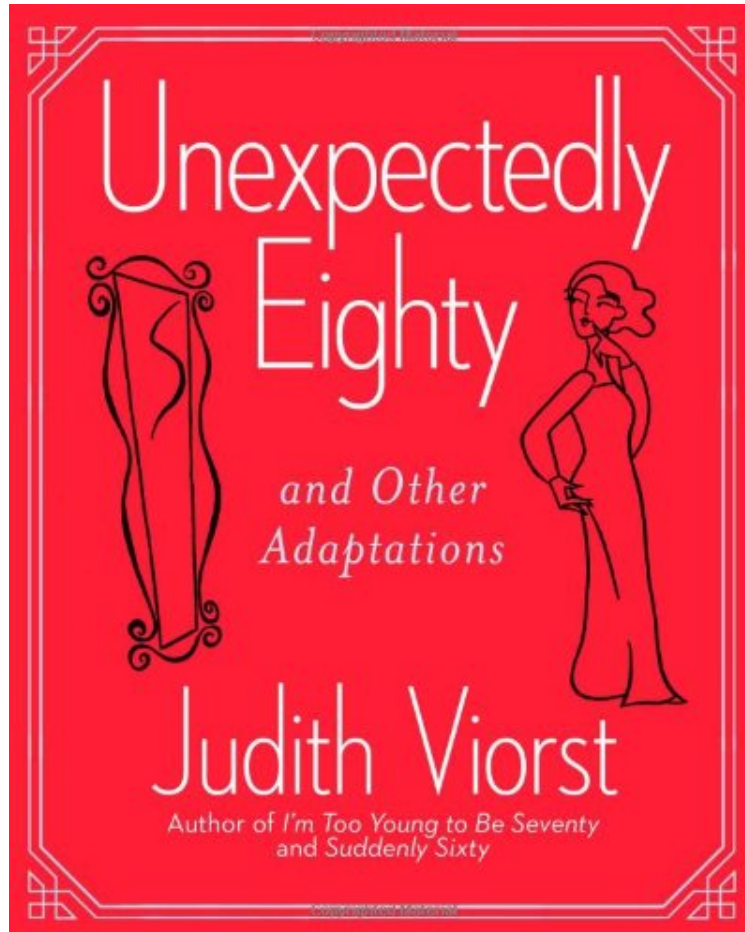


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the dynamics of being in a strong love relationship until I was in one, nor the pain of losing a close friend to death, nor of parenthood. The poems in this collection reach to an age I watch daily, but don't and can't understand until -- hopefully -- I may reach it. That wisdom eludes me -- all of us who aren't 'there' yet. But the stories held within made my mom smile, and wistful, and perhaps touch her. Difficult to expect a lot from a little book. I do wish it had been longer, but perhaps the knowledge and enjoyment is in the brevity, not unlike to joy one can feel not so much in the conversations but in the silence of being with another. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Marvelous take on the age. By Rusty I have read all her books on various decades from twenties on up. I was so hoping she would make it to 80 so she would write another one (as I recently turned 80) and was thrilled to see she had made it also and had written another one for this stage.... Rusti Van Rooy

Judith Viorst returns with more poems in her Decades poetry series detailing the highs and lows of being an octogenarian. Continuing the comedic insight from *Im Too Young to be Seventy*, these verses of memories and advice from eighty years of love, marriage, and grandchildren are sure to bring laughs. What does it mean to be eighty? In her wise and playful poems, Judith Viorst discusses love, friendship, grand parenthood, and all the particular marvels and otherwise of this extraordinary decade. She describes the wonder of seeing the world with new eyes not because of revelation but because of a successful cataract operation. She promises not to gently fade away, and not to drive after daylights faded away either. She explains how she's gotten to be a three-desserts grandmother (Just don't tell your mom!), shares how memory failure can keep you married, and enumerates her hopes for the afterlife (which she doesn't believe in, but if it does exist, her sister-in-law better not be there with her). As Viorst gleefully attests, eighty is not too old to dream, to flirt, to drink, and to dance. It's also not too late to give up being cheap or to take up with a younger man of seventy-eight. Zesty, hopeful, and full of the pleasures of living, Viorst's poems speak to her legions of readers, who recognize themselves in her knowing observations, in her touching reflections, and in her joyful affirmations. Funny, moving, inspirational, and true the newest in Judith Viorst's beloved decades series extols the virtues, victories, frustrations, and joys of life.

About the Author Judith Viorst was born and brought up in New Jersey and has lived in Washington, DC, since 1960, when she married Milton Viorst, a political writer. A graduate in 1981 of the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute, Viorst writes in many different areas: science books, children's chapter and picture books including the beloved *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, which has sold some four million copies; adult fiction and nonfiction including the New York Times bestseller, *Necessary Losses*; poetry for children and adults, and four musicals. Her most recent book of poetry for children, *What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About?* was published in 2016. *Lulu Is Getting a Sister* is the fourth book in the Lulu series.