



Good to a Fault

By Marina Endicott

Harper Perennial. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 400 pages. Dimensions: 7.9in. x 5.3in. x 1.2in. Shortlisted for Canada's prestigious Giller Prize, this profoundly humane novel (Vancouver Sun), wrings suspense and humor out of the everyday choices we make, revealing the delicate balance between sacrifice and self-interest, doing good and being good. Clara Purdy is at a crossroads. At forty-three, she is divorced, living in her late parents house, and near-ing her twentieth year as a claims adjuster at a local insurance firm. Driving to the bank during her lunch hour, she crashes into a sharp left turn, taking the Gage family in the other car with her. When bruises on the mother, Lorraine, prove to be late-stage cancer, Clara decides to do the right thing. She moves Lorraines three children and their terrible grandmother into her own house and then has to cope with the consequences of practical goodness: exhaustion, fury, hilarity, and unexpected love. What, exactly, does it mean to be good? What do we owe each other in this life, and what do we deserve? Good to a Fault is an ultimately joyful book that digs deep, with leavening humor, into questions of morality, class, and social responsibility. Marina Endicott...



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