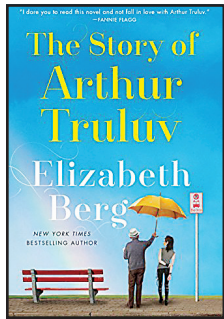


# Mother's Day

so the opportunity to see things through a child's eyes was the equivalent of shaking the kaleidoscope and acquiring a new sight in exchange. It was a gift, as a parent, to be able to see these events that preoccupy me daily through the eyes (even if fiction) of a child.

It was also truly enlightening to get back in touch with ideas and ideals of forgiveness through childhood innocence. Kids have feelings, we remember as we read this book, that may not be nuanced in the way ours are, but have their own nuances and permutations and unexpected elements just the same.



• "The Story of Arthur Truluv," by Elizabeth Berg, is more of an on-the-go snack for those who might be intimidated by a more immersive and emotional read.

This novel is a comparatively quick read, and is upbeat about sec-

ond chances at happiness. Arthur is a widower who meets a troubled teenager, Maddy, at the cemetery, and strikes up a completely appropriate friendship with her (I know, I am among the more cynical, and that struck me as suspect, too, but my suspicions were unfounded).

The nosy neighbor Lucille, right out of central casting, provides a great triangulation to the relationship. Each person grows unexpectedly from encountering the others. Let's go with the food analogy and say the book is sweet rather than savory. I'm not making the case that it will change your life. But like those M&Ms carefully hidden in bags of trail mix, the book will make you happy. And sometimes that's enough.

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