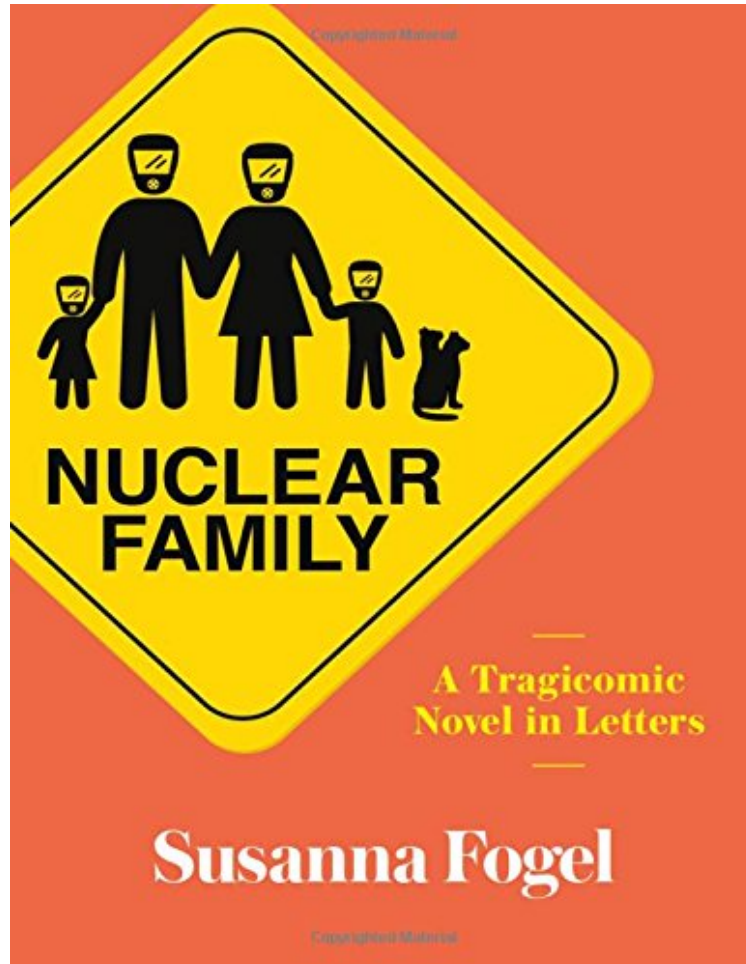


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From Henry Holt and Co. : Nuclear Family: A Tragicomic Novel in Letters before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Nuclear Family: A Tragicomic Novel in Letters:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So. Bloody. Funny.By Ashley AAbsolutely hilarious and heart warming, every single line brings a new reason for the reader to laugh or smile. Discovering the relationships through the eyes of everyone BUT the protagonist makes the book for such an interesting and page turning read, as each letter brings you to another amusing way that the family/friends in Julie's life push her buttons or help her find good things in the people in her life (without so much ever coming from her). Anyone would be able to relate to the dynamics of family within this immensely funny collection of letters, and to the way in which water can sometimes become blood, and that sometimes you wish you could choose which people you share a gene pool with. My favourite thing about Nuclear Family is how the exchanges unfold over such a long span of time, allowing the audience to watch the Fellers change and grow, and in turn seeing Julie change in the eyes of those who love her. The sentimental in me loved imagining them all change (and adapt to technology). All this wonderful structure and thoughtfulness is peppered with

so much genuine hilarity that is so well executed you can hardly notice how many times you've laughed aloud. Readers of any age would be able to chuckle along to the passive aggression and general messes that come with being part of a family. I really loved this book and encourage others to read it - I guarantee it will make a bad week a lot better. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Smart, cutting By E. Schacter Smart, cutting, witty, never dull, this book is awesome as a "tear through it beach read" you casually leave on the coffee table for your dad to find so he can enjoy/learn from it. You'll find yourself flipping back to essays and showing particularly incisive lines to friends. What a refreshing change from the usual single girl literature. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cyber stalk some one else's family for fun and pleasure. By Sean Devereaux An American journey of family told uniquely and hysterically! It's very hard to put down, there's always time for just one more letter...

From filmmaker and New Yorker contributor Susanna Fogel comes a comedic novel about a fractured family of New England Jews and their discontents. Told entirely in letters to a heroine we never meet, we get to know the Fellers through their check-ins with Julie over the course of three decades: their thank-you notes, letters of condolence, family gossip, and good old-fashioned familial passive-aggression. Together, their missives--some sardonic, others absurd, others heartbreaking--weave a tapestry of a very modern family trying (and often failing) to show one another they care. The titular "nuclear family" includes, among many others, a narcissistic former-child-prodigy father who has taken up haiku writing in his old age and his new wife, a traditional Chinese woman whose attempts to help her stepdaughter find a man include FedExing her silk gowns from Filene's Basement; their six-year-old son, Stuart, whose favorite condiment is truffle oil and who wears suits to bed; and Julie's mother, a psychologist who never remarried but may be in love with her arrogant Rabbi and overshares about everything, including the threesome she had with Dutch grad students in 1972.

"This brilliant patchwork portrait of a modern family dynamic puzzled together through disparate, often passive-aggressive messaging rings heart-achingly true in our age of family diplomacy by text and email. Fortunately for us it's also hilarious." ?Nick Offerman "[P]olitically incorrect, but u prob won't mind b/c other parts are so funny." ?Kirkus s "Fogel's novel offers plenty of glimpses?both humorous and endearing?into the life of a single woman with a well-meaning, if clueless, family." ?Publishers Weekly "Sharp, funny, and painful. Just like your actual family." ?Simon Rich About the Author Susanna Fogel is a Rhode Island native and apologist. She writes and directs movies and television, including the film *Life Partners* and the ABC drama series *Chasing Life*. She is an alumna of the Sundance Screenwriters Lab and Columbia University. Her writing has appeared in the *New Yorker* and *Time*.