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More than just a joyful, glorious novel, vintage Weldon, here's a literary handbook to all our pasts and, with any luck, our futures too. The Life Force stirs, Leslie Beck returns — all vital 10 inches of him — bad wives rejoice, good husbands beware — timeless embers burn and blaze... Every wise child — that's you and you and you — should possess this book...

## Life Force Details

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## From Reader Review Life Force for online ebook

### Debbie says

Wickedly good.

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### Sean Meriwether says

One thing I can say about Fay Weldon is that she is a fire bug. After devouring the riotous satire *The Life and Loves of a She Devil*, in which a woman frees herself from her unhappy broken marriage by burning down her home, we have another lady who burns down a ghost-filled house to free herself and her friends from the past. "Life Force" weaves together the lives of 4 upper-middle class women, liberal idealists who have drifted into the boredom of middle age. The women are friendly enemies tied together by the promiscuous and enormously endowed Leslie Beck; they have all shared him and been the targets of his passionate lovemaking.

The author of this "memoir," Nora, is the mild-mannered wife of a milquetoast book editor. She spends her afternoons at a boring secretarial job in a realtor's office (the market was bad in the 70s too) toiling over a memoir that bares her and her friend's more adventurous past. Through Nora and an art gallery owner, Marion, Weldon is able to skewer society, the art world, and industrialists, and most especially the unnecessarily complex relationships between men and women. The book is also about creation: artwork, writing, babies, and the fictions we spin in our own lives.

One question remains, is it better to be a woman with a man in her life or to succeed on your own? Weldon supplies a spectrum to choose from. Of Leslie's 2 prudish wives, the 1st is married for her connections and goes crazy when she discovers his infidelities, and the 2nd, a former mistress, is married out of convenience and dies early, ignorant of his continued infidelities. 2 of the women in the quartet hide Leslie's children in plain sight from their clueless spouses, and a 3rd has been abandoned by her husband and lives the cloistered life of a "not quite widow". The last, Marion, the only self-made single lady in the group, had to sell her baby to get ahead in the world and might as well be called a spinster since she chose career over marriage. No one wins except the purchased love child, Marion and Leslie's son, who has money, art and possibly the physical endowment of his father... And, men, apparently size does matter. I thought you might like to know.

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### Jay Z says

Fay Weldon, you have disappointed me. And so I have abandoned you halfway.

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### Lani Rose says

Did Not Finish

Seems 2018 is my year of selecting terrible books to read.

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**Jason Pym says**

I guess this isn't aimed at me; despite the great writing and spot-on observations, I found the characters just that bit too irritating.

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