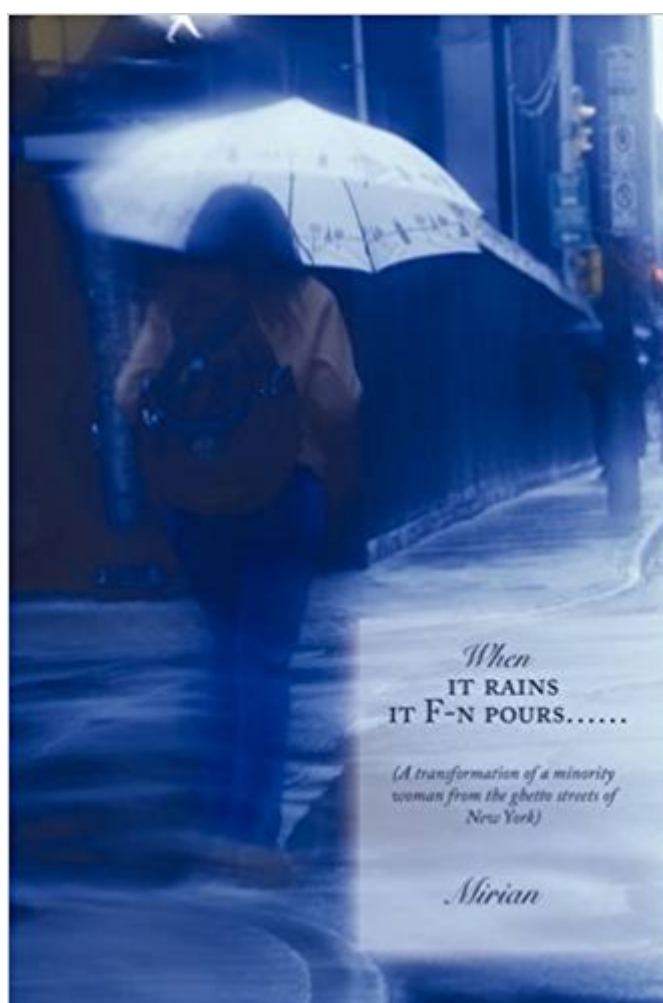


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# When It Rains It F-n Pours.....: (A Transformation Of A Minority Woman From The Ghetto Streets Of New York)



## Synopsis

A memoir of a minority woman growing up in the ghettos of New York City shows how anyone can become someone successful. Although, Mirian's struggles started from birth she firmly believed in many things such as castles, knights in shining armor, and a big house with a picket fence. It was those dreams that kept her spirit alive when life became too horrendously painful. Mirian Detres was not only born disabled, but she has been mentally, physically, and sexually abused. Her memoirs include being locked in a closet at the age of 9 for a year, hospitalized in a mental institution as an adult for approx. 2 years and received shock treatments, been beaten as a wife, a druggie and living in the streets as a homeless woman with her babies. It was the love she had for her children that caused her to go through a metamorphosis in life. The change was so drastic, that not even her own family recognized her. Mirian Detres's memoirs not only takes you into a world of poverty, abuse, and neglect but it plunges the reader into a dark rabbit hole of struggles with drugs and crime only to come out on the other side as an educational scholar with two masters, doctorate of philosophy, spokes person for battered women, and a successful mother of five children. This is a true story of a woman without any role models became one herself.

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This book should make everyone reflect on their own childhood and realize how lucky they were. The main message here is that regardless of your beginnings and poor choices, with determination, you can move pass all your obstacles and succeed. Imagine that a dyslexic, who started out as a high school drop-out, can persevere and get THREE Masters and ONE PhD!!! I've met the author and as I told her, she's my personal Hero. I also grew up in a ghetto, in Brooklyn, but my childhood

was 360 from hers and I couldn't fathom her Mothers' behavior. It made me love my parents (both deceased) and the life they gave me even more!!!! This book eradicates the phrase "I can't" from everyone's vocabulary!! It's a must read for all the spoiled, self-indulgent, entitlement minded people who think they're owed anything and also the emotionally wounded who will realize they too can find healing. I'm sorry she had to go thru all that, but it makes for a good read.

This memoir is amazing!! I related to Mirian so much! I found out about her and her book from a classmate at my college. I did not take a class with Dr. Detres-Hickey but I bought this book for leisure. I needed to read about someone that went through similar situations as myself. I think everyone should read this book. Mirian is such a real inspiration, she represents a true success story. Like she says, when there is a will, there is a way. If she found a way to overcome all of the strenuous and heartbreaking circumstances, anyone can! I hope to meet you one day! Her story is as real as it gets. God bless you Mirian!

Great book. Very inspiring author.

THANK YOU

When It Rains It F-N Pours by MirianA fantastic memoir of a woman who has fought the many obstacles that stood in her way to become the beautiful, bright woman that she is today. I've met Mirian in 2006 while we both belonged to a Paranormal team. I immediately took to this strong willed woman, cause we both shared some things in common the paranormal and we both have Learning Disabilities. I have always looked up to Mirian in awe for she had finally achieved her goals in life. I never knew the story behind her life until I have read her book. Mirian has shown that one can rise above the pain from abuse, discrimination based on race and having a disability to transform into a woman with dignity and self worth breaking the cycle of abuse. The love of her children has kept Mirian going, determined to complete her course of study to earn her PhD in Education.

This was amazing book about the strength and resolve of the human spirit. If you would are looking for a perspective about what it is like growing up in a dysfunctional family, how race and bias exists within "minority groups" and how these biases can inflict pain and disassociation - then this is an excellent book. It is humbling to read because of the author's challenges with - class, economics, ethnicity, gender, drugs, family and her specific learning disabilities. The author is an example of the

amount of strength a woman has within her. This story should be required reading for anyone interested in the lives of the working poor and downright poor. Anyone studying Urban Studies/Affairs, Anthropology, Psychology or any behavioral studies - specifically that of women, women of color, women in urban cities should read this book.

This book tells the story of a very true, very real woman and how she was able to change her life around. A must read for anyone using their past or their family issues as a crutch not to succeed. This woman used all of these as the stepping stone to her success.

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