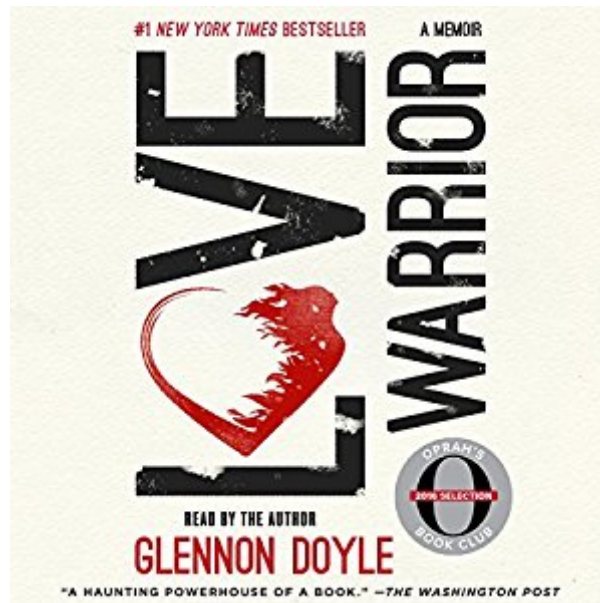




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Love Warrior (Oprah's Book Club: A Memoir)



Synopsis

The Newest Oprah Book Club 2016 Selection The highly anticipated new memoir by bestselling author Glennon Doyle Melton tells the story of her journey of self-discovery after the implosion of her marriage. Just when Glennon Doyle Melton was beginning to feel she had it all figured out—three happy children, a doting spouse, and a writing career so successful that her first book catapulted to the top of the New York Times bestseller list—her husband revealed his infidelity and she was forced to realize that nothing was as it seemed. A recovering alcoholic and bulimic, Glennon found that rock bottom was a familiar place. In the midst of crisis, she knew to hold on to what she discovered in recovery: that her deepest pain has always held within it an invitation to a richer life. *Love Warrior* is the story of one marriage, but it is also the story of the healing that is possible for any of us when we refuse to settle for good enough and begin to face pain and love head-on. This astonishing memoir reveals how our ideals of masculinity and femininity can make it impossible for a man and a woman to truly know one another - and it captures the beauty that unfolds when one couple commits to unlearning everything they've been taught so that they can finally, after thirteen years of marriage, commit to living true-true to themselves and to each other. *Love Warrior* is a gorgeous and inspiring account of how we are born to be warriors: strong, powerful, and brave; able to confront the pain and claim the love that exists for us all. This chronicle of a beautiful, brutal journey speaks to anyone who yearns for deeper, truer relationships and a more abundant, authentic life.

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Customer Reviews

I tried, I really tried, but at about the midpoint of this book I started skipping so many pages I finally just succumbed to my truth and let it go. I am well aware that this is a good writer, an excellent writer, and I do understand the genre of "survivor memoirs" and their ability to inspire and empower those for whom the narrative resonates. But for whatever reason, the style of the writing, with its almost breezy stripping of the writer's every thought, making each one as important and essential whether talking about yoga or alcoholism, became wearying to me. The sheer minute-by-minute-by-minute-by-minute account of the writer's marriage and the revelations that arose from it (and other revelation-inducing life events) became wearying to me as a reader. I left her sometime during the yoga section and left without knowing whether or not she and her husband ever had sex again or ever decided to give it a real go again -- and I feel sorta bad about that, as, no doubt, much went into this life and this book -- I just found the mountain of details wore me down too much to care. I'm sorry to leave this review because I applaud anyone who transcends their demons to find a new and more self-preserving life. But maybe I've read too much of this genre at this point. Maybe the revelations and epiphanies that fascinated this writer to the point of microscopic examination have already been covered in other fine books I've read. I dunno. All I know is, she lost me along the way. I wish her well, however it went, and congratulate her on both the success of her life and, it seems, this book. From what I can see it's having quite an impact and that's a good thing.

So--I often love Glennon's writing. Love *Momastery*. Have contributed to *Together Rising*. Etc. Honestly, I'm torn between two and three stars. I read the book in under 24 hours (including time I really should have been sleeping). It was definitely gripping: raw, real, vulnerable. At times it was reminiscent of Ann Lamott in the best ways . . . though much less sprinkled with humor to lighten things up (not surprisingly, given what she's covering here). I highlighted a variety of passages because they were meaningful to me and well-phrased. That said, ultimately, I felt like it was uncomfortably voyeuristic, especially about Craig. And I'm assuming (I'm sure hoping) he okayed the book. Even so, it's one thing for an author to share every intimate detail about her own life, but to discuss in such great detail incredible volumes of private information about her spouse . . . for me, it crossed a line where I ultimately felt I had intruded too much into what should have remained private between them. Then the book ends with it sounding like they've reconciled and forged a strong marriage through their intense efforts. . . . Suddenly, the afterword has, "So I don't know if we'll stay married or not." And then I've read from Glennon's blog that they're actually divorcing now. They'll get no judgment on the divorce from me, but it makes me feel even more awkward

having read the book, like this is a chapter in their lives that I should not be privy to in such great detail. I had been greatly looking forward to reading it. I found it gripping while I read it. I'm not sure I should have read it. I feel weird about having read it.

This book is so real and so raw. I did not live a life even at all similar to Glendon's but her story is my story. Every woman will relate to this. She has a way of using words to fill your heart and give you strength. Her story will make you cry, fill you with angst but have you laughing. You won't be sorry you read it and you'll be wishing for a best friend like Glennon

I expected more out of this book considering the hype. I haven't finished it yet and I bought it months ago, so ... just okay. Maybe I'll pick it up again tonight to see if it's like wine that gets better with age. ?

Glennon Doyle Melton offers the reader direct access to her thoughts and feelings as she struggles to recognize, accept and express her authentic self. The raw honesty of her struggle and her recovery makes it a compelling read. For anyone who has tried to help or understand someone who is struggling with addiction the roots of compassion become more accessible when you witness the perspective of the world from deep within her. It is a courage book that offers hope and inspiration.

Glennon's second book is vital. It's authentic, graceful and hopeful. It's about redemption, forgiveness, family dynamics and more. Individuals who have experienced infidelity in a partnership, church hurt, addiction or a chronic illness will find common ground with G. She also writes at Momastery.com and she is consistently transparent and shows love to all people. I cannot recommend this book enough.

This book was interesting in parts but self-indulgent towards the end ala Eat, Pray, Love. I found the book to be mediocre and was surprised that it was an Oprah pick. Somewhat disappointing and not worth the read.

This book is REAL. It is the first book that I have read that is both painful and uplifting at the same time. As Oprah said in her interview, 'I believe everyone can find something to connect with' but I do not believe it is for all to read. You have to be ready to have an open and honest view of others and self to see the book for what it really is, a memoir from a woman who is unafraid to blaze the trail

and say the things that so many of us are thinking and feeling. Congrats and many thanks to you Glennon, as you say, "we belong to each other!" Love wins!

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