

The background of the entire book cover is a close-up photograph of lavender flowers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing the characteristic whorled structure of the spikes. The colors range from a deep purple to a lighter, almost pinkish-purple. The green leaves of the plants are visible between the flower spikes.

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LOSING MARMEE

A MOTHER, A DAUGHTER, AND
SIX YEARS IN ASSISTED LIVING

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Losing Marmee: A Mother, a Daughter, and Six Years in Assisted Living



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When Betsy's people moved right into a lovely pension community, everyone expected that their needs would be well managed for the rest of their lives. That was prior to the car accident. the child who gets the dreaded early morning calls when something has truly gone wrong. The Responsible One,"Instantly Betsy was " As her mom Marmee bravely battled arthritis, Parkinson's disease, and dementia, Betsy diligently drove her to medical appointments, shipped favorite snacks, and eventually managed her finances. under even the best of situations.aging parents" books Betsy examine, she was frequently blindsided by eldercare issues no one had warned her about. Dropping Marmee"" is certainly a memoir with an objective: to give you a sneak preview of what can occur to your maturing parents – also to you as well as your life – But no matter how many "



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She just happened to be the main one in the same region where my mother was and the rest of us were scattered over the county. It's extremely well written from a literary perspective as well, and is well worth the browse because it's so insightful, and filled with useful and worthwhile suggestions garnered from her personal encounter. I am so appreciative of experiencing the author's reserve in my hands and her autograph in it as which means so much if you ask me. Insightful and worthwhile Having been luckily enough to actually meet up with this author and listen to her give a presentation about her publication, I can say unequivocally that she really did write it from her heart. Anyone who has struggled with an aging parent can relate to this and admire the author's spirit and ultimate acceptance of her mother's mortality. Dropping Marmee a Mother, a Daughter, and Six Years in Assisted Living I absolutely loved the book and it brought so much to home dealing with my own mother. I informed my sister about the publication and she asked me if she should browse it. That was when I first started it and I told her to wait a few days and I'd let her find out. The story of Keeping Marmee is an upbeat story a loving daughter, Becky, and the emotional ups and downs she experiences in looking after her parents and, her mother, in a large assisted living community. I think that evening she said she'd completed it, I completed it. And I know how this author feels. I'm so happy she put it into a book. A astonishing and beautiful book That is a surprising book because of the author's attitude toward what she's experienced. I cherished the humor that she added to it. You'll cry, laugh, and enjoy every moment of it. Good read, specifically for baby boomers and younger! Often, I came across myself chuckling aloud and at other instances, the parent-to-child, child-to-parent transition and stresses Becky experienced as she do all she knew to accomplish, touched me deeply. For eight years I was the primary care person of my mother because my siblings resided so far apart. They gave me permission to create decisions regarding her treatment as she slowly sank in to the foreign land of Alzheimer's disease. When I went through it with my siblings, there weren't many books about dementia. I normally don't read books about this sort of subject, but that is a MUST. It is a compelling examine laced with smart humor and ingenuous sentiment. Also so important, as she says, isn't talking as if your relative were not in the area. We will hardly ever know what they perform or do not understand. Many thanks, M. While reading the publication, I was struck by the beautiful decisions the writer made; fabulous book That is a book I'd recommend to anyone who's facing the fact that their parents are receiving older, probably needing nursing home care or assisted care. I loved just how she advocated for her to the end! Even though you cannot afford round the clock personal care just like the author apparently could, that advocacy is so important. I believe the book is really worth reading, especially by anyone who could someday become main caregiver for an elderly relative. An overwhelming story This is an overwhelming story of the loving filial bond between a daughter and her mother who are both strong, accomplished, and independent women, trapped in the vortex of the final stages of Parkinson's disease, yet handling it with delicate dignity. It creates one face the facts; I'm not inclined to learn books with such natural emotion, but I found myself unable to put it down, knowing full well that it had been not going to possess a happily ever after ending. I would like to echo the author's tips of how exactly to set up the area for one who suffers memory loss. The impassioned descriptions of events and and interactions between your author and her mother make you think that there for the grace of fate go I, either in the selfless caretaking role of the child or in the helpless role because the ailing mother. this book is great. I loved the publication. Yes, it is sad -- an inexorable decline into that good night -- but it is also filled with humor and gentleness and also hope. Small celebrations, little moments of human contact, temporary victories along the way to what we are able to all expect at our end: a good death. She made no

stage without talking to the rest of us. That is such a universal experience so beautifully described that I would highly recommend it. Hard to relate to. This is a hard book, by a good writer -- but I possibly could not relate to the story at all. As a caretaker struggling to provide a good positioning for my person, I possibly could not really relate to the choices open to this one who seemed to have unlimited money. Among the best tales of caregiving I've browse in quite a while! A pal gave me a copy of Saving Marmee around once that the weight of emptiness and grief were simply beginning to lift in my own life, following the loss of life of my mother 18 months earlier. She went ahead and browse it and completed it before me and stated it was absolutely wonderful. Go through it before you will need it! Though our personal situations were quite different, Becky's keen love of life and insight were precious "nuggets of gold" as I progressed through the story. I read this publication because it was recommended if you ask me by my sister, a pal of the author. Often throughout the book, I found myself mentally going back in time and reliving my own experiences and, like Becky, the struggle I experienced finding your way through the impending end of our mother's lives. Saving Marmee was one of those rare book finds that ended up being self-healing in more than one way. I highly recommend this book for caregivers, caregiver's siblings along with family and friends who, for reasons unknown(s), don't have enough time or ability to provide the consistent caregiver's support needed in the daily "boots on the floor" challenges Becky dealt with each day. The memory reduction isn't orderly. Elizabeth Sweeney! Saving Marmee is certainly "two thumbs up!" A poignant and lovely read. This story is someone to which many aging baby boomers can relate once we cope with older parents. The writer tells the story with sweetness plus some sorrow and pulls us into her family like a caring relative. My sister was the accountable one in my own mother's case however the rest of us knew everything she dealt with. She also brought Hershey's kisses for everybody who attended--which can make perfect sense after you have read her publication. Different complications but so comparable in having to find the treatment and looking after someone that we love. I could only applaud the evaluations of other readers; Reading about like and loss is under no circumstances easy, yet that is such a touching portrayal, you will discover yourself quickly immersed. Every mother or father or loved one nearing the finish of life requires a solid advocate and a watchman on the tower who'll keep close track of a adored one's personal safety, health and well-getting, be it in the house with hospice and hired help or in an assisted living community where occupants slowly transition to the hospice treatment facility. I'm presently living a similar story with my very own mother, and Betsy has written about experiences which will prepare me so I'm not surprised when similar situations occur inside our future. I've dog-eared a bunch of web pages for quick reference. Bittersweet. it showed the love she had for her mom and certainly represented how well she understood her. I could conveniently empathize with the struggles and pain since my children experienced a very identical heart-wrenching decline with this mother who suffered from Alzheimers. realize that they're not alone in being the "responsible one" and others have been through it. Books written both by treatment givers AND those in the first stages of the condition could have been invaluable! Though I by no means met the writer personally, I've known her for a long time and this is a very particular worthwhile read. I've arrive to learn "Marmee" well and can feel her daughter's emotions at every level.



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