playful challenge. Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's. The author offers lyrical, compassionate, and witty observations about turning fifty years old and facing middle age. A little brother thinks of the ways he will some day get revenge on his older brother. The newest illustrated poetry collection in beloved author Judith Viorst's "decade" series (from *It's Hard to Be Hip Over Thirty* to *Unexpectedly Eighty*), exploring, with her signature savvy and humor, what it means to be an impending nonagenarian. In *Nearing Ninety*, bestselling author Judith Viorst candidly shares the complicated joys and everyday tribulations that await us at the age of ninety, all with a large dose of humor and an understanding that nothing—well, almost nothing—in life should be taken too seriously. While she struggles to make it to midnight on New Year's Eve, while she's starting to hear more eulogies than symphonies, while she'll forever be disheartened by what she weighs (and forever unable to stop weighing herself), there is plenty to cherish at ninety: hanging out with the people she loves. Playing a relentless game of Scrabble. And still sleeping tush-to-tush with the same man to whom she's been married for sixty years. Accompanied by Laura Gibson's whimsical illustrations, *Nearing Ninety's* amusing and touching reflections make this collection relatable to readers of all ages. With the wisdom and spunk of someone who's seen it all, Viorst gently reminds us that everybody gets old, and that the best medicine at any age is laughter. Two friends tell what they like about each other—even the bad things. In her remarkable national bestseller, *Necessary Losses*, Judith Viorst explored how we are shaped by the various losses we experience throughout our lives. Now, in her wise and perceptive new book, *Imperfect Control*, she shows us how our sense of self and all our important relationships are colored by our struggles over control: over wanting it and taking it, loving it and fearing it, and figuring out when the time has come to surrender it. Writing with compassion, acute psychological insight, and a touch of her trademark humor, Viorst invites us to contemplate the limits and possibilities of our control. She shows us how our lives can be shaped by our actions and our choices. She reminds us, too, that we sometimes should choose to let go. And she

encourages us to find our own best balance between power and surrender. The newest illustrated poetry collection in beloved author Judith Viorst's "decade" series (from *It's Hard to Be Hip Over Thirty* to *Unexpectedly Eighty*), exploring, with her signature savvy and humor, what it means to be an impending nonagenarian. In *Nearing Ninety*, bestselling author Judith Viorst candidly shares the complicated joys and everyday tribulations that await us at the age of ninety, all with a large dose of humor and an understanding that nothing—well, almost nothing—in life should be taken too seriously. While she struggles to make it to midnight on New Year's Eve, while she's starting to hear more eulogies than symphonies, while she'll forever be disheartened by what she weighs (and forever unable to stop weighing herself), there is plenty to cherish at ninety: hanging out with the people she loves. Playing a relentless game of Scrabble. And still sleeping tush-to-tush with the same man to whom she's been married for sixty years. Accompanied by Laura Gibson's whimsical illustrations, *Nearing Ninety's* amusing and touching reflections make this collection relatable to readers of all ages. With the wisdom and spunk of someone who's seen it all, Viorst gently reminds us that everybody gets old, and that the best medicine at any age is laughter. If you've ever had trouble apologizing or keeping a secret, had a crush or a broken heart, there's a poem here for you! Written with humor and understanding, Judith Viorst's poems are certain to delight children and adults alike -- and be read again and again. Warm, funny, compassionate, and reassuring, "You're Officially a Grown-Up" describes--in verse and illustrations--all those terrifying but eagerly anticipated freedoms that go hand in hand with leaving home and trying to make one's way in the world. 40 full-color line drawings. The beloved author of *Forever Fifty* and *Suddenly Sixty* tackles the ins and outs of becoming a septuagenarian with wry good humor. Fans of Viorst's funny, touching, and wise decades poems will love these verses filled with witty advice and reflections on marriage, milestones, and middle-aged children. Viorst explores, among the many other issues of this stage of life, the state of our sex lives and teeth, how we can stay married though thermostatically incompatible, and the joys of grandparenthood and shopping. Readers will nod with rueful recognition when she asks, "Am I required to think of myself as a basically shallow woman because I feel better when my hair looks good?," when she presses a few helpful suggestions on her kids because "they may be middle aged, but they're still my children," and when she graciously—but not too graciously—selects her husband's next mate in a poem deliciously subtitled "If I Should Die Before I Wake, Here's the Wife You Next Should Take." Though Viorst acknowledges she is definitely not a good sport about the fact that she is mortal, her poems are full of the pleasures of life right now, helping us come to terms with the passage of time, encouraging us to keep trying to fix the world, and inviting us to consider "drinking wine, making love, laughing hard, caring hard, and learning a new trick or two as part of our job description at seventy." *I'm Too Young to*

Be Seventy is a joy to read and makes a heartwarming gift for anyone who has reached or is soon to reach that—it's not so bad after all—seventh decade. Judith Viorst is known and loved by readers of all ages, for children's books such as *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*; nonfiction titles, including the bestseller *Necessary Losses*; and her collections of humorous poetry, which make perfect gifts for birthdays, Mother's Day, graduation, Christmas, Chanukah, or at any time of year. Now Judith Viorst looks at what it's like to be (gulp) fifty. Writing with the warmth and authenticity that have become her trademarks, Viorst once again demonstrates her uncanny ability to transform our daily realities into poems that make us laugh with recognition. Whether her subject is the decline of the body ("It's hard to be devil-may-care/When there are pleats in your derrière") or future aspirations ("Before I go, I'd like to have high cheekbones./I'd like to talk less like New Jersey, and more like Claire Bloom"), she always speaks directly to our condition. Her funny, compassionate poems shed a reassuring light on the fine art of aging, and will delight anyone who is now (or forever) fifty. A boy is nervous about a presentation he has to give at school. Bringing together all of Viorst's best-loved poetry, this collection includes many of the poet's previously out-of-print favorites. When Lulu's parents go on vacation, the formidable Ms. Sonia Sofia Solinsky comes to babysit and Lulu behaves as badly as possible to get her to leave until Ms. Solinsky reveals her secret. Now in paperback for the first time, the story of Charlie, a kid who knows how to be ready for any situation.... *Just in Case*. If a downpour turns into a flash flood or the grocery store should close indefinitely, Charlie knows exactly what he'll do. But as Charlie is about to discover, sometimes not being ready is even better than being prepared for everything. She wants them. She needs them. She loves them. Earrings! What won't a girl do to finally get her ears pierced? Find out in this delightful tale that perfectly captures the yearnings of a young girl in desperate need of beautiful, glorious earrings! According to Olivia—who is practically perfect—her younger sister Sophie isn't very neat. But she's not just messy, either.... She's Super-Completely and Totally the Messiest! Olivia's family tries to show her that Sophie is plenty of things besides a slob, but Olivia is unconvinced. Pictures from Robin Preiss Glasser, illustrator of *Fancy Nancy*, make this book super-completely and totally fun! And so you've reached that time in life when you're starting to "pick investments over adventure, / And clean over scenic, and comfortable over intense"; when, even though in your heart of hearts you're much younger, the rest of you is (how did it happen?) forty. Judith Viorst, the wise and witty lady of *It's Hard to Be Hip Over 30 and Other Tragedies of Married Life*, is here to guide you through these forty-ish years with poems that reflect the highs, the lows, and the everything-in-betweens of midlife. Viorst playfully considers the prospects of sagging kneecaps, awkward college reunions, and fantasies of love in the afternoon; being baffled by one's Buddhist

bisexual vegetarian Maoist offspring; cholesterol counts, adult-education courses and other atrocities of midlife—which somehow aren't as painful when you can laugh at them. Filled with warmth, humor, and insight, *How Did I Get to Be 40 & Other Atrocities* is Judith Viorst at her best.

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