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Hungry Heart: Adventures In Life, Love, And Writing



Synopsis

No matter what was happening in Jennifer Weiner's life - whether good, bad, or very, very ugly - her mother, Fran, would say the same thing: It's all material. Now the number-one New York Times best-selling author and "one of the biggest names in popular fiction" (USA Today), beloved on Twitter and hailed as "an unlikely feminist enforcer" (The New Yorker), takes the raw stuff of her personal life and spins it into a collection of personal essays as uproariously funny and heartfelt as the best of Tina Fey and Nora Ephron. Jennifer grew up as an outsider in her picturesque Connecticut hometown ("a Lane Bryant outtake in an Abercrombie & Fitch catalogue") and at her Ivy League college but finally found her people in newsrooms in central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and her voice as a novelist and New York Times columnist. In her first essay collection, no subject is off-limits: sex, weight, envy, money, the reality of life with a newborn, her mom's newfound lesbianism, her estranged father's death (and Weiner's subsequent attempt to get the funeral home to accept her American Express card, because "if at least I get points, something good will have come of this"). From bad blind dates to modern childbirth to handling her six-year-old daughter's use of the f-word - fat - for the first time Jennifer Weiner goes there, with the wit and candor that have endeared her to readers all over the world. By turns hilarious and deeply touching, this collection shows that the woman behind treasured novels like *Good in Bed* and *Best Friends Forever* is every bit as winning, smart, and honest in real life as she is in her fiction.

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Customer Reviews

I gave this only three stars because I too easily put it down. I have enjoyed several of Jennifer Weiner's novels, but her memoir, while insightful, at times raw (thank you, Jennifer, for your open, honest telling of your miscarriage), wasn't quite the page turner her novels have been. While it took me a couple of months to finish, I am glad that I did, as do enjoy getting to know the authors I admire.

I am a longtime fan of Jennifer Weiner - I have loved all her books and enjoy following her on twitter and Facebook. I find her to be very human, and not just as a woman but as an overweight woman trying to be taken as more than a fat lady in her professional life, I relate all too well to her writing. This book did not disappoint. If anything, it made me love her even more. Aside from the fact that we could have been the same person as kids (the similarities are spooky in places) and that we have some of the same favorite books (although I didn't dislike the movie version of *Shining Through* as much as she did - c'mon it had Michael Douglas in it), I found her honesty to be refreshing. In particular, I feel as though her chapters about having a miscarriage and her father's death to be particularly moving. Those were details she didn't have to share in a memoir, but her willingness to do so will surely help some who read this book. I applaud her bravery.

This book was fun to read & so real. I bought it because of the weight loss surgery bit, it's there, but buried underneath real life. Kind of like weight happens, in real life. I really loved the transformation that Jennifer makes to her truest self, that was inside of her, waiting to be heard or uncovered. I found it really relatable as a woman and prior "good girl". Finding who I am took even longer for me. I would have liked to hear more about the surgery stuff, but still loved the book.

I enjoyed every page of this book. I really like Jennifer Weiner's characters in her novels. The fact that they are not all gorgeous and slim and perfect like so many other authors describe their characters. Ms Weiner's autobiography was written from the heart from a woman who had to endure so much to be recognized for her amazing talent. Everyone should read this book. It might help to make people more compassionate and understanding to others and themselves.

If you, like me, have read and enjoyed Jennifer Weiner's books, you will enjoy *Hungry Heart*. In it, you gain insight into the author's life and writing process, and how her events in her life have informed her books. She is honest, real, and very, very funny. I had expected this book to be a collection of essays, which it is, but it is more of a memoir than I expected. This is a quick, enjoyable

read. It made me love her even more than I already did!

I LOVED this book! I have enjoyed her other books, and I loved the movie, IN HER SHOES. __Hungry Heart__ transcends all of Ms. Weiner's previous books. It is poignant, relatable, humorous and heartfelt; completely a work of love. I read this on my Kindle, and now I want to purchase the hardcover so that I can reread chaps, Mark my favorites, and have the book near me. I truly wish that I could meet Ms. Weiner. Brava!

I've been a fan of Jennifer Wiener since Good In Bed. I was hesitant about reading this, but got so wrapped up in it, once I started. What a great read! Honest, funny, sad, and again funny!!! You won't be disappointed!!!

Loved, loved, loved this book. I have lived in Jennifer's shoes and I thank her for putting into words what I never could. As heartbreaking as some parts of Jennifer's life were, she stands proud of who she is and as a woman, she does us all proud. Jennifer makes me want to join her cast of characters, Fran, Molly, Phoebe and Lucy. This is a story I will come back to time and time again..

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