

LETTERS: PRAISE FOR ARTICLE

I would like to thank contributor Myrna Petlicki for her article in the May 3 Review titled "Telling family tales to the public," which focused on Ellen Blum Barish's book, *Views from the Home Office Window: On Motherhood, Family and Life*. I've enjoyed Barish's essays in various publications, but the compilation of essays contained in this jewel of a book represent a broad range of issues that often comprise the fabric of our lives as women.

Based on Petlicki's article, I ventured to The Book Stall in Winnetka on May 6 for a heart-warming reading by the author. I don't think anyone present left

without purchasing at least one copy of Barish's book. I alone bought eight as Mother's Day gifts for family and friends. Although Barish encouraged readers to savor one essay a day, I finished the book in one sitting. She has an uncanny ability to capture a core issue in everyday life and to analyze it from several angles, all in three to four pages.

As a social worker, I have been conducting parent education and networking groups in local communities for more than 20 years. I will be recommending Barish's new book for fathers, as well as mothers, because of the way

she is able to capture the questions, concerns and joys that parents experience on what is perhaps the most amazing journey of life: parenthood.

I encourage all who missed out on the May 6 event to check out Barish, a Skokie resident, at 7:30 pm, June 5th at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie. I'll probably see you there, because after finishing the book I thought of several other friends who love to receive an autographed copy.

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