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[This] may be the most compelling book you will ever read."
—Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of *The Deep End of the Ocean*



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At age 6, January ("Jani") Schofield was identified as having one of the most severe instances of child-onset schizophrenia on record. she is susceptible to her imaginary friends—a few of whom are friendly, while some tell her to scream at strangers, jump out of buildings, and attack her baby brother. Jani is torn between two areas: "Calalini," the illusory home of her imaginary friends, and the world. Amid Jani's struggle are her parents, who face seemingly insurmountable obstacles daily just to preserve both of their children alive and safe and sound. Hallucinating continuously, Their battle has included a two-year seek out answers, countless medications and hospitalizations, allegations of abuse, despair that almost broke the family apart and, finally, victories against the condition and a fresh faith they can create a happy life for Jani. When potent psychiatric medicines that would level most adults barely faze her, the line dividing delirium from actuality grows dangerously blurry. A passionate and Now with Extra Libris material, including a reader's father's soul-bearing memoir of the daily issues and unwavering dedication to save his girl from the advantage of insanity while doing everything he may to keep his family together. account, January Initial inspirational s guide and bonus content



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Raw and brutally honest. And, this book is very well done. When I started this reserve I didn't much like him, but then a review isn't approximately whether you prefer the individuals, but how well written a book is. Yawn. I admired his commitment to his girl, his honesty along with his feelings regardless of how shocking they might be, and I sensed deeply for what he experienced dealing with a child that seriously mentally ill. Glad he shared his story..One thing I'd like to add... the book was Completely different than what has been proven on tv concerning this case. What this family lives through every day is amazing. If you are interested in the mental health of kids and how our culture treats those afflicted with schizophrenia, I would definitely recommend it -- but be warned that it is not something which will leave you feeling hopeful and fulfilled. Just what a great great browse! I acquired through it so fast and was so interested in the tale that I did so some online research after about the author and January. except the Schofield parents are really that dysfunctional. They were so courageous when others could have given up. Sad Story, but he's even sadder. Plus, it didn't take me too long into the reserve before I heated up to him. This guy comes off like he is the only one who cares about his kid. He's just the main one kicking himself. Sad tale, Difficult sometimes to I bought this reserve after reading Michael Schofield's Huffington Post article, if only because I needed to in some way support him financially for all of his troubles. I haven't read anything like this. In all sincerity, this story reads like a terrible script out of a medical docudrama, with overly-developed individuals who are too smudged to be believable.) But you may have expected that anyhow: in the end, the book targets a six-year-old female who has a serious case of child-beginning point schizophrenia, and has not been noted by Publisher's Weekly because of its optimistic outlook. Fast read! Amazing story. The trip becomes genuine for the reader.It had been no easy book to complete -- be warned, it really is dark, filled with negativity, and even distressing. On tv issues seem actually played down compared to this fathers natural account in this reserve. I read this publication in a single day. I couldn't stop. The author so badly wanted to believe that his child is exceptionally bright, that he was ready to rationalize away obviously pathological symptoms for a long time. It is not easy at all. Five Stars Very captivating, well written. Sad & Heartwarming Perfect insight into existence as a family group with mental illness. January's illness and symptoms are exacerbated by the narcissistic characteristics and self-aggrandizement of both parents, which is normally rife throughout this reserve.. It's taught me so much compassion also to live by every therapist terms "live moment by instant and day by day time" Parenting Interesting true story. This is a must browse. I can't imagine having the sort of endurance January's parents had!! As a mental doctor, the obviously dysfunctional condition of the parents on the show sent up enough warning flag to make me want to read this book penned by January's father. Such an amazing father and mother.Side be aware: there are some parts that will be hard to learn if you are a dog lover. Absolutely cringeworthy After viewing this family on a recent rerun of a Dr. Phil display, I was result in purchase this book. Amazing story I couldn't put this publication down. It is apparent, January's dx apart, that the Schofields have become troubled people. The writer fancies himself a prolific scholar with parenting abilities to match, and his wife can be portrayed as a helpless, unengaged body who's complicit in keeping the family from getting well. (I ate a whole lot of chocolate while reading it.... Amazing reserve. Having bipolar disorder myself I related therefore much to this family. If she had had healthier parents, January could have fared better. I'm in awe of the honesty this dad put down in some recoverable format. And as a parent my heart is out to them. I believed I had it extremely rough coping with my child, but that was pale in comparison to his and his wife's situation.



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