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*Stockinette, ribbing, cables, even the humble yarn over can instantly evoke places, times, people, conversations, all those poignant moments that we've tucked away in our memory banks. Over time, those stitches form a map of our lives.*

—From the preface

In *The Yarn Whisperer: Reflections on a Life in Knitting*, renowned knitter and author Clara Parkes ponders the roles knitting plays in her life via 22 captivating, poignant, and laugh-out-loud funny essays. Recounting tales of childhood and adulthood, family, friends, adventure, privacy, disappointment, love, and celebration, she hits upon the universal truths that drive knitters to create and explores the ways in which knitting can be looked at as a metaphor for so many other things. Put simply, “No matter how perfect any one sweater may be, it’s only human to crave another. And another, and another.”

Praise for *The Yarn Whisperer*:

“Clara Parkes: The Yarn Seer.” —*Interweave Knits* magazine

“If you are a knitter, or even if you are not, read this book for the sheer joy of her writing, for the way she strings ideas together and brings you into her world . . . I would compare her to Mark Twain because of her dry humor. Honestly, she’s that good.” —*New Jersey Courier News*’ In Stitches blog

“Read this book to be reminded of how special it is to be a part of this warm and fuzzy community.”  
—About.com

“I see a lot of yarn books in this gig, and *Whisperer* is not only the best I’ve seen this year, it’s one of my all-time faves. Seriously, it’s that good.” —*The Oregonian*

“I don’t want to stop reading. Each chapter is a little jewel.” —KnitCircus.com

“Parkes has a poet’s appreciation for the interconnectivity of seemingly disparate aspects of life . . . I have a sense of affinity with the metaphors she chooses, which are drawn from music, gardening, baking, and of course, knitting. Her language dances and gallops, chuckles and sings.” —*Kangath Knits* blog

“*The Yarn Whisperer* weaves together knitting anecdotes and life experiences of the author in a way that I think we can all relate to.” —*Kelbourne Woolens* blog

“It’s a fun book for curling up on a cool day with a cup of tea, knitting nearby, of course.”  
—CraftGossip.com

“It is seriously the best book about knitting experiences ever. I absolutely LOVED it!” —*Sweetly Made*

“If you haven’t read *The Yarn Whisperer* yet, you should. It’s sweet, funny and full of moments you’ll recognize or aspire to. I recommend you get a copy.” —*Moth Heaven*

“In this charming series of linked essays, Parkes metaphorically puts the fast whorl on her wheel and spins something entirely new, showing that she’s not just a good writer but a great one. Funny, sweet, and trenchant and offered in twenty-two digestible bits, this book is not only the quintessential sampler afghan of knit lit, it is also the ‘It’ gift of the season. Buy a stack to stuff inside the handmade stockings of your knitting-circle friends.” —*Vogue Knitting*

“The creator of Knitter’s Review has created a collection of stories of her life of knitting, yarn, baking and overall appreciation for all things beautiful, and has woven them together like afghan squares with charm, grace and hilarity.” —Petite Purls

“Her writing is incredibly clever . . . this book will be dear to your heart.” —*Knit the Hell Out*

“It’s my favorite new knitting book of the year.” —DallasNews.com

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