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The Glass Castle



Synopsis

Now a major motion picture starring Brie Larson, Naomi Watts and Woody Harrelson. This is a startling memoir of a successful journalist's journey from the deserted and dusty mining towns of the American Southwest, to an antique filled apartment on Park Avenue. Jeanette Walls narrates her nomadic and adventurous childhood with her dreaming, 'brilliant' but alcoholic parents. At the age of seventeen she escapes on a Greyhound bus to New York with her older sister; her younger siblings follow later. After pursuing the education and civilisation her parents sought to escape, Jeanette eventually succeeds in her quest for the 'mundane, middle class existence' she had always craved. In her apartment, overlooked by 'a portrait of someone else's ancestor' she recounts poignant remembered images of star watching with her father, juxtaposed with recollections of irregular meals, accidents and police-car chases and reveals her complex feelings of shame, guilt, pity and pride toward her parents.

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Customer Reviews

I agree with another reviewer that inconsistencies loom large. My feeling is that Jeannette

capitalized on her gossip column experience and cashed in on her unfortunate (yet so enriching) childhood experience. Her parents deserve so much more credit than she gives them. Neither of her parents were perfect, but none are. Why has Jeannette not donated her riches to helping others? Was she ever really poor despite the way they lived due to her mothers inheritance?

Loved this book-didn't want it to end! Hard to believe those kids made something of themselves with such bizarre parents!

a great book - I couldn't put it down.

Had read this originally when it first came out and wanted to (1) re-read before I saw the movie, and (2) own it. Such an incredible story and it was amazing to read of the resilience of this family's progeny.

This book was hard to put down.

A very good read. Wrenching at times, but well-written.

Absolutely loved it!!!

A great read

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