

Memoirs

Alone on the Great Wall by William Lindesay (B Lindesay) -



Apples and Oranges, my brother and me, lost and found by Marie Brenner (B Brenner) - The author, a journalist, discusses her relationship with her brother Carl, and describes how their personalities and lifestyle choices have always differed, and details how when later in life Carl was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, Marie and Carl found themselves reunited.

Audition: A Memoir by Barbara Walter (B Walters) - Television journalist Barbara Walters reflects on her life, discussing her childhood, family, affair with a married senator, daughter, career, colleagues, and much more. Includes photographs

Augie's Quest by Augies Nieto (B Nieto) - Recounts Augie Nieto's struggles with Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS, since the age of forty-seven, after working in the fitness industry, and his work to battle the disease with cure-driven initiatives and a centralized business model for operations related to research and development.

Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy (B Grealy) - A memoir in which award-winning poet Lucy Grealy recalls her experiences with a potentially terminal cancer that required she have a third of her jaw removed when she was nine years old, and discusses the suffering she endured as she was growing up from classmates, strangers, and other people because of her looks.

Blackbird: A Childhood Lost and Found by Jennifer Lauch (B Lauck) - The biography deals with a young girl's ability to survive after her mother's death. The sequel to this biography is Still Waters

The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad (958.1 Sei) Seierstad) - Asne Seierstand recounts the experiences she had while staying with a bookseller named Sultan Khan and his family in Afghanistan just after the fall of the Taliban, describing what it was like for families in Afghanistan to adjust to a new way of life and a new government.



The Boy who Fell Out of the Sky by Ken Dornstein (B Dornstein) – A memoir about the close relationship between two brothers describing how his life was changed by the death of his older brother David, a writer, who was killed in the bombing of Pan Am's Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988.

Caddy for Life by Joh Feinstein (B Feinstein) - A biography of Bruce Edwards, a thirty-year caddy, companion, and friend of professional golfer Tom Watson.

Canine Caper by Rose Block and Delilah Ahrendt (B Block) - The awe-inspiring story of Rose Block, a woman whose embarked on a quest to rescue dogs from abusive and violent owners and the dangers of the street.

Chalked Up by Jennifer Sey (B Sey) - Elite gymnast Jennifer Sey reveals the hardships she endured training to become a world champion, including suffering from an eating disorder, abusive coaches, and injuries.



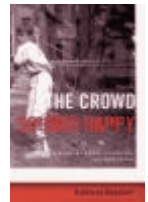
Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Girl by Adeline Yen Mah (B Mah) - The author tells the story of her painful childhood in China where she lived until the age of fourteen with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.

Closing Time by Joe Queenan (B Queenan) Queenan describes his childhood in a Philadelphia housing project in the early 1960s. By turns hilarious and heartbreaking, Closing Time recounts Queenan's Irish Catholic upbringing in a family dominated by his erratic alcoholic father. **Has been compared to *Angela's Ashes*.**

The Color of Water by James McBride (B McBride) - An African-American male tells of his mother, a white woman, who refused to admit her true identity.

Comeback: A Mother and Daughter's Journey Through Hell and Back by Claire Fontaine (B Fontaine) - Narrated from both the mother's and daughter's perspective, a memoir that describes the life of a teenage runaway, her mother's determination to find her, and the daughter's struggle to overcome self-hatred and depression.

The Crowd Sounds Happy: The Story of Love, Madness and Baseball by Nicholas Dawidoff (B Dawidoff) – Dawidoff recounts his troubled childhood, focusing on how his love of baseball helped him cope with his father's abandonment and social awkwardness.



Dead Lucky: Life After Death on Mount Everest by Lincoln Hall (796.52 Hal) - Lincoln Hall describes his experiences after deciding to pursue a long-delayed dream to climb Mt. Everest in the spring of 2006, telling how he was declared dead and left behind after he collapsed from altitude sickness and Sherpas were unable to revive him, and discussing his miraculous rescue by an American guide the following day who discovered him sitting on the summit ridge, frostbitten, confused, but still alive.

The End of the World as we Know It by Robert Goolrich (B Goolrich) - The author recalls his childhood growing up in a small southern college town in the 1950s, discussing how his parents' devotion to keeping up appearances and a strict rule against talking about the family outside the home hid secrets of alcoholism and abuse that eventually drove him to attempt suicide.



Fat Stupid Ugly: One Woman's Struggle to Survive by Deborah Constans (B Constans) - The author, labeled a "fat, unattractive baby" by her mother, describes her troubled life, her struggles to overcome abuse, addiction, cancer, and catastrophe, and her experiences as founder of A Place Called Home, a refuge for gang members and troubled youth in South-Central Los Angeles.

The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls (B Walls) - The author recalls her life growing up in a dysfunctional family with an alcohol father and distant mother and describes how she and her siblings had to fend for themselves until they finally found the resources and will to leave home.

Her Last Death: A Memoir by Susanna Sonnenberg (B Sonnenberg) - The author shares details of her traumatic childhood and relationship with her mother, a charismatic, pathological liar with a history of drug abuse and sexual misconduct; discusses her determination to break the pattern and live a normal life; and seeks to justify her decision not to rush off to Barbados after receiving a call that her mother was in a coma and not expected to survive.

Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos (B Gantos) - The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.



Home: A Memoir of My Early Years by Julie Andrews (B Andrews) - Actress Julie Andrews reflects on her early life, discussing her childhood in war-torn Britain, her move to America, early experiences on vaudeville and the Broadway stages, and her legendary role in the movie "Mary Poppins".

The House at Sugar Beach by in Search of a Lost African Childhood by Helene Cooper (B Cooper) - The author describes the story of her Liberian childhood, her family's escape from the violence in 1980, and her return to her homeland in search of the foster sister they were forced to leave behind.

House Rules by Rachel Sontag (B Sontag) - The author reflects on her father's control and abusiveness and discusses how she broke free from his rules.

I am Scout: a Biography of Harper Lee by Charles Shield (B Lee) - An exploration of the life and achievements of Harper Lee that discusses her Southern upbringing, education, family, writing of "To Kill a Mockingbird," association with Truman Capote, and personality.

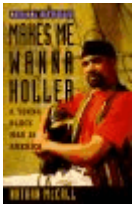
Identical Strangers: A Memoir of Identical Twins Separated and Reunited by Paula Bernstein (306.87 Ber) - In alternating voices, Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein recount what it was like to learn in their mid-thirties that they were twins separated at six months of age, and share their journey to become sisters instead of strangers



Into Thin Air by John Krakauer (796.52 Kra) - Journalist Jon Krakauer's cathartic account of the 1996 Mount Everest disaster in which four climbers from his expedition, and several members of other expeditions, perished.

Leaving Dirty Jersey: A Crystal Meth Memoir by James Salant (362.29 Sal) - Salant provides an account of the year he spent in California where he was sent by his parents to a drug rehabilitation facility which he soon ditched to live a chaotic, crime-riddled life addicted to crystal meth.

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah (B Beah) - Ishmael Beah describes his experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen, serving as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF and eventually moving to the United States.



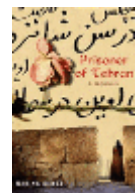
Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America by Nathan McCall (B McCall) - Washington Post reporter Nathan McCall recounts the story of his journey from troubled youth to professional journalist, providing insight into what it's like to be a young African-American male in this country.

No Excuses by Kyle Maynard (B Maynard) - Presents the author's first hand account of his experiences growing up as a congenital amputee, providing information on how he learned to eat, type, write, and live without hands, ultimately becoming a successful athlete and champion wrestler in Georgia.

The Oldest Rookie: Big-League Dream from a Small-Town Guy by Jim Morris (B Morris) - Shares the true story of Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Jim Morris, the oldest rookie to take the mound in forty years of major league history, telling how Morris, well settled in a teaching career, was goaded by his students into pursuing his childhood dream of playing professional baseball.

Poster Child by Emily Rapp (B Rapp) - Emily Rapp chronicles the first thirty years of her life, describing how her life has been defined by the birth defect that left her with only one leg and made her the poster child for the March of Dimes.

Prisoner of Teheran by Marina Nemat (B Nemat) - The author describes the torture and pain she suffered as a political prisoner in Iran's notorious Evin prison during the early days of Ayatollah Khomeini's brutal Islamic revolution, her sentence of death for not releasing the names of her friends, and her forced relationship with one of her interrogators who eventually saves her life.

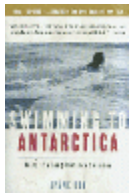


Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books by Azar Nafisi (B Nafisi) - The author presents a memoir of her life in post-revolutionary Iran, focusing on her organization of a group of young women in 1997 who met secretly once a week to read and discuss forbidden works of Western literature.

Swallow the Ocean by Laura Flynn (B Flynn) - A memoir in which Laura Flynn recalls her childhood and the charmed life she enjoyed with her family, especially her free-spirited, imaginative mother, and discusses how everything changed when her mother lost her grip on reality due to schizophrenia.

Stolen Beauty: Healing the Scars of Child Abuse by Amy Madden (B Madden) - The author describes the sexual and emotional abuse she and her siblings suffered from their stepfather and chronicles her healing process.

The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other side of the Sky by Farah Ahmedia - Farah Ahmedi, the victim of a land mine when she was just twelve years old, tells about her childhood in Afghanistan, a country trapped in war her entire life, and discusses the challenges she has faced as a result of losing her leg, and in trying to adapt to living in the United States.



Swimming to Antarctica by Lynne Cox (B Cox) - Distance swimmer Lynne Cox describes the challenges of swimming across the English Channel, the Bering Strait, the Strait of Magellan, Cook Strait in New Zealand, and in the cold waters of the Antarctic.

A Three Dog Life by Abigail Thomas (B Thomas) - Author Abigail Thomas shares the story of how she started a new life after an accident left her husband brain damaged and institutionalized.

Three Little Words by Ashley Rhodes Courter (B Rhodes-Courter) - Rhodes-Courter provides an account of her life, focusing on the nine years she spent in Florida's foster care system after being removed from her mother at the age of three, and explaining how her life changed after she was adopted.

Travels by Michael Crichton (B Crichton) -



What Becomes of the Broken Hearted by E. Lynn Harris (B Harris) - Novelist E. Lynn Harris recalls his life growing up in Arkansas, discussing the abuse he endured at the hands of his stepfather, his sometimes troubled school years, the depression he suffered as a result of being an African-American gay man, and the redemption he experienced when he decided to follow his dream of becoming a writer.

When Men Become Gods: Mormon Polygamist Warren Jeffs, his Cult of Fear and the Women who Fought Back by Stephen Singular (B Jeffs) - Examines the life of Warren Jeffs, the leader and self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, based in southern Utah, and focuses on his polygamous crimes, which include a rape charge based on his involvement with an arranged marriage between a fourteen year old girl and her nineteen year old half first cousin.

When You are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris (814 Sed) - A collection of essays in which David Sedaris reflects on some of the more humorous and memorable events of his life. Read his other memoirs Me Talk Pretty One Day, Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim and Naked

A Wolf at the Table by Augusten Burroughs (B Burroughs) - Present a memoir of Augusten Burroughs' relationship with his father, which consisted of abuse, aloofness and betrayal.

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion (B Didion) - The author recalls the weeks and months following the death of her husband of forty years and the severe illness of their only daughter, and discusses the changes that occurred in her life as a result.