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Hoarder: The True Story Of My Mother's Downward Spiral (Final Update)



Synopsis

This book is filled with my most private thoughts at the time of discovering the magnitude of my mom's hoard. I am thankful to finally be able to talk about since it doesn't feel so raw anymore. I do admit I will be forever traumatized by what I walked into on November 18, 2013. I hope this book helps others in the same situation with a loved one, a friend or even a neighbor by just knowing they are not alone in their feelings and their fears. Though I don't claim that all the things I talk about in this book were right and respectful, it worked for me. Until you are in this situation no one knows what they will do or how they will react to finding someone with an illness that can threaten their sanity and in some situations take their lives. This has been one heck of a roller coaster ride since that fateful day in November 2013. Quite frankly, it is one ride I hope to never experience again in this lifetime. Take care my friends and stay safe. It can be a cruel world out there.....

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Customer Reviews

The author relates her story of how her mother's hoarding affected her whole family. Honestly

written, she describes how the problem was solved and gives hope to others facing otherx

This book is very concise. I found the book very interesting because the author also covers the loss of her father. I have lost my two brothers and my dad myself. I thought the pictures made the book more relateable.

I appreciate the authors honesty. I feel I understand a little better what it must like to help a parent deal with hoarding. This book was wonderfully written as if she was sitting next to you and catching up on here life. Thank you for writing your story.

Very touching and honest. A very difficult read for one with the disease. Thank you for your exposure of the disease.

I liked that she explained the process she went through with her mom and although sad I know about hoarding except the person I know cleans. She just piles stuff and keeps buying stuff she does not need!

This book is written by someone who has a grip on her past and present and real devotion her family and reality. Thank you for your sharing your powerful tale.

Much of what is in this book fits my sister exactly. It's heartbreaking. Maybe reading about this sickness can help some people.

Early on the author claims a happy childhood with no abuse before commenting on spankings, beatings with a belt and in one description being beaten with a wire coat hanger. This dichotomy made me feel sorry for her but also question both her logic and her appalling tolerance for child abuse. (She goes as far as to claim that she deserved the beatings.) The writing is scattered and of poor quality. Her story is engaging but the writing style is amateurish and awkward. It also lacks depth. Obviously her experience was awful. Her mother sounds like a genuinely horrible person, hoarding disorder or not. But, this is still just not a very well written book.

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