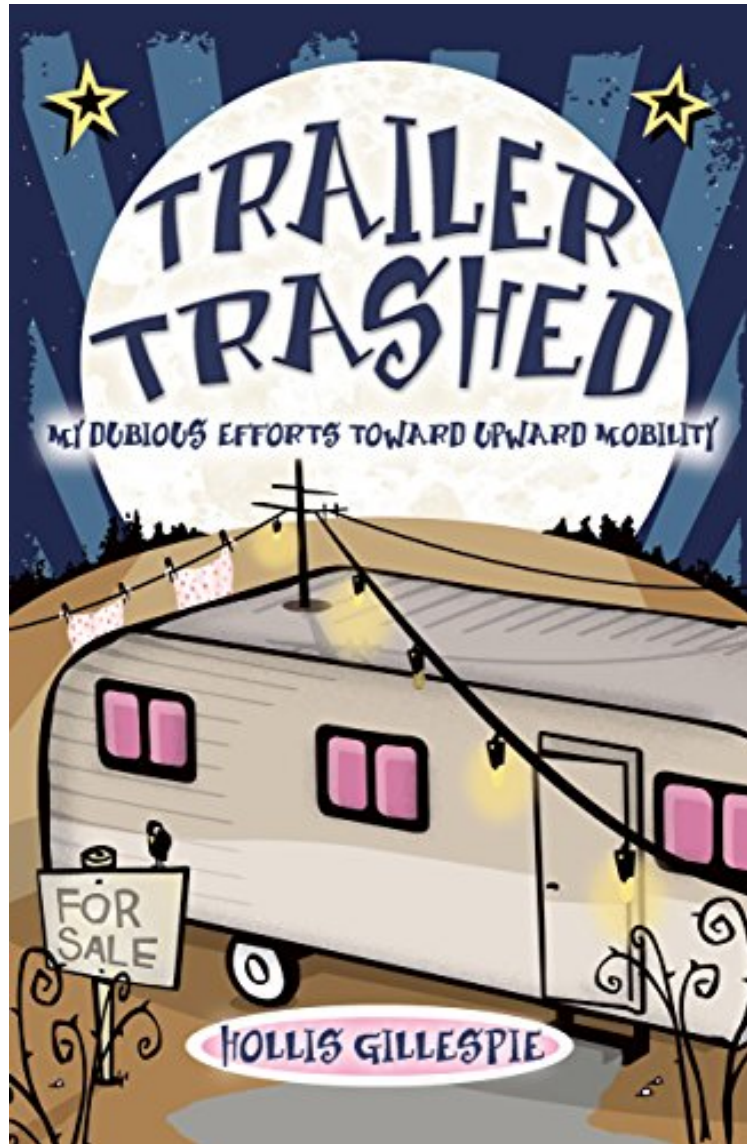


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. One of Very Few Writers Who Could Have Me Crying and Laughing Within Several PagesBy Frederick S. GoethelBased on the written material about the book I was expecting a Southern humorist along the lines of Dave Barry or perhaps Lewis Grizzard. And, while I did laugh out loud in a

number of places, the book has a greater depth and is much less sarcastic than Barry. The book consists of a number of essays about her unusual life. That she was able to be as normal as she is, given her childhood, is amazing. And, her life today is anything but normal, with Lary, Grant and Daniel in her life. You would have to read it to believe what she has gone through. One of the things that struck me as unusual was her ability to have me laughing a loud on one page and to have tears seeping from my eyes a page later. Many of the essays surrounding her childhood are not only funny, but poignant as well. Maybe I was so affected because we share similar experiences from childhood. A wonderful read that may not be as funny as advertised, but which contains a number of lessons on life and how to survive. Keep it up Hollis....you are one amazing woman!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Trailer Life By D. Barber I have toyed with the idea of trailer living since it seems so cost-efficient and sensible. I attribute this to watching too many episodes of The Rockford Files. While researching the subject a bit I stumbled across Hollis Gillespie's book, Trailer Trashed. It's a fun and colorful read with a strange band of quirky characters, in and out of her life. I suppose one could call her a latter day Erma Bombeck. She explains that as a child, her father was a trailer salesman and that she grew up in a world of trailers. When she described one rolling home as a "canned ham" trailer, I knew instantly the design she surely meant. I still think trailer life makes a lot of sense for some but probably not for me. In the meantime, I highly recommend Miss Gillespie's book as a fun read and required reading for those contemplating making their life simpler by endorsing trailer life. Apparently, it doesn't work.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hollis Gillespie rocks the trailer park! (oh, and the carpool line, too)) By GA Girl Oh God these people in the carpool line gonna be talkin' 'bout me, y'all... day after day there I am in my white Honda, reading Trailer Trashed - yesterday I was laughing so hard I was gulping for air - today? tears were streaming and I had to search the abyss (formerly known as the backseat) for a Kleenex, so I missed my cue to inch forward - which caused all kinds of problems for these people I'll tell you. What's their rush? Why so bent out of shape at 3:09 on a Tuesday? They need a copy for their own selves - maybe they'd put down their stupid cell phones and quit honkin' their angry horns at me if they could get a glimpse into Hollis Gillespie's world - she's my kind of people.

Hollis Gillespie used to be embarrassed about having an alcoholic, trailer-salesman dad and a bomb-making mom with broken dreams of being a beautician. If anyone asked about her family, she would tell them her parents were wealthy and that she came from a refined background. She never mentioned the time they lived in a mobile home two miles north of the Tijuana border.

From Publishers Weekly Atlanta-based Gillespie (Bleachy-Haired Honky Bitch is a syndicated humor columnist who loves trailer life, yard sales and buddies who, like her, have avoided turning into pod people. Gillespie's latest concept is to become a landlord, so there are tales of cheesy house renovations and overly picky renters, although by the end of this book she's sold her story to Hollywood, ending one upward mobility theme. The more interesting sketches focus on the personal, like the one where she contemplates finding a man to date: [O]dds are I can at least snag a bad one, and it used to be that even bad relationships were fun in their own way. Although there's no big story, this wouldn't be a problem, except Gillespie's potty-mouth style makes most of her stories sound alike. She and her friends love to call each other you pussy or pussy-ass or the more original, asstard. Readers who are titillated by discussions of friends' enema habits or amused by stories of Gillespie's drunk father swearing at her mother will find a lot to enjoy. (Aug.)

Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Can a book be bust-out hilarious and also break your heart? Hollis Gillespie's roller coaster memoir, Trailer Trashed, does just that? In it, she manages to remember not only herself, but each of us, as well." --Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of The Deep End of the Ocean and The Midnight Twins