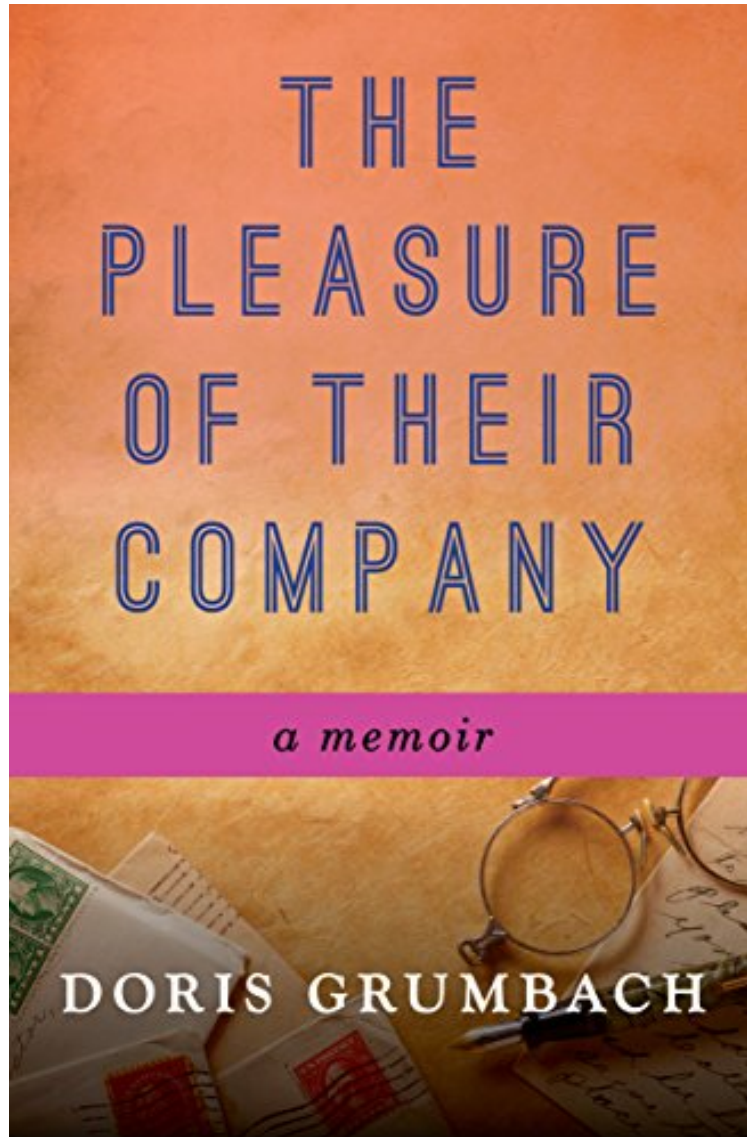


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Pleasure of Her Company... Von Lisa Shumicky It is always a pleasure to be in the company of Doris Grumbach and spending time in the pages of her newest (slim) memoir is no exception. Nearing 80, Grumbach plans a party for her

friends and in the process, introduces us to influential friends who are no longer with us are therefore unable to attend her gathering. The book is filled with quotes and reflections about the aging/old age process-- both the positives and the negatives. After reading her book, you'll want to "chain" to the authors she cites (May Sarton, Thomas Merton, Virginia Woolf) and wish you had received an invitation to her party.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Most Wonderful Coming of Age (80) Memoir Von Donald Mitchell Doris Grumbach provides a warm reflection on what it means to live life beautifully. "This is the summer of my unexpected content. In a very real way, I find that I am living with my dead friends." At first she is saddened by how many good friends have passed on, yet soon she realizes that the friendships remain alive in her, her memories, and in books and articles that they wrote or enjoyed together. This awareness grows as she plans her own 80th birthday, an event that she would normally have not looked forward to. Instead, she makes a lot of new beginnings. She trades in her old car for a year-old Toyota. She takes on a kitten as a pet. She shops for new clothes for the party. She has the yard redone for the party. She returns to a long abandoned manuscript for a novel. And she frets a lot about getting ready for the party. While all this is going on, she rereads her favorite books, examines what others have said about turning 80, and reminisces. That's when she begins to enjoy herself with her wonderful friends of the past. Few of us have reached 80, yet most of us have met someone who has. Like all milestones, it offers a chance to reflect. These wonderful thoughts, so beautifully expressed, are a gift to us all that we can begin to enjoy -- even though we may be younger or older than 80. I remember giving my Father a bottle of port that was very old for his 80th birthday, and asking him questions about what happens to port with age. He kept answering that it gets better, and that insight helped him to many new beginnings in his 80s. I often encourage people to adopt an ageless perspective on their lives. Enjoy the optimism of youth, tempered by the experience of maturity, extended by the connections of age, and expanded by the time to explore regardless of your current chronological age. This book is written in a way that is very consistent with that stallbusting mindset. Regardless of your age, you can learn valuable life lessons from *The Pleasure of Their Company*. Enjoy! Donald Mitchell Coauthor of *The Irresistible Growth Enterprise* and *The 2,000 Percent Solution* (donmitch@fastforward400.com)

Kurzbeschreibung A literary master looks ahead to her eighties As her eightieth birthday approaches, Doris Grumbach does not feel melancholy or saddened by the upcoming event, despite the loss of friends such as Kay Boyle and Dorothy Day. Instead she takes it as an opportunity both to look backward and to grow. In this, her summer of unexpected content, Grumbach weaves the elegiac and the practical into a delightful tapestry of experience. She looks deep into her own history, telling stories of her life in the hardscrabble New York of the 1940s, working as a copyeditor. She details her near encounter with a seventy-two-year-old Bertrand Russell, calling it the closest she has ever come to sleeping with a Nobel Laureate. Grumbach lets us into her life and introduces us to the characters that have peopled her nearly eight decades on Earth. As the fateful day of her celebration draws near, the main topic on Doris Grumbach's mind is not herself; it's her guests. *The Pleasure of Their Company* is a meticulously planned party that any reader would be honored to attend.