

Dear Mad'm book reviews

1. "*Dear Mad'm* by Stella Patterson is simply delightful.

"This is a story of an 80-year-old woman who leaves her San Francisco comfort and stays in a rustic cabin on a mining claim near Happy Camp in the Siskiyou Mountains.

Her adventures are heartwarming. Her strength and endurance are admirable. And her courage and frankness are gratifying.

"Here is a woman and senior citizen who proves to the world and her family that she can still be needed and that she can still live her own life.

"Young and old alike will enjoy this book. I recommend it as reading for all age groups, it is simply 260 pages of good, clean fun." (*Auburn Journal Sunday Magazine*, February 20, 1983)

2. "In the 1940s at the age of 80, the author abandoned her comfortable life in San Francisco and moved into a cabin in the Siskiyou Mountains of Northern California.

"The challenges that awaited her in this rural environment reawakened her basic needs and priorities. Life alone in a remote cabin meant taking chances, but there were wonderful compensations as well.

"The author's daily world, her unusual zest for living, her jaunty humor and fresh observations, are detailed with clarity and directness, *Dear Mad'm* is a book you will have a hard time putting down, and when finished, it will leave you with a sense of having shared in the adventures of a remarkable old friend." (F.F. Tilden, *Grand Times*, Feb./March 1996)