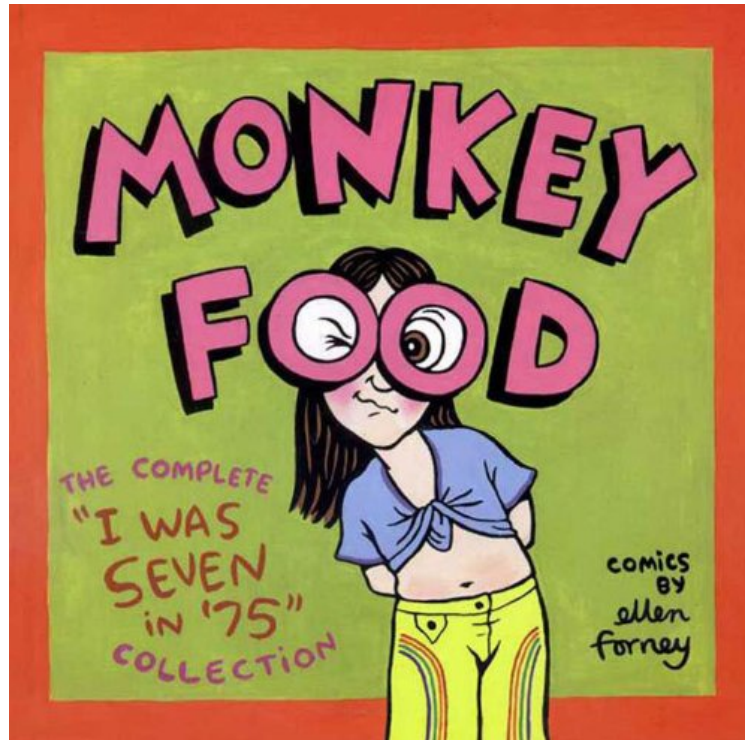


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Father Knows Best this ain't (thank goodness!)By Kerry WaltersEllen Forney is one of the most talented comics artist around. She's sexually uninhibited without being creepy, fun-loving in an easy-going rather than frenetically determined way, imaginative, creative, insightful, sensitive, and wickedly funny. She has an amazing ability to convey oodles with just a few evocative strokes of her pen (the facial expressions on her characters are priceless), and her writing is fluid but compact in the way that her genre demands. I love her stuff.I came to Monkey Food late, by way of her I Love Led Zeppelin and Lust. Although I really like the two later books, Monkey Food is my hands-down favorite of the three. It's a fantastic mixture. Forney portrays her family with such warm affection that you ache to have grown up similarly. There are laugh-out-loud moments (something I rarely do when I'm reading) as she tells stories of zany moments from her childhood (the visit to the nudist camp was one of my favorites). And there's a nice satirical edge to a lot of the pieces (such as a comparison of "legal" vices such as booze and tobacco and illegal "vices" such as pot-smoking).Being raised on monkey food (read the story on Unitarianism to find out what it is) seems to have worked out pretty darn good for Ellen. And that works out well for the rest of us. I look forward to more from her.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By MikeFound out about Ellen Forney a few months ago and have read all her books, except one. It seems like she really

puts her heart into her work. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A memoir if your parents were young and really liberal (mine weren't). By Michele B. Perez I like graphic art/comics and I LOVE the 70s. I was 5 in '75 and I remember sooo much that I thought this was going to be like talking to one of my friends from childhood. While I did enjoy Ellen's memories, they were waaay different than mine. My parents were not nudists, didn't throw swing parties, etc. While we did go to a Universalist Church and my mother was a pluralist (so she really had an interesting variety of friends), my parents were more "regular" and the only thing modern was that they got divorced. I am still looking for that person who remembers Tickle deodorant, Loves Baby Soft, Kissing Potion roller lip gloss, Kissing Sticks, tube socks, terry cloth short sets, Frost Tip, shiny pants, and roller rinks.

Collection from Seattle cartoonist Ellen Forney.

From Publishers Weekly Affectionate and gently ironic, Forney's popular, Seattle-based autobiographical comics strip, "I Was Seven in '75," celebrates all the wacky details of growing up middle American in the era of disco. This collection of Forney's work reads like a family scrapbook, recounting the painfully funny trials of Forney, her post-hippie parents and her freckled older brother. Here are true stories about parents who throw pot parties and take the family to spend the summer at a nudist colony. With wry, matter-of-fact nostalgia and a slap-dash, expressive cartooning style, the author recounts raw-food fads and getting caught reading Judy Blume's steamy novel Forever. Forney's own work sometimes takes a page out of Blume's classics, recounting the pleasures and trials of preadolescence. She also has a knack for pointing out the cleverness (bean-bag chairs, the Bionic Woman) and silliness (black-and-white shag carpet) in the inventions of the times. Sprinkled throughout are one-page illustrated treatises on favorite pastimes (e.g., the "Pull My Finger" fart game) and fashion Dos (rainbow pants, feathered hair) There apparently were no fashion Don'ts in the '70s. Forney's "just yesterday" storytelling style exactly captures the weird fun of those chaotic, colorful times. (Dec.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. Ellen Forney is a major new cartooning talent. - Feminist Bookstore News Forney's pro-bisexual politics and endearing drawings have been benefiting the renowned Northwestern alternative weekly The Stranger for years. - Girlfriends Affectionate and gently ironic... - Publishers Weekly Forney composes big, beautiful scenes, sometimes sketching whole narratives in a single panorama. - The Stranger In the Nov. 3 issue of Seattle's Stranger newspaper, Monkey Food made the top ten local non-fiction bestseller list at No. 6. - Eric Reynolds About the Author Ellen Forney lives in Seattle, WA, with her partner. She was the 2012 recipient of The Stranger Genius Award for Literature as well as the winner of the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis 2013 Gradiva Award.