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*Book Review - Private Life -  
By Jane Smiley - The New York*

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Jane Smiley is the author of numerous novels, including *A Thousand Acres*, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, and most recently, *Golden Age*, the concluding volume of *The Last Hundred Years* trilogy. She is also the author of five works of nonfiction and a series... More about Jane Smiley Category: Literary Fiction | Historical Romance

And more importantly, Jane Smiley is an actual rider who lives on a ranch and who grew up riding and training horses. Her descriptions of the

riding/training life are spot-on and I have actually learned a lot.

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Jane Smiley - Private  
Life - Knopf Doubleday

A riveting new novel from the Pulitzer Prize – winner that traverses the intimate landscape of one woman’s life, from the 1880s to World War II. Margaret Mayfield is nearly an old maid at twenty-seven in post – Civil War Missouri when she marries Captain Andrew Jackson Jefferson Early.

*Private Life by Jane Smiley: 9781400033195*

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Jane Smiley (born September 26, 1949) is an American novelist. She won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1992 for her novel *A*

*Thousand Acres* (1991).

*Jane Smiley -  
Wikipedia*

As Smiley covers in absorbing detail both private and world events—a lovely Missouri wedding, the chaos of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, the wrenching death of a baby—she keeps at the center of the narrative Margaret’s growing realization that she has married a madman and her subsequent attempts to deal with her marriage by becoming adept at “the neutral smile, the moment of patient silence,”

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before giving in to bitterness.

**Amazon.com: Private Life (9781400033195):**

**Jane Smiley: Books**

Private Life is a quantum leap for Jane Smiley, a book that burrows deep into the psyche and stays...

It's not often that a work as exceptional as this comes along in contemporary American letters."—Marie Arana, The Washington Post

"Private Life is one of [Smiley's] best novels."—Margaret Quamme, The Columbus Dispatch

*Private Life by Jane Smiley: Summary and reviews*

"Private Life, perhaps Jane Smiley's best novel since her Pulitzer Prize-winning *A Thousand Acres*, is so firmly anchored in its historical setting that the past comes to seem like the reader's present."

—The Oregonian

"Smiley tells her story precisely. . . . Private Life has a stunning specificity of detail. . . .

Husband and wife ...  
*Private Life by Jane Smiley - Goodreads*

The questions, discussion topics, and reading list that

follow are intended to enhance your reading group's discussion of *Private Life*, a riveting new novel from Pulitzer Prize winner Jane Smiley that traverses the intimate landscape of one woman's life, from the 1880s to World War II.

*Private Life - Kindle edition by Jane Smiley. Literature ...*

Birth and death — that ancient balance presides over Jane Smiley's panoramic portrait of Margaret Mayfield, laid out for us in stages in "Private Life." For many years, though, the novel ...

**Book Review:**

**'Private Life' By Jane Smiley – The Demands ...**

Private Life, the new novel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley, centers around the marriage between a small-town girl and an eccentric astronomer in the first years of the 20th century.