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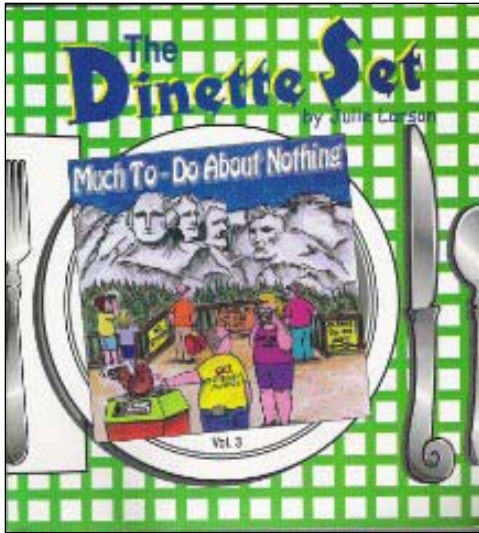
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Press Release

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Meet Julie Larson, the cartoonist behind the national syndicated comic strip *The Dinette Set* at the Monfort Heights Branch Library November 18



You've seen them, you've overheard them, you even know them...they always find a way to cheat at buffets, grab the closest parking space right in front of the store during a big sale, return a bowl of beef and barley at a restaurant because there wasn't enough beef in it, they think foreign affairs are romances with Europeans, and they fill their To-Do lists with frivolous labor-rinse bra, unload groceries...Meet *The Dinette Set*!

Julie Larson, writer of the syndicated cartoon *The Dinette Set*, will be on hand to discuss her work and book, *The Dinette Set: Much To-Do About Nothing*, at the Monfort Heights Branch Library, 3825 West Fork Road, on Saturday, November 18, 1:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase through the Library Friends' Shop afterwards, including a book signing.

The Dinette Set depicts the everyday life situations of Burl and Joy Penny and their family and friends in their own little hamlet of Crustwood Heights, USA. Larson's characters are frustrating and banal, yet a loving cast of characters who can be stereotyped as an odd mix of hyper-realistic folks who squeeze the life out of the American Dream.

Bring your own Dinette Set moment to share!

About The Dinette Set

Syndicated cartoonist Julie Larson satirizes Middle Class Culture incorporating thought provoking observations of the human condition into a hilarious comic panel that readers instantly identify with. *The Dinette Set* depicts the everyday life situations of Burl and Joy Penny and their family and friends in their own little hamlet of Crustwood Heights, USA. Larson's characters are frustrating, banal, yet a loving cast of characters that can be stereotyped as an odd mix of hyper-realistic folks who squeeze the life out of the American Dream.

About Julie Larson

Julie Larson grew up in Lincoln, Illinois, received a BS degree in Architecture at the University of Illinois, and worked in the profession until she and her young family moved from Chicago to the Burbs. There in Suburbia, Larson embraced an inspiration to

chronicle the repetitive lifestyle of the Middle Class. Thus *The Dinette Set* was born and became syndicated in 1997 (*The Cincinnati Enquirer*). *The Dinette Set* is now a daily staple for millions of readers. Julie and her daughters, Genevieve, Britta, and Christina, live in Lincoln where they enjoy the quiet of small town living.

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