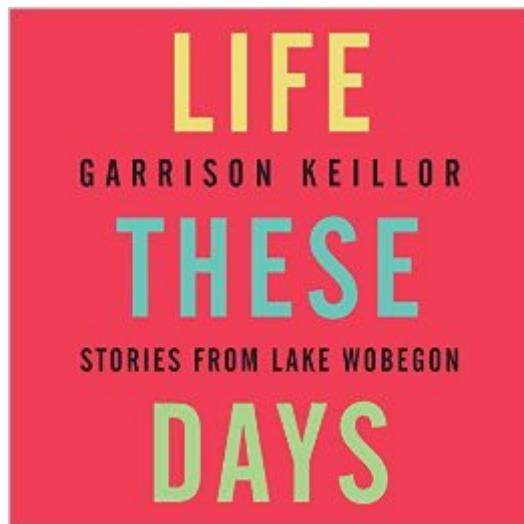


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Life These Days: Stories From Lake Wobegon



Synopsis

Winner of Publishers Weekly Listen Up Award for Best Short Stories Wherever Garrison Keillor's imagination takes him, the road back to Lake Wobegon is always a delightful one. His story collections about "the little town that time forgot" are his most popular; this Lake Wobegon collection features 11 wonderful stories recorded from live radio broadcasts of *A Prairie Home Companion*. Life these days in Lake Wobegon means shirtsleeve autumns and late-starting winters. Meanwhile, a bus full of Lutheran men attends the Risk Takers convention in Minneapolis to do the unthinkable: express their emotions. Pastor Ingqvist interviews for a job at the Mall of America. The Ingqvists' elderly dog discovers the fountain of youth. The website for the World's Largest Pile of Burlap Bags (www.wlpbb) opens a window on Lake Wobegon to the world. And as a special bonus, *Life These Days* includes a never-before-available Keillor short story, "Spring." *Contents:* Gladys Hits A Raccoon; The World's Largest Pile; My Cousin Rose; The Risk Takers; Pastor Ingqvist at the Mall; Hunting Stories; Sorrows of January; Clarence Cleans His Roof; Miracle of the Pastor's Dog; War of the Krebsbachs; Graduation

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Customer Reviews

I've only just discovered Keillor's wit in the past few weeks, but already the words, "It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon," make me listen intently. This is a great collection that I'm only half-way through b/c I want to savor each story. "Gladys and the Raccoon" is my favorite so far, followed closely by "The Risk Takers." There's no dull moment, thus far, and the stories hold their allure even

in repetition.

Somehow I had skipped over this collection from the 90s, but I'm so happy to have finally found it. I am a long-time fan of the News from Lake Wobegon, but I've been somewhat disappointed in more recent releases. A few of the tracks have appeared in other collections, but most of them were totally new to me. My early favorite is Gladys Hits a Raccoon -- I may never stop at a convenience store without thinking of it, and snoring may forever remind me of a dying racoon, but that's how the good ones are -- they just stick with you.

Is there anything better than listening to Garrison Keillor's stories. Love his simplicity made so funny. Many of his characters stay in my head and even come up in conversation. Brilliant story teller.

Garrison Keillor's stories from Lake Wobegon are always humorous and can be poignant at times without losing the gentle nature of the story. Mr. Keillor pokes fun at his characters but never in a condescending or disrespectful manner. These stories are gems told by a master storyteller with a voice that sounds like home made apple pie and ice cream. You will find yourself smiling, laughing out loud, nodding in knowing agreement and, like apple pie and ice cream, you'll want more.

I started listening to Keillor because my ex was a big fan of his when he listened to NPR on Sundays years ago. I picked this collection up, and through various moves, I lost it years ago. Glad I found this CD again. He really is a genius and a keen observer of human nature under very humorous circumstances.

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