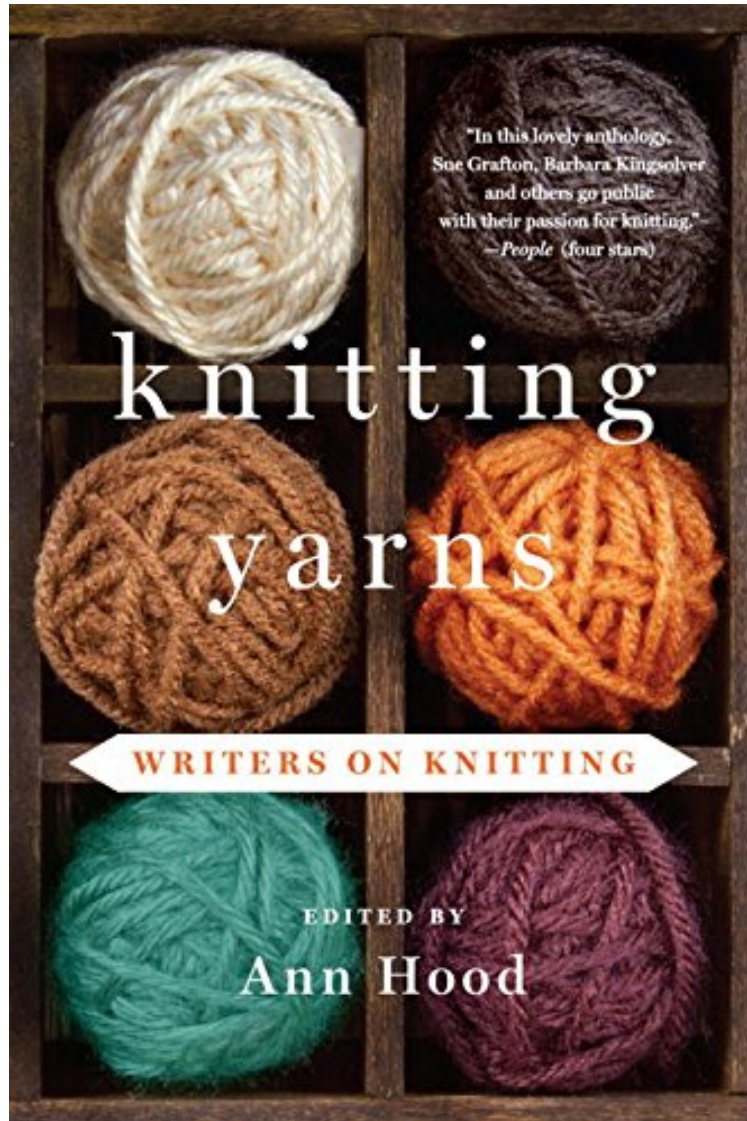


Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting

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Ann Hood : Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Knitting Yarns: Writers on Knitting:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. K1, P2, YO, read again.By dogebooksAs both writer and knitter, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Reading it was like pulling on a warm, cozy knit sweater on a winter day. I laughed, I cried, I knitted.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Some sweet stories, tho the knitting patterns lack photos (Kindle version)By CustomerI liked this book. I loved some of the essays--such as "turning straw into gold"--while others (endless variations on "I cannot knit, so here is a lot of complaining about that") were less interesting.My

complaint is that the Kindle version does not provide photographs of the included knitting patterns. A big omission....and so not enticing to make, which seems a waste. I went onto Ravelry to see project photos from some of the test knitters and readers of the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wanted to Like This By rose thyme Reading a book about knitting should be entertaining, and I wanted to like this book. I did find it somehow dreary, and I guess it was more about the problems of the writers than the fiber craft. Granted, many of the stories told of how knitting helped through difficult times, but the fact that these were short stories just did not hold my interest. None of the stories were memorable for me personally. Again, I wish I had liked this better, but I found that I would have rather been knitting than reading.

In this lovely anthology, Sue Grafton, Barbara Kingsolver, and other authors go public with their passion for knitting. People magazine, four stars The impressive collection of writers here have contributed essays that celebrate knitting and knitters. They share their knitting triumphs and disasters as well as their life triumphs and disasters. . . . These essays will break your heart. They will have you laughing out loud. Ann Hood, from the introduction Why does knitting occupy a place in the hearts of so many writers? Whats so magical and transformative about yarn and needles? How does knitting help us get through life-changing events and inspire joy? In Knitting Yarns, twenty-seven writers tell stories about how knitting healed, challenged, or helped them to grow. Barbara Kingsolver describes sheering a sheep for yarn. Elizabeth Berg writes about her frustration at failing to knit. Ann Patchett traces her life through her knitting, writing about the scarf that knits together the women shes loved and lost. Knitting a Christmas gift for his blind aunt helped Andre Dubus III knit an understanding with his girlfriend. Kaylie Jones finds the woman who used knitting to help raise her in France and heals old wounds. Sue Grafton writes about her passion for knitting. Also included are five original knitting patterns created by Helen Bingham. Poignant, funny, and moving, Knitting Yarns is sure to delight knitting enthusiasts and lovers of literature alike.

From Booklist This is a collection of essays and one poem by well-known authors about the magical powers of knitting. The book also includes six knitting patterns interspersed throughout the book. Because the focus of the text is on the act of knitting and the feelings evoked rather than the finished product, there are no images or diagrams to accompany the knitting projects. Rather, the text invites the reader to curl up with a book or with knitting and be transported to a world of healing, peace, and calm. These are deeply personal stories ranging from true and heartbreaking (Martha Frankel attempting to keep her friend from joining a cult through knitting), to the honest and humorous (finger knitting being even more relaxing than knitting because you can drink your martini while finger knitting). This book makes you want to start knitting or resurrect an old knitting project. --Rebecca Pfenning Ingenious. . . . Could it be that writers who knit are the cleverest people in the world? - Philadelphia Inquirer Otherwise normal-seeming writers come out as knitters in the infinitely crafty Ann Hood's anthology Knitting Yarns. How hot is that? - Elissa Schappell, Vanity Fair A seamless collection of essays that explores the agony and ecstasy of knitting yarns on the needles as well as on the page. . . . Knitting Yarns is a little community of its own where its writers speak the language of knitters. - Minneapolis Star Tribune Poignant, funny, and moving, Knitting Yarns is sure to delight knitting enthusiasts and lovers of literature alike. - Bookreporter About the Author Ann Hood is the author of the best-selling novels The Book That Matters Most, The Knitting Circle, The Red Thread, The Obituary Writer, and Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine. She lives in Providence, Rhode Island.