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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This is the fourth book (*Feeding the Hungry Heart*, etc.) generated by the seminars Roth conducts at her Berkeley, Calif., home for people who believe that if they were thin, they would be happy. But the author makes clear that losing weight doesn't automatically gain one success, respect and love. Roth's personal story and those of her clients as related here exemplify the need to discover why the overweight are addicted to food. Citing her own deprived childhood, the author demonstrates that gluttons seek the reliable comforts of eating instead of closeness with humans who might become abusive (like her mother) or vanish (like her father). Those bent on self-improvement will find that the book merely repeats well-known principles in a melodramatic fashion.

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"A rare and special book that touches our inner selves with extraordinary courage, authenticity, and beauty. I have seen very few books with this kind of clarity and human depth. It will move you to tears and to joy. It will entertain and delight you, and it will make you a deeper and more compassionate human being."

—John Robbins, author of **Diet for a New America**

"SPECTACULAR! I laughed and I cried. . . a tender and daring book that you'll never forget."

—Laura Davis, co-author of **The Courage to Heal**

"I SEE MIRACLES IN MY LIFE EVERY DAY, AND ROTH IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED MAKE THAT HAPPEN."

—Anne Lamott in **Mademoiselle**

"When Food is Love is Roth's seminal work. This is a big, beautiful, and important book. I cannot say enough about it. I hope everyone reads it."

—Natalie Goldberg, author of **Writing Down the Bones**

"She tells of her own experiences with a non-blink frankness cushioned by the gracefulness of her prose."

—**Chicago Tribune**

"This book is A) good enough to eat, B) nourishing to the heart."

—Jack Kornfield, Buddhist teacher, co-author of **Seeking the Heart of Wisdom**

About the Author

Geneen Roth is a writer and a teacher who has gained international prominence through her work in the field of eating disorders. She is the founder of the Breaking Free workshops, which she has conducted nationwide since 1979. She is also the author of **Feeding the Hungry Heart**, **Breaking Free from Compulsive Eating**, and **When Food is Love**. A frequent guest on television and radio programs, she has written for and been featured in **Tie, Ms., New Woman, Family Circle**, and **Cosmopolitan**. Her poetry and short stories have been published in numerous anthologies. Born in New York City, she now lives in

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