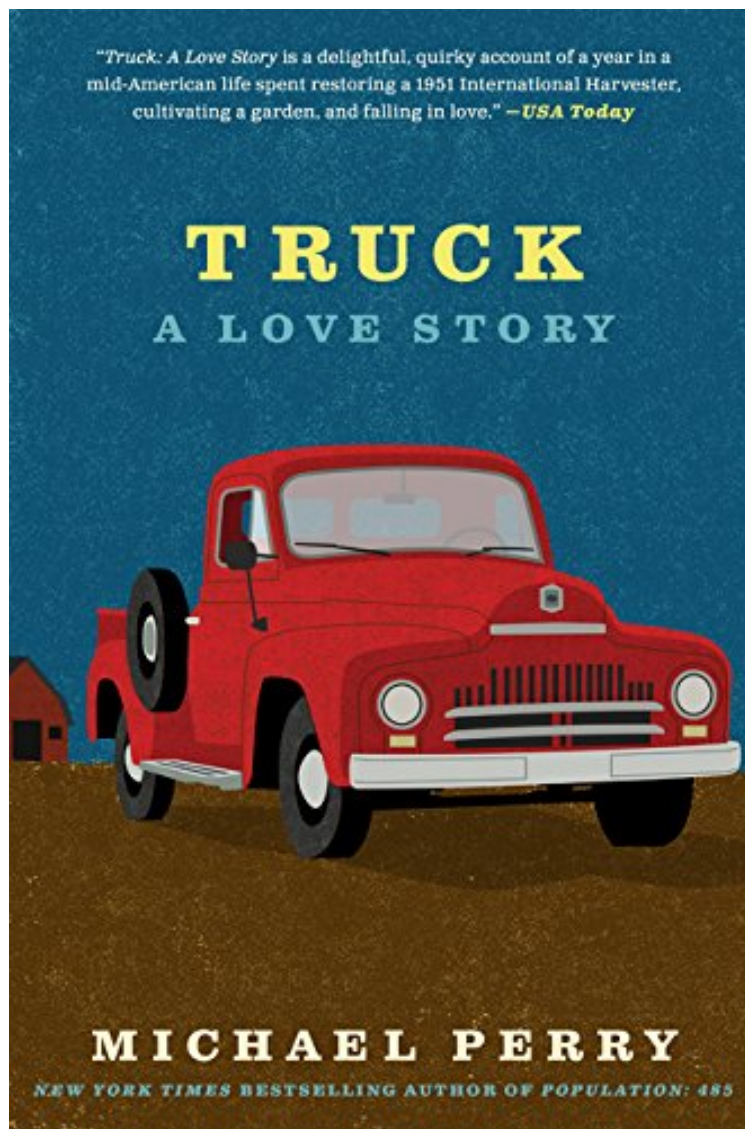


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Michael Perry : Truck: A Love Story (P.S.) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Truck: A Love Story (P.S.):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Life As It Is By Kevin C. Faul The words and pages disappear. Instead, moving images are invoked by Perry's writing. You can feel the weather in the air, taste the food he describes, and feel the dust from the work settle around you. One of the most sense-inducing non-fiction books around, doubly so if you're raised in the Midwest. Have already forced several friends to download this masterpiece, and loaded my cart up

with 3 more Michael Perry books. You will feel like you're watching this story, not reading it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It'll Make You Smile By Sarah Michael Perry is an author from northern Wisconsin who makes no apologies for being from northern Wisconsin. I like that - because when I think of northern Wisconsin, it being a bastion of literary talent is not what comes to mind, trust me. (I live in southern Wisconsin) While Perry has a new book out called *Coop: A Year of Poultry, Pigs, and Parenting*, which I haven't read yet, it's his previous book, *Truck: A Love Story* (P.S.) that is one of my all-time favorite reads. "Truck" is a memoir of Perry restoring his beloved 1951 International Harvester L-120 truck, yes, but it's much more than that. It's also a love story. And it's a peek into what it's like to live in a small Midwestern town from a man that clearly loves and appreciates where his life has taken him. The story is written in Perry's typical down to earth fashion. You feel like you're sitting with him on his front porch as he shares his funny neighbor stories and snippets from his past. You will smile, even laugh as he brilliantly weaves the story of restoring his beloved truck with stories of his struggles with gardening, his love of cooking and meeting his true love. Somehow he makes it all funny and entertaining to the point that you can't put the book down once you've started it. He introduces you to his friends and loving family, and the woman that is the love of his life. As with everything I've read of Perry's, "Truck" made me laugh out loud and even shed a tear or two (happy tears). As someone who prefers the big city life to one in a small town, it always surprises me how much I love Michael Perry's stories. For me, "Truck" entertains because of Perry's quick wit, sharp intellect and an easy-going writing style. It reads like a letter from an old friend in northern Wisconsin. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Really good By MGrantNH I'm glad I bit on the author name and not just the unusual title. It's really good -- how to describe it? There are several major themes going ... the restoration of an old truck ... and his garden activities ... and a blooming relationship. Now that doesn't sound all that interesting on the surface, but there are laugh-out-loud bits and touching bits and just some amazing word-craft. I like to highlight passages in my ebooks, and I'm quite certain I did that many times per chapter! I really like this author and will be interested in more from him. (See also "Population: 465," which is not humorous but also very interesting.)

A touching and very funny account. . . . Thoroughly engaging. New York Times Hilarious and heartfelt, *Truck: A Love Story* is the tale of a man struggling to grow his own garden, fix his old pickup, and resurrect a love life permanently impaired by Neil Diamond. In the process, he sets his hair on fire, is attacked by wild turkeys, and proposes marriage to a woman in New Orleans. The result is a surprisingly tender testament to love. Part Bill Bryson, part Anne Lamott, with a skim of Larry the Cable Guy and Walt Whitman creeping around the edges. Lincoln Journal Star Perry takes each moment, peeling it, seasoning it with rich language, and then serving it to us piping hot and fresh. Chicago Tribune

From Publishers Weekly A part-time emergency medical technician, Perry delivers the latest account of his somewhat idiosyncratic life and times in a small Wisconsin town ("I am happy to live in a place where I can chuck a washing machine out my back door and no one judges my behavior unusual"). Here, he focuses on two main events over the course of a year: fixing up a 1951 International Harvester pickup truck and developing a romance with a local woman after a long stretch of failed relationships. Never cloying, Perry is a wry observer of how success in both areas "is the result of a modest accumulation of lucky breaks and the kindness of others," and displays the storytelling and observational skills that made his first book, *Population: 485*, such a success. One of his most memorable descriptions is of an ex-patient, Ozzie, a motorcycle-loving ventilator-dependent quadriplegic, who gets to ride again after his wheelchair is hooked up to the cycle of his paraplegic friend Pat "You haven't really explored the outer limits of health care until you've watched a Hell's Angel suction a tracheotomy tube." (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist *Starred* One wouldn't think that repairing a beat-up old pickup could become a life-altering undertaking. And yet, for Perry, it was all that and more: an epic adventure that encompassed love, diplomacy, a little hydroponics, and even some danger (like setting yourself on fire). Perry, who is also the author of *Population: 485* (2002), propels the story forward as if he were writing a novel, helped by a cast of characters who range from the lightly offbeat to the totally bizarre. The prose is straightforward, almost deadpan, but behind the words, the reader feels a heightened sense of irony, as though Perry knows how weird it all is but figures, what the heck, it's true so why not just go with it. The heart of the book tells dual love stories--man and truck; man and woman--that are, in their own ways, equally passionate. Perry writes about fixing his truck as if he was resurrecting it, but in fact, he may more accurately be said to have been resurrecting himself. The truck is transformed, certainly, but the multiplicity of changes that Perry goes through run deeper and likely will last longer. Recommend this one enthusiastically to fans of self-exploration books and truck-repair manuals--and all readers in between. Motorcycle maintenance for a new century. David Pitt Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. A reminder, by a talent of the hinterlands, to celebrate small-town life and to treasure human relationships. (Kirkus) The deer-hunting, truck-loving Michael Perry has the soul of a poet. (Chicago Tribune Books)