

It's All About ME....Memoirs

Kate Braestrup

Marriage and Other Acts of Charity

As a minister, Kate Braestrup regularly performs weddings. She has also, at 44, been married twice and widowed once, and accordingly has much to say about life after "the ceremony." From helping a newlywed couple make amends after their first fight to preparing herself for her second marriage, Braestrup offers her insights and experiences on what it truly means to share your life with someone, from the first kiss to the last straw, for better or for worse.

Gail Caldwell

Let's Take the Long Way Home

In this gorgeous, moving memoir, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Caldwell reflects on her own coming-of-age in midlife, as she learns to open herself to the power and healing of sharing her life with a best friend.

Jules Feiffer

Backing into Forward

The award-winning cartoonist, playwright, and author delivers a witty, illustrated rendition of his life, from his childhood as a wimpy kid in the Bronx to his legendary career in the arts. Plagued by learning problems, a controlling mother, and a debilitating sense of fear, Feiffer embarked on his first cartoon apprenticeship at the age of seventeen, emboldened only by a passion for success and an aptitude for failure.

Josh Kilmer-Purcell

The Bucolic Plague: How two Manhattanites Became Gentleman Farmers

Tart and sweet, touching and laugh-out-loud funny, "The Bucolic Plague" shows what happens when two middle-aged New Yorkers (one, an ex-drag queen) do the unthinkable: start over, have a herd of kids (the four-legged kind), and get a little dirty.

Laura Munson

This is not the Story you Think it Is--: a Season of Unlikely Happiness

In this poignant, wise, and often funny memoir, Munson recounts a period of months in which her faith in herself--and her marriage--was put to the test and when she realized that ultimately happiness is completely within her own control.

Roger Rosenblatt

Making Toast

Describes how, after their adult daughter's sudden death, the author and his wife moved in with their son-in-law and three grandchildren, quickly becoming reaccustomed to the world of small children and helping the family grieve and get on with life.

Dani Shapiro

Devotion

Reveals how--in her mid-40s, after being scarred by the early loss of her father and her mother's death from terminal illness--the author grappled with what she believed when it came to religion and spirituality.

Phyllis Theroux

The Journal Keeper

A writer's memoir covering six years of a distressing time in her life looks at love, loneliness, growing old, financial worries, spiritual growth, and watching her remarkable mother prepare for death.

Vanessa Woods

Bonobo Handshake: a Memoir of Love & Adventure in the Congo

Traces how a Discovery Channel writer and her scientist fiance settled in a Bonobo sanctuary in war-torn Congo, where their research enabled greater understanding of the characteristics and largely peaceful culture of the rare ape that shares 98.7 percent of human DNA.