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# Kitchen Privileges



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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I felt like I knew Mary Higgins Clark after reading her memoir, "Kitchen Privileges." Written with great warmth and humor, Mary shares her story, very much an American success story. While I expected to marvel at her phenomenal professional success as a writer, I was equally impressed by her incredible spirit and work ethic. A young widow, Mary returned to work full-time writing radio shows and wrote her fiction for two hours each morning before she woke her five children for school. Inspired by an actress friend, Mary even finds the time and energy to attend Fordham University to obtain a degree! Mary's talent for telling good stories brought her worldwide recognition and great

success, but it is her spirit and down-to-earth confidence that caused me to admire her even more.

I've never read any MHC novels but recently heard her briefly interviewed on NPR and was intrigued by her extensive career and her early life as a wife and mother of five. This memoir was a funny, touching read that felt so tender and genuine to me that I was sorry to see it end. She writes as if we, the readers are close friends and has a real gift for making the mundane events of life receive the importance and attention they actually deserve. I may never get around to reading one of her novels but can't help but love her heart and soul after reading "Kitchen Privileges."

Reading this book was a spiritual experience. I love all of her books and am grateful that she is still writing. This story of her life, how she faced her challenges, and still raised an exceptional family is inspirational. She stayed true to her values which was not always easy but always essential. She is one of my heroes. Thank you!

I have been a fan of Mary Higgins Clark since 1980 when a wonderful English teacher introduced me to her books. After anticipating each new book it is a delight to know her story! I'm so glad that she had the courage to send that first book to the publisher! Carolyn R.

Kitchen Privileges: A Memoir gives us a look at what it was to have a dream to be a writer and despite all the hardships in her life she never gave the idea of being a writer. I would recommend this book especially to people who like and read Mary Higgins Clark's books.

I must admit that I have never read a Mary Higgins Clark book before. But I purchased this book for a friend who is an avid reader of Mary Higgins Clark. I read the description on Amazon, and I later also purchased it for myself. What a wonderful person Ms. Clark is and the exciting life she has led. She has overcome many obstacles and tragedies in her life and has a positive, can-do attitude! I think you will enjoy her book.

I'm just half way through, but this is a wonderful autobiography of MHC. She is such a good writer that the pages (and delicious highlights from her life!) just fly by!

Since I was born in 1940 I related to this book in many ways. Nearly all the famous people the author mentioned were familiar to me through movies and the early days of television. We lived a

very different life style back in the 40's & 50's than in this day and age. This book is not fiction which makes it much easier to relate to the author. My favorite books by Mary Higgins Clark are "Remember Me" and "Where are the Children".

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