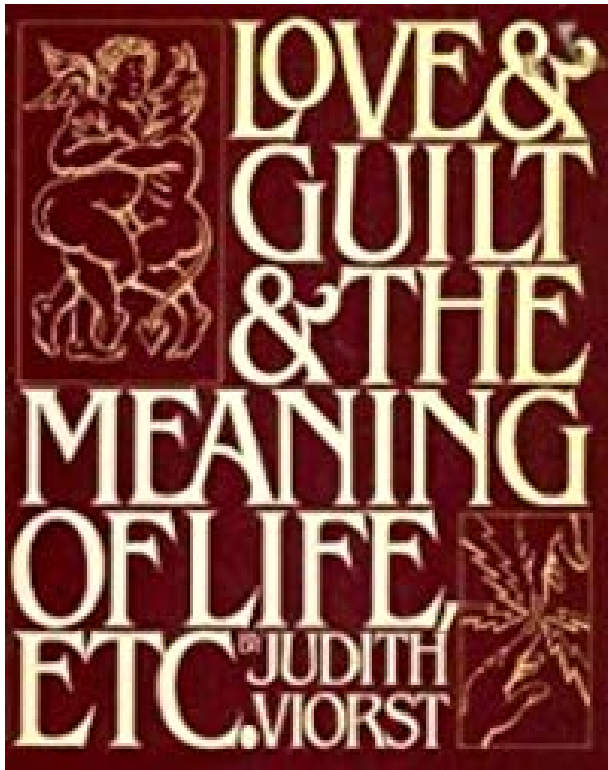


# Love & Guilt & The Meaning Of Life, Etc



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Judith Viorst has a funny way with reality...which may be one of the reasons why her previous books, *It's Hard to be Hip Over Thirty* and *How Did I Get to Be Forty...and Other Atrocities*, are such beloved best sellers. She simply won't let us forget the things we want to. Indeed, she makes us look at life and smile, laugh, be glad, and sometimes even believe that we are coping. Here Judith Viorst applies her unique wit to the subjects of love and guilt and the meaning of life in a collection of concise and charming commentaries that illuminate our common human experience. She touches upon the many faces of love - falling in love and the end of love, husbandly love and wifey love, neurotic love and starcrossed love, and the special relationship between love and shrimp. She explores the secret sources of our guilt - spiritual guilt and exercise guilt, intellectual guilt and no-fault guilt, and the guilt so often inspired by visiting mothers. And, finally, she searches for the meaning of it all - of Truth, Happiness, Sex, Death, Courage, Compassion and, of course, Complaining. Funny and insightful, wise and hopeful, *Love and Guilt and the Meaning of Life, Etc.* is vintage Viorst.