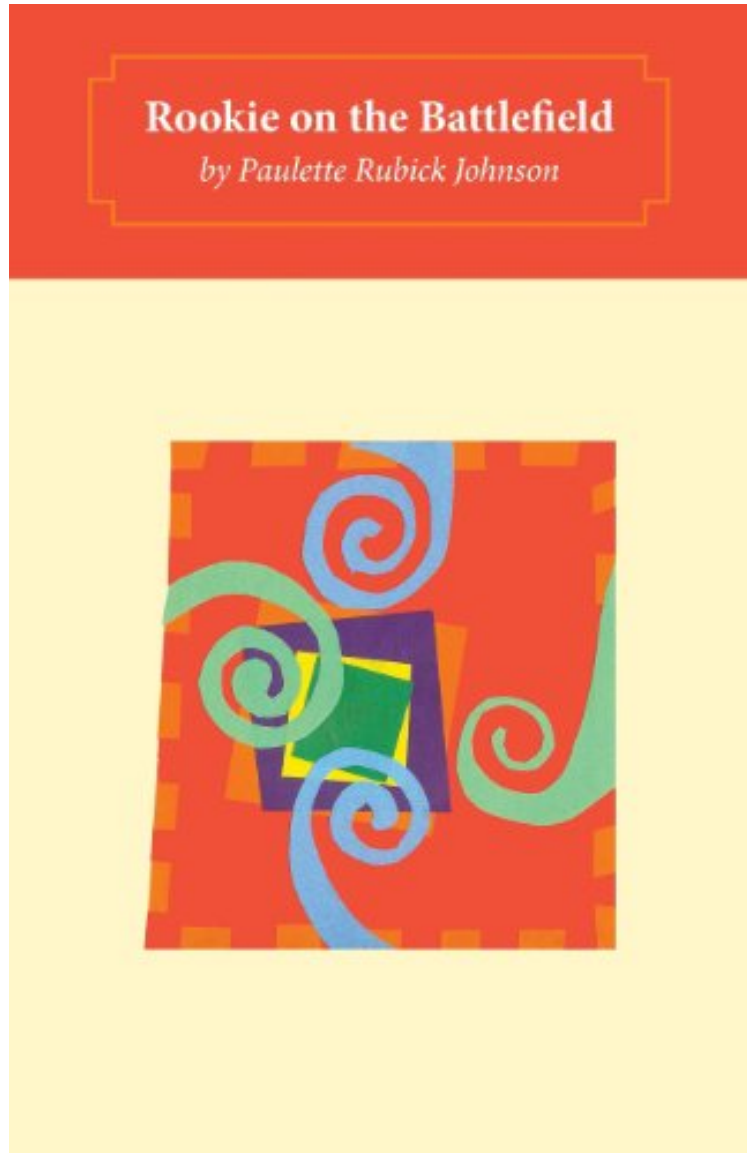


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action to a series of unintended and beautiful results. In "Lovesongs" and "Dreams in the Desert" we witness the fulfillment of longed for love and rejoice! In "Hospitalists" and "Stayin' Alive" there is important information about navigating the health care system that may help you with your own or loved one's hospital survival. You will get a look into another's psyche and be enriched in unexpected ways. I loved it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The next Erma Bombeck? By Barbara C. Gardner Ms. Johnson's anthology of short essays on the subjects of life that touch us all was poignant, direct, hilarious and insightful. She dared to expose her true self.....a seeker. In so doing, it was apparent that she can really turn a phrase! Maybe she is the next Erma Bombeck, an author who shares her glimpse of life through a prism of humor and insight for all of us to enjoy. Some of my favorite essays were "Monte" and "Artifacts" because the first sentence hooked me and caused me to delve head first into the story. "Rookie on the Battlefield" was a delightful read even if the reader doesn't share all of the author's views. It's her writing style that I appreciated! I've recommended it to friends and have purchased more copies to give as gifts. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Poignant and Practical By Aybee Johnson's wise and eloquent words really resonate. She brings humor, sharp wit and canny life experience to every page. Her chapter on managing the health care system is filled with practical and poignant advice -- a must-read for ANYONE with an elderly parent, spouse or relative. Reading the book made me feel a little less overwhelmed by the "battlefield" called life. Anyone should consider themselves proud to be a member of her "tribe."

In Rookie on the Battlefield, Paulette Rubick Johnson explores life and its many ironies, from parenthood and the perils of dating to the grief of losing loved ones before their time. Through a series of short essays, she walks us through more than two decades of everyday experiences-our experiences-with wry humor, unflinching honesty, and spot-on commentary. It is a story about donning the armor and facing life head-on, even when you are unsure or afraid, not because you want to, but because that is what life demands. Different paths, different struggles, but all of us amateurs, doing the best we can.