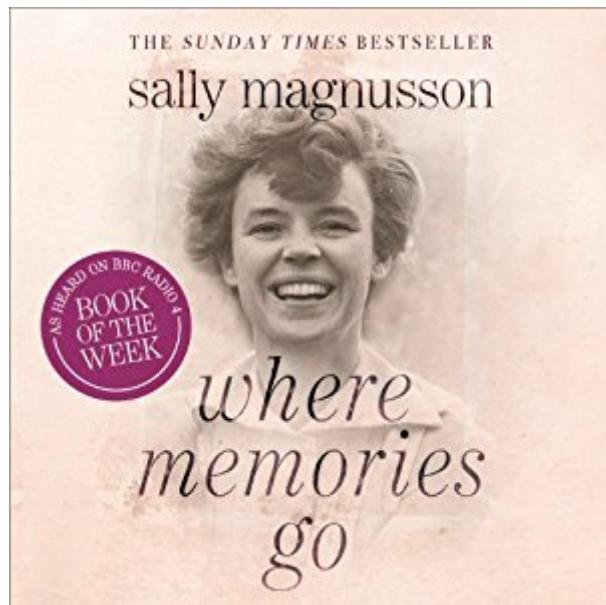


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Where Memories Go: Why Dementia Changes Everything



Synopsis

This book began as an attempt to hold on to my witty, storytelling mother with the one thing I had to hand. Words. Then, as the enormity of the social crisis my family was part of began to dawn, I wrote with the thought that other forgotten lives might be nudged into the light along with hers. Dementia is one of the greatest social, medical, economic, scientific, philosophical, and moral challenges of our times. I am a reporter. It became the biggest story of my life. (Sally Magnusson) Regarded as one of the finest journalists of her generation, Mamie Baird Magnusson's whole life was a celebration of words - words that she fought to retain in the grip of a disease which is fast becoming the scourge of the 21st century. Married to writer and broadcaster Magnus Magnusson, they had five children of whom Sally is the eldest. As well as chronicling the anguish, the frustrations and the unexpected laughs and joys that she and her sisters experienced while accompanying their beloved mother on the long dementia road for eight years until her death in 2012, Sally Magnusson seeks understanding from a range of experts and asks penetrating questions about how we treat older people; how we can face one of the greatest social, medical, economic, and moral challenges of our times; and what it means to be human. An extraordinary and deeply personal memoir, a manifesto and a call to arms, in one searingly beautiful narrative.

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Customer Reviews

first: i never write reviews of this type. second: sally's is the first memoir i've ever read. i typically avoid them like the plague. third: i'm an academic, have a phd, so typically don't take this sort of writing seriously. fourth: confession: my mom has dementia, which is why i read sally's book,

knowing that she was a serious journalistfifth: i was not only not disappointed, i was deeply moved, affected, educated, and politicized [and i'm already quite politicized.]sixth: sally's argument is that dementia is not just one health problem among others, but that it is a defining moment in what it means to be human, now, right now, and into the future, whatever nationality you identify with. Her major concern is an ancient one: how do we respect not just our 'elders,' but the histories of elders who have made all of us who have benefited, or not, from their lives.seventh: it is a beautifully written, exquisitely written, sensitively written book that:eighth: everyone should read regardless of whether or not they have parents suffering from dementia.ninth: read it.

I was looking forward to reading this, I did not find it interesting after reading it for while, it is based on personel Journey with her Mother on Dementia, I was looking for more on how to deal or cope with it on My own Mother.

Everyone should read this book whether you have personal experience of this hideous disease or not. It give a very clear and shattering insight in to the effect it has on the relatives and carers of a person with dementia. It is heart braking and heartwarming all at once, and the reader is given a very personal glimpse of the love and pain shared by this family. It is written with much humour and brutal honesty. I highly recommend it and would like to thank the Author for sharing her knowledge.

This was an amazing book!!!Give this as a gift to a friend for a birthday or Christmas, this is a MUST read!! I know now that eating breakfast twice a day, is NOT dementia, it is hunger!

Losing any loved one to dementia is so desperate and so sad. One of those helpless times where you feel that it just marches steadfastly through all of your lives slowly pulling apart the threads that hold your family and relationships together.This book clearly shows how this is the case yet at the same time shows a very human slant on the disease. It encompasses humour and intelligence to the subject but the desperation and the love are also there.It is a really good read. It will have you crying to smiling within pages. Would recommend.

This book is honest and incredibly important for people in our society to read. The person who has dementia has not already died socially as some would say - Sally Magnusson helps us to see things differently

Brilliant book... Thanks to the Magnusson family for sharing their memoirs and insight to this horrible disease. Well done to them all for caring at home.... Not easy at all. Everyone should read this book whether they are dealing with the disease or not.

A beautiful memoir coupled with profound journalistic insight into the challenges and shortcomings of our healthcare system to care for our most vulnerable members in a dignified way. Thank you for sharing

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