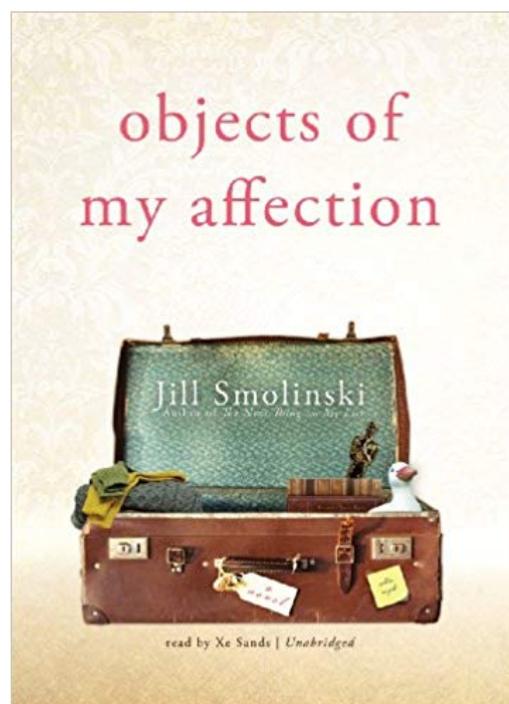


## Objects of My Affection (Library Edition) by Xe Sands, Jill Smolinski



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**[This is the Audiobook CD Library Edition in vinyl case.]** In the humorous, heartfelt new novel by the author of *The Next Thing on My List*, a personal organizer must somehow convince a reclusive artist to give up her hoarding ways and let go of the stuff she's hung onto for decades. Lucy Bloom is broke, has been dumped by her boyfriend, and had to sell her house to send her nineteen-year-old son to drug rehab. Although she's lost it all, she's determined to start over. So when she's offered a high-paying gig helping clear the clutter from the home of reclusive and eccentric painter Marva Meier Rios, Lucy grabs it. Armed with the organizing expertise she gained while writing her book, *Things Are Not People*, and fueled by a burning desire to get her life back on track, Lucy rolls up her sleeves to take on the mess that fills every room of Marva's huge home. Lucy soon learns that the real challenge may be taking on Marva, who seems to love the objects in her home too much to let go of any of them. While trying to stay on course toward a strict deadline--and with an ex-boyfriend back in the picture, a new romance on the scene, and her son's rehab not going as planned--Lucy discovers that Marva isn't just hoarding: she is also hiding a big secret. The two form an unlikely bond, as each learns from the other that there are those things in life we keep, those we need to let go--but it's not always easy to know the difference. Laugh-out-loud humor, heartfelt writing, relatable characters, and a charming premise all come together to make *Objects of My Affection* the next read for the fans of Jennifer Weiner, Emily Giffin, and Allison Winn Scotch.



## Reviews of the **Objects of My Affection (Library Edition)** by Xe Sands, Jill Smolinski

### **Akirg**

I read this book with my book club. It was light and fun. I am a mom of two boys and enjoy reading as an escape from Legos, Wii and Sponge Bob Square Pants. I know a book is good if I'm plotting a way to read it (getting the kids to bed early, allowing them extra play time in the bath, etc) and this book did that for me. I can see this book as a movie, a perfect Girls' Night Out. I don't like writing reviews that tell you what happened in the book, read it and find out (and don't you just hate spoilers??). I just want you to know, if you love your life (family, kids, career), but sometimes need a little break, give Objects of My Affection a try. Oh, and why isn't the book on the cover a Mustang?? :) Enjoy.

### **Wenaiaand**

Fluff - Fun - and although an eccentric older person, her character teaches a lesson in the difficulties of letting go of the past - true for most older folks. Also true, how many younger folks do not understand that difficulty while others take advantage of a senior's vulnerability - Best is reading how a successful son finally realizes the values taught to him by his mom - her example of how to live is his heritage - I did not think the story is centered on the young women who needed a job - she tells the story - the story is about letting go.

### **Bele**

This book was a fun read. Lucy not only cleans up Marva Meier Rios's home, she straightens up the artist's family life as well as her own. And she discovers why the artist became a hoarder in the first place. This was one of those books you don't stop; you just keep reading until you reach the very satisfying end.

### **Adrielmeena**

From the title I thought this book would be about people the protagonist cared about but instead it's about an artist who has become a hoarder over time and now needs to clean house, literally and figuratively. The story has it's twists and turns and keeps you wanting more. I found the lead character (not the artist, but the woman she hires to help her) to be somewhat unbelievable. Mothers will do just about anything for their children but come on now, selling your house to put your drug addicted kid into rehab? In the end it is a satisfying book and a good read.

## **Giamah**

When Lucy Bloom, personal organizer, sells her home and most of her possessions to afford her son Ash's drug rehab, she needs a job that will bring in enough to finance her new life.

Her new job turns out to be the most challenging one she's had: oversee the decluttering of a "hoarder" artist's home, and do it discreetly. The downside is she has a very limited time to accomplish the task, but if she does, she'll receive a huge bonus.

It sounds fairly straightforward, but soon Lucy discovers that her client, Marva Meier Rios, seemingly cannot let go of anything and fights her all along the way.

In the process of completing this task, what will Lucy uncover amidst the detritus of Marva's life? What secrets from the past are informing the present? And how will Lucy finally get through to her addicted son who seems unwilling to stay in rehab?

In answering these questions and in exploring a defunct relationship that she may have ended prematurely, Lucy must discover that "there are those things you keep, things you let go of--and it's often not easy to know the difference."

A richly engaging story that delves into the heart of human relationships, both to other people and to the objects they possess, *Objects of My Affection: A Novel* was a five-star read for me.

## **Whitebeard**

This book touched me in so many ways. It has given me the encouragement to change my life for the better. I read it almost non-stop (started one evening and picked it up again as soon as I woke up).....it's THAT good!

## **Erlas**

While the book was light-hearted and fun, the heroine of the story struggled with some serious problems and was able to resolve them wisely. I really enjoyed the book and looked forward to reading it daily. I liked the way serious aspects and light-hearted aspects were intermingled.

Good read enjoyed it very much. Nice and relaxing story and I read in less than a week which I usually only have time to read one or two chapters in a day.  
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