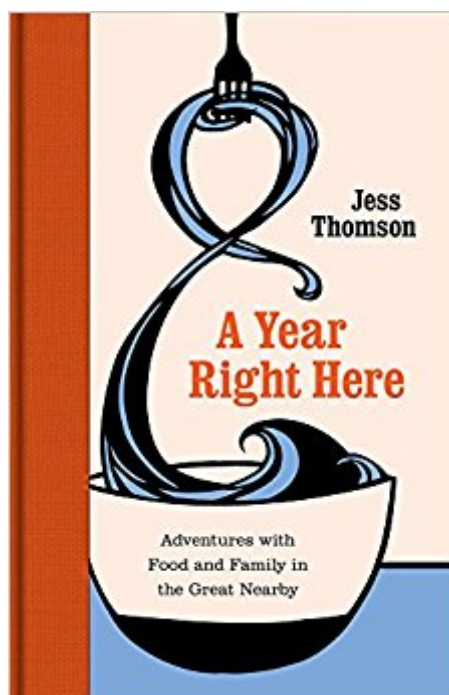


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A Year Right Here: Adventures With Food And Family In The Great Nearby



Synopsis

Armed with "The Here List" and a Type-A personality, Seattle-based writer and cookbook author Jess Thomson sets out to spend a year exploring the food of the Pacific Northwest with her family. Planning to revel in the culinary riches of the region and hoping to break her son, Graham, of his childhood pickiness, the adventures into the great nearby include building a backyard chicken coop, truffle hunting in Oregon, and razor clamming on the Washington coast. Her plans to spend "a year right here" are complicated by efforts to help Graham overcome some of the mobility limitations of cerebral palsy, and thwarted further by her own limitations that come to the fore when she attempts the "Gourmet Century," a hilly one-hundred-kilometer bike ride with gourmet food stops along the way. With touching, funny, sometimes devastating stories that we all can relate to, Jess pulls the reader in as she abandons "The Here List" and learns that letting go can be just as important as holding on.

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The twists and turns are what makes it -- that and a solid recipe for fried chicken.--Max Watman, The New York Times, 4/12/2017
Reads like a five-course meal for the mind. . . . A Year Right Here is a genuine pleasure to read, as refreshing in its localism and eclecticism as it is in its universal soul-searching and earnest attempt to redefine one's relationship with home.--Scott Neuffer"Foreword Reviews (5 Hearts)" (01/01/2017)
We all know what happens to the list you make at the start of the year. But if everything had gone according to plan, Thomson's book would be as

straightforward as her original list. The twists and turns are what makes it -- that and a solid recipe for fried chicken.--Max Watman "New York Times Book Review" (01/01/2017)

"Jess is a smart, funny, straight-shooting writer with a great sense for food, and her *A Year Right Here* is no exception." --Molly Wizenberg, author of *A Homemade Life* and *Delancey* "A Year Right Here weaves together sharp observation, emotional candor, and strong characterization. In telling the story of her year at home, Jess Thomson illuminates our corner of the world." --Claire Dederer, author of *Poser: My Life in Twenty-Three Yoga Poses* "A book about parenting, food, and letting go, Jess Thomson's writing is full of emotion, wit and truth. This book strikes me to the core as I see myself reflected in the incongruence and beauty of daily life and our obsession with food and cooking." --Aran Goyoaga, author of *Small Plates & Sweet Treats: My Family's Journey to Gluten-Free Cooking* and creator of *Cannelle et Vanille* "Expertly weaving the trials and travails of daily life -- one filled with alternating bouts of triumph and struggle -- with her yearlong exploration of the Pacific Northwest's edible gems, Thomson invites the reader into her imperfect, thoroughly genuine world. Her writing is never indulgent, never treacly, always honest. She makes the quotidian both remarkable and universal, garnishing each beautifully-crafted phrase with a dose of unsentimental realism." --Cheryl Sternman Rule, author of *Yogurt Culture* and *Ripe*

This book is such a treat. The author narrates her life with clarity, honesty and humor that incites personal reflection. I'm now thinking about all the fun, local adventures I've ignored in my own region. Its full of contagious strength and positivity.

this is such an honest revelation of how parenting and writing can take you in directions you never expected or could have predicted! Jess is a gifted writer, bringing you to her circle of thought and passion that is found in her recipes, her love of all things in food and her family--with all its extensions. There is something in this book for everyone.

Evocative portrait of the great Northwest and a mother wrestling with child rearing. If you like food and good writing you'll love this book.

Fabulous good read!

In love with this book and wanted another year! The lyrical writing, the candor, the friendly wit, the cast of lovable yet very real friends and family in Jess' life - it felt much like we were sitting at table, eating an outstanding meal, probably cooked by her (which, can I just say, I'm insanely jealous that she can write this beautifully AND is a world-class cook!), and she's recounting the year with a magnetic charm and intimacy to which one can't help but feel drawn. Read it today ... you'll come away inspired by her strength of character, commitment to family and their happiness (but at the same time instilling in her son his own confidence and strength), her recipes and perhaps, above all, her conviction that life should and can be good, just where you are, and whom you're with.

Words and food, two things I love, came together in the most beautiful way in this memoir. The author serves up every sentence like a perfectly crafted bite. When I was finished, it felt like I had been fed the most satisfying meal by a friend. The parenting moments are so honestly observed that I would suddenly find myself crying out of nowhere and then laughing seconds later. I'm so glad there are recipes in it because I will want to turn to it again and again.

I deeply enjoyed reading Jess Thomson's warm and engaging memoir-cookbook-travelogue. With a growing sense of self-realization, Jess recounts her "year right here" that starts as a well-planned set of Pacific Northwest adventures and turns into a year of unexpected and poignant experiences many of which involve food, the outdoors (it is set in the PNW where the outside is particularly fabulous) and her sweet son and husband. Well-written and often very very funny, the recipes are the proverbial icing on the cake - I am particularly excited to try the chicken and radicchio salad this summer with a lemon souffle bar and in the fall, try my hand at her pork roast with apples, onions and dijon cider pan sauce. Plus, corn-fried chicken! As a resident of the PNW myself, the book has inspired me to adventure more in my own state. Pick this one up, it's a great read for anyone interested in food, travel or finding those little moments in life that lead to epiphany.

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