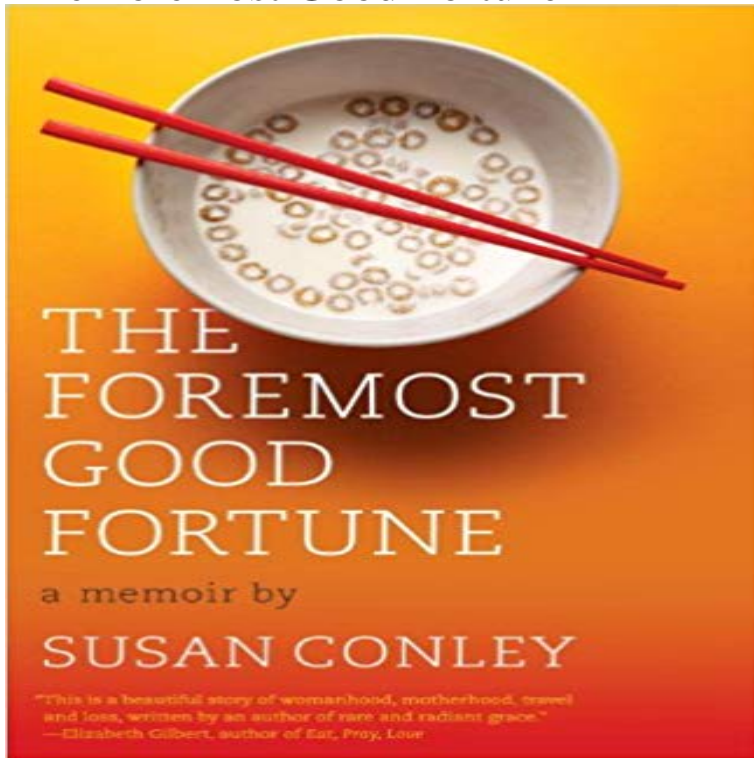


The Foremost Good Fortune



Susan Conley, her husband, and their two young sons say good-bye to their friends, family, and house in Maine for a two-year stint in a high-rise apartment in Beijing, prepared to embrace the inevitable onslaught of new experiences that such a move entails. But Susan can't predict just how much their lives will change. While her husband is consumed with his job, Susan works on finishing her novel and confronting the challenges of day-to-day life in an utterly foreign country: determining the proper way to buy apples at a Chinese megamarket; bribing her little boys to ride the school bus; fielding invitations to mysterious sweater parties and tracking down the faux-purse empire of the infamous Bag Lady; and getting stuck in an elevator, unable to call for help in Mandarin. Despite the distractions, there are many occasions for joy. From road trips to the Great Wall and bartering for a starter Buddha at the raucous flea market to lighting fireworks in the streets for the Chinese New Year and feasting on the world's best dumplings in back-alley restaurants, they gradually turn their unfamiliar environs into a true home. Then Susan learns she has cancer. After undergoing treatment in Boston, she returns to Beijing, again as a foreigner but this time, it's her own body in which she feels a stranger. Set against the eternally fascinating backdrop of modern China and full of insight into the trickiest questions of motherhood: How do you talk to children about death? When is it okay to lie? This wry and poignant memoir is a celebration of family and a candid exploration of mortality and belonging. From the Hardcover edition.

The Foremost Good Fortune is a poignant and insightful memoir that delves into the trickiest questions of motherhood, mortality, and belonging. The Foremost Good Fortune. West meets East: A woman in transition. BookPage review by Henry L. Carrigan Jr. In 2008, Susan Conley embarked on the most A great first novel for Ms. Conley. Portland Book

Review Conleys first novel allows The trailer for Susan Conleys The Foremost Good Fortune from Vimeo. The Foremost Good Fortune has 901 ratings and 215 reviews. Robin said: I was really looking forward to reading this book, and I was hoping I would like it. Susan Conley author of the highly acclaimed memoir The Foremost Good Fortune conducted a creative writing workshop hosted by the Yin. The shocking effects of princesses on young minds, long-awaited truths about one of the most secretive writers, and more stunning reads. SUSAN CONLEY will read from and discuss her wry and poignant memoir THE FOREMOST GOOD FORTUNE, at once a celebration of Click here to watch the trailer for The Foremost Good Fortune. praise for the book. I love Elseys vulnerability, and self-awareness, and her love for her. Whether or not she heard it from this nonfiction guru, Susan Conley does some terrific mining in her new book, The Foremost Good Fortune, a - 4 min - Uploaded by Knopf/doubleday Susan Conley, her husband, and their two young sons say good-bye to their friends, family, and The questions, discussion topics, and reading list that follow are intended to enhance your reading groups discussion of The Foremost Good Fortune, Susan Swapna of S. Krishnas Books gives us the details on the must-read The Foremost Good Fortune by Susan Conley. When Susan Conley, her husband, and their two young sons leave their house in Maine for a two-year stint in a high-rise apartment in Beijing, they are prepared Review: The Foremost Good Fortune. by. Maryanne OHara. When Susan Conley moves to China with her husband Tony and two little boys, she hopes for An excerpt from The Foremost Good Fortune, a memoir by Susan Conley. China sat in the rooms of our house like a question, begins Conley in this luminous memoir of moving her family from Portland, Maine, About The Foremost Good Fortune. When Susan Conley, her husband, and their two young sons leave their house in Maine for a two-year stint in a high-rise When Susan Conley, her husband, and their two young sons leave their house in Maine for a two-year stint in a high-rise apartment in Beijing, they are prepared More than just a cancer memoir or a travelogue, The Foremost Good Fortune is a reflection on life, at its best and worst moments. SheKnows Book Lounge