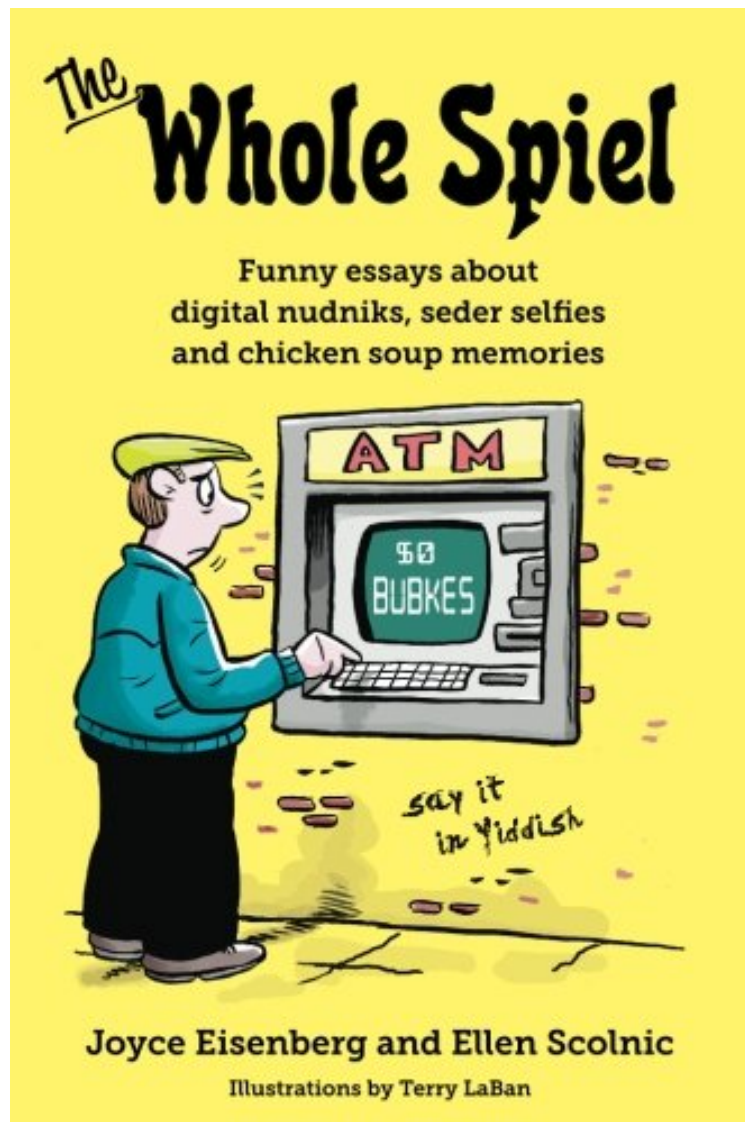


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If you call it a mechayeh when you take off your Spanx, Say, "Darn, I've got bubkes" when your checking account is empty, And stock the refrigerator with all their favorites when the kids come home then you'll recognize yourself, your bubbe, and the entire mishpuchah in "*The Whole Spiel*," a collection of funny essays that takes a heartfelt look at modern life as a member of the tribe. Read about the great shnecken vs. rugelach battle, the newly discovered Jewish summer holiday of Simchat Squash, and why yesterday's nebbish is today's millionaire tech nerd. "From the women who taught us the difference between a shlep and a shlub - stories that will make you laugh our loud about all of our mishegoss. Read and enjoy - I did!" - Lu Ann Cahn, Emmy-winning journalist and author of "*I Dare Me*" "I like the way the Word Mavens think - and write!" - Cassandra Krivy Hirsch, author of "*Under the Linden Tree*" AWARDS: Next Generation Indie Book Awards: Winner, Multicultural Nonfiction Next Generation Indie Book Awards: Finalist, Humor/Comedy Pennsylvania Press Club: 1st Place, Humor/Nonfiction

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