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“ Funny, charming and shocking. . . . [Chronicles] an obsession that threatens to upend sanity and bank accounts. . . . Daum has a rare gift in her ability to keep readers laughing through her own tears. . . . Her spirit is generous, her writing is buoyant, and her heart is open to all the ways in which a house holds the key to happiness. Perfection has nothing to do with it. ”

—The New York Times Book Review

“ Wonderful. . . . Like having a long, glorious, no-holds-barred conversation with your smartest, funniest friend about all the juicy topics: real estate, class envy, bad dates, family identity, and the discrepancies between the lives we aspire to and the lives we lead. I ’ m awed by Daum ’ s honesty and talent. ”

—Curtis Sittenfeld

“ A delightful dissection of the real estate obsession that ’ s a hallmark of our age, recession or no. ”

—O, The Oprah Magazine

“ Self-deprecatingly funny. . . . Daum uses her lifelong obsession with finding the ideal living space to probe domestic desire, a deeper restlessness than the search for quick profits. ”

—The Wall Street Journal

“ Honest and endearing . . . richly drawn. . . . Daum captures the now-gone moment when real estate became a national obsession, chronicling the shared madness of those who could only take breaks from watching HGTV to discuss closing costs. . . . As she moves from coast to coast and in between, Daum is consistently relatable. ”

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内容简介

In this laugh-out-loud personal journey, acclaimed author Meghan Daum explores the perils and pleasures of believing that only a house can make you whole. From her teenage apartment fantasies and her mother ’ s decorating manias to her own “ hidden room ” dreams and the bungalow she eventually buys on her own, *Life Would Be Perfect If I Lived in That House* is the true story of one woman ’ s quest for the four perfect walls to call home.

作者简介

Meghan Daum is the author of the essay collection *My Misspent Youth* and the novel *The Quality of Life Report*, a New York Times Notable Book. Her column on political, cultural, and social affairs appears weekly in the Los Angeles Times and is distributed nationally through the McClatchy news service. She has contributed to public radio's Morning Edition, Marketplace, and This American Life, and has written for numerous publications, including The New Yorker, Harper's Magazine, GQ, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, and The New York Times Book Review. She lives in Los Angeles.

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