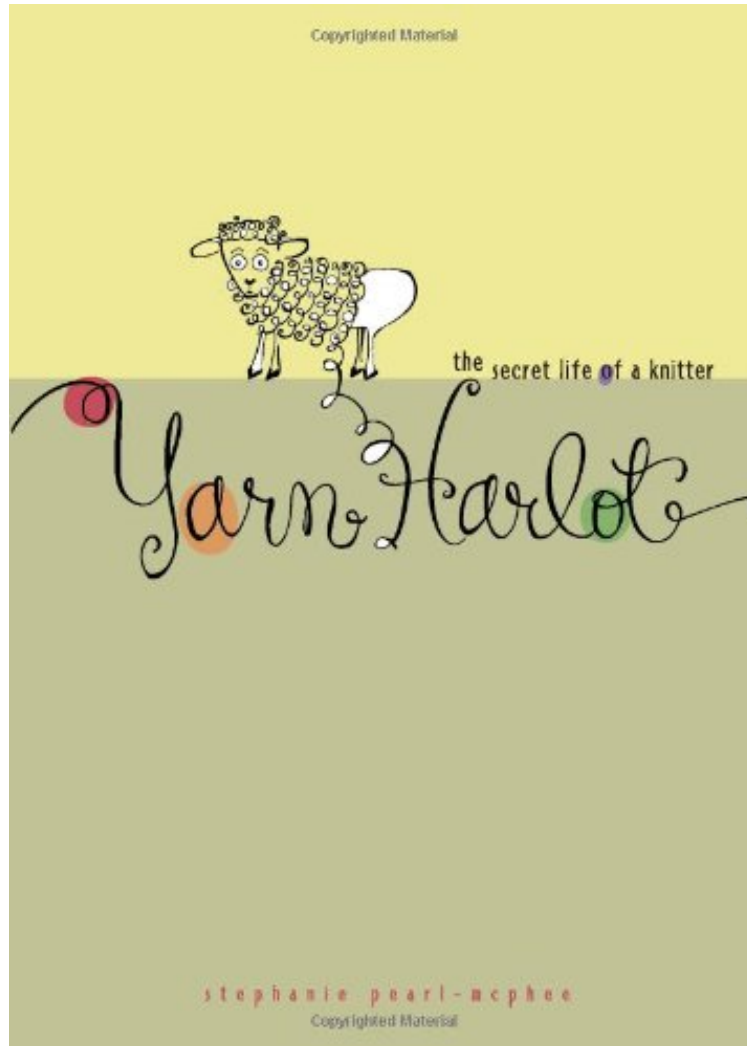


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good, funny, butBy B and BLove her writing, very funny but this is not a knitting book. If you're looking for an excellent knitting how-to, get her book Knitting Rules. As a beginner, that book gave me the confidence and knowledge I needed to dive it.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Knitter's KnitterBy Shirley CurtisI, too, am obsessed with knitting, so I just had to read Stephanie's books on knitting. I had to laugh, cry, say oh, yes, generally enjoy her heartfelt knitting stories. I too have wondered why people who are doing absolutely nothing think you're wasting your time when you are knitting. I, too, wonder why the man who has a garage literally stuffed with things, is puzzled when I have two or three (need I say FIVE OR SIX) storage totes full of

yarn. In other words, I relate, and if you knit, so will you. Thanks Stephanie. Between you, Elizabeth, and Sally, I feel vindicated and justified. And happy. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very funny! By E. Thompson If you knit, you must read this book. Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's wry, self-effacing humor is a joy to read, especially if you have ever taken up knitting needles and a ball of yarn. At one point when she talked about rewinding a backwards-stripping sock yarn from the center only to get the same backwards stripes, I laughed so hard I had tears in my eyes. I might or might not have made that mistake myself.

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's deepest wish is that everyone understand that knitting is at least as fun as baseball and way cooler than the evil looped path of crochet. Every project, from a misshapen hat to the most magnificent sweater, holds a story. Yarn Harlot tells all those stories with humor, insight, and sympathy for the obsessed. Over 50 million people in America knit. The average knitter spends between \$500 and \$1,700 a year on yarn, patterns, needles, and books. No longer just a fad or a hobby, knitting has advanced to a lifestyle. Yarn Harlot: The Secret Life of a Knitter moves beyond instructions and patterns into the purest elements of knitting: obsession, frustration, reflection, and fun. Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's humorous and poignant essays find humor in knitting an enormous afghan that requires a whopping 30 balls of wool, having a husband with size 13 feet who loves to wear hand-knit socks, and earns her "yarn harlot" title with her love of any new yarn--she'll quickly drop an old project for the fresh saucy look of a new interesting yarn. Since the upsurge in knitting began in the early '90s, the number of women under 45 who knit has doubled. Knitting is no longer a hobby for just grandmothers--women and men of all ages are embracing this art. Describing its allure is best left to Stephanie who explains: "It is a well-known fact that knitting is a sparkling form of entertainment, as spiritual as yoga, as relaxing as a massage, and as funny as Erma Bombeck trapped in a PTA meeting."

About the Author Stephanie Pearl-McPhee is the author of several books and three collections of essays: Yarn Harlot, Free-Range Knitter, and All Wound Up. (Two of those are New York Times best sellers, which both Stephanie and her mum are really proud of.) She maintains a popular virtual home at www.yarnharlot.ca, and a less organized (and popular) actual home in Toronto, Canada. She's a mother of three, a wife of one, can drive a standard, and has owned two cats in a row that don't care much for her.