

"The love and humor with which Pereira chronicles her mother's life is inspiring."
-Rachel Pruchno, PhD, editor-in-chief, *The Gerontologist*

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Not until a revealing incident over an innocuous drapery rod did Pereira recognize the extent of her mom's Alzheimer's. In her touching memoir, *I Will Never Forget*, Elaine Pereira shares the heartbreaking and humorous tale of her mother's incredible trip through dementia. *I Will Under no circumstances Forget* is a robust heartwarming story that helps others know that they are not by yourself in their trip." –Ionia Martin, programmer of Readful Things Evaluations and Alzheimer's caregiver

IT IS PAINFULLY DIFFICULT to view loved ones decline as dementia ravages their mind, destroying memories, rational thinking, and judgment. As their roles shifted and a fresh paradigm emerged, Pereira transformed into a caregiver, blindly navigating dementia's unpredictable haze. But before Betty's passing, she orchestrated a sensational rally to control her own destiny via a masterful, Houdini-like escape. Pereira begins with amusing glimpses into her very own childhood and feisty teenage years, demonstrating her mother's strength of personality. "Poignant, shocking, and honest ... far more than just words on paper. In the event that you or someone you know is living through the hell of dementia, you need this reserve! Years afterwards, as Betty Ward started to exhibit bizarre behaviors and paranoia, Pereira was mystified by her mom's amazing capability to mask the truth.



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A Child's Tale of her Mom's Arduous and Humorous Trip through Dementia. That felt disruptive to the stream of the tale and kept pulling me back from the current story range into past unnecessary information that didn't move the story forward. A highly personal story, informed with warmth and humor, the book relates two women's journeys—one getting into a location where light becomes darkness, and the other through the annealing fires of 1 near-disaster after another, but with like and selflessness, eventually emerging undefeated. Elaine lives in an average Midwest family, a mom, father and two brothers.

Elaine C. Pereira wrote *I'LL REMEMBER* as a tribute to her mother, Betty, but also to make us alert to the awful end-of-lifestyle disease called Dementia. This is one woman's accounts of her mom and her journey into the abyss." Elaine C. Just what a beautiful mother/girl relationship they had, all their lives, till the end. She shows us her childhood and teenager and older years memories and correlates them with the slow descent of her mom. and of a family that over an eternity faced tragedy (Betty dropped two children) with uncommon grace. That is the gorgeous and tragic stage about Dementia. One moment, she's lucid, the next she might forget where she is. For a time, the disease will take the brain cells one by one, forgetting where she placed her keys, blaming others for stealing an object, not remembers individuals around her, exchanging old memories for new situations. Unfortunately, like too many others of our era, we also shared the unfortunate connection with witnessing our mothers' descent into age-related dementia. While each person's trip thru this disease is exclusive, as are the experiences of family, scanning this book I came across comfort in recognizing behaviors, events, experiences and reactions the writer chronicles. Done well, Elaine. A well-written memoir, well-organized and areas us together with Elaine and her family. Her writing is certainly humous, poignant and sad. If you want to read her story, you will require three things: The reserve, time, and a box of tissues. I gave this memoir 5 stars.

TWO BRAVE WOMEN'S HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DEMENTIA I recently read "I Will Never Forget", Elaine Pereira's intimate memoir of her mom Betty's journey through late-life dementia. Pereira "Dementia can be devious, indiscriminate, and ruthless, invading your brain and distorting fiction into one's reality. Awesome tribute My grandmother suffers from dementia. still, it is replete with solid information about this destructive condition, and Elaine's many creative, if sometimes improvised, strategies for coping may give clarity to others facing related circumstances. The story is told episodically. Small bits accumulate one by one, each fitting itself with those heading before to form images of Betty as a lovely and many-faceted woman; Tragic, but an excellent chronicle My mom died from Alzheimer's six months ago. We watch her memory going over time until she forgets virtually all her recollections except individuals close to her. From this history, the relentless progression of Betty's unavoidable transformation becomes all the more poignant and tragic. Elaine had some advantages. Owing to her career as an occupational therapist, she acquired some insider's awareness of existing resources and how to access them. She also got rock-like support from many family members and from kindly and smart caregivers. Still, there's only so much one person can perform, and there were occasions when the journey will need to have seemed to Elaine about to crush her. Switching roles Oh my! The time it took me to read this book was well spent. of a relationship of a mother and daughter; This is a cruel, vicious, horrific, nightmare disease that needs a lot more attention and financing for research. The author divides her chapters into time periods of her life, her childhood, teenage and young woman ages and the years between your onset and her mom's departure. A few echoed what I noticed with my mom to an eerie degree. But the tale itself is great, well written, descriptive, and you could feel and feeling what the family went through in dealing with this. Perhaps others who are facing this diagnosis in someone you care about can get some knowledge of what's happening. Just understanding that others faced related difficulties, decisions, and frustrations when trying to navigate their part as caregiver can help. Touching, heart-felt, insightful Very touching, heart-felt story, gives you a genuine experience for what it's like coping with someone with dementia, with insights into the mental confusion and deterioration, from both the mother's

and the daughter's viewpoint. It is never an easy task to switch caregiving functions with the individual who had elevated us. By Elaine C. The story finally stayed in today's time period in the last few chapters, and I adored it. I wish the complete book was chronological instead of continuously jumping everywhere. In some way, that helped me cope with my memories, knowing that there have been others trying to cope with similar situations. I sensed like I was reading my own memoir. If you can look beyond the jumping back and forth in time, i quickly highly recommend this. Wonderful book This book was a straightforward read. I am grateful to NetGalley for the chance to read and review a book which held so much meaning for me. Just the thoughts and emotions of a daughter as her Mother journeys through dementia. I have read many others. This loving memoir goes through every stage of her Mother's this past year. Very comforting. Thank You, Elaine Insightful A story that will pull at your heart-strings because the daughter struggles with her mother's dementia. Arriving at grips with her mother's changes, locating the greatest and safest care, yet continuing on with her very own existence were well described. I would have liked more in depth information from the way the author herself as to how she was feeling. There were glimpses of it just. A must read for anyone dealing with those experiencing dementia. The book isn't a how-to-deal-with-dementia manual; Even though I have a great support system, I cannot help but feel only, as my mother was her only kid and she died 5 years back. I grieve for my grandmother, however I observe her everyday. Dementia can be an awful disease. Anyone going through this nightmare can benefit from this book. Very well written I couldn't wait to continue reading day after day until it had been over Personally i think so linked to the family I by no means knew Fascinating Cannot put it straight down. We follow their squabbles, triumphs, good times and bad until a stroke overcomes her dad, her brother succumbs to cancers and a major accident takes her younger brother at an early age. Good book Good browse and great insight to such a devastating amount of time in a person's existence. She served her Mother's wants well. But persevere she do, and due to it she became stronger herself and stronger, too, in her connections with those she loves. Beautiful touching story. Since the writer and I are almost the same age group, there is so much I possibly could relate to as she described her family existence and developing up years. A scary prospect for her and the loved ones around her. The one thing I did not look after in this tale, and the reason I did not give it 5 celebrities, is that it kept jumping backwards and forwards to different schedules, back and forth, again and again, throughout the entire book. Not really filled up with technical stuff.



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