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Then Again



Synopsis

"Mom loved adages, quotes, slogans. There were always little reminders pasted on the kitchen wall. For example, the word THINK. I found THINK thumbtacked on a bulletin board in her darkroom. I saw it Scotch-taped on a pencil box she'd collaged. I even found a pamphlet titled THINK on her bedside table. Mom liked to THINK." So begins Diane Keaton's unforgettable memoir about her mother and herself. In it you will meet the woman known to tens of millions as Annie Hall, but you will also meet, and fall in love with, her mother, the loving, complicated, always thinking Dorothy Hall. To write about herself, Diane realized she had to write about her mother, too, and how their bond came to define both their lives. And so, in a remarkable act of creation, Diane not only reveals herself to us, she also lets us meet in intimate detail her mother. Throughout her life, Dorothy kept eighty-five journals - literally thousands of pages - in which she wrote about her marriage, her children, and, most probingly, about herself. Dorothy also recorded memorable stories about Diane's grandparents. Diane has sorted through all these pages to paint an unflinching portrait of her mother - a woman restless with intellectual and creative energy struggling to find an outlet for her talents - as well as her entire family, recounting a story that spans four generations and nearly a hundred years. More than just the autobiography of a legendary actress, *Then Again* is a book about a very American family with very American dreams. Diane will remind you of yourself, and her bonds with her family will remind you of your own relationships with those you love the most. From the Hardcover edition. Diane Keaton has starred in some of the most memorable movies of the past forty years, including the Godfather trilogy, Annie Hall, Manhattan, Reds, Baby Boom, The First Wives Club, and Something's Gotta Give. Her many awards include the Golden Globe and the Academy Award. Keaton lives with her daughter and son in Los Angeles.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book and learning more about Diane Keaton's past and her mother and family. She's always been somewhat of an enigma for me. It's a quick read for me and it was enjoyable. Thank you!

Diane Keaton is not only one of my favorite actress's but now she is one of my favorite authors. This is a beautiful story of she and her mothers relationship, her insecurities growing up and her journey of finding her place in the world. Interesting all the way thru and very touching as she shares her mothers life-long writings and her descent into the horrible disease of Alzheimers. This is a must read and I have already purchased her new book because I enjoyed this one so much.

A beautiful collage of thoughts , memorable and lovable moments . Inspiring and riveting, your eyes cannot stop chasing the words on the page as your heart dances to the beat of every single moment of bittersweet discovery . Yes, Diane you have a voice !

I loved this book! Cover to cover. I have always like Diane Keaton, as much as anyone. Didn't know a lot about her, just what I have seen in her most recent movies. I saw her on Ellen and loved her. So I bought the book, really having few expectations. She is so human. So lovely. So insecure, scared, sensitive, flawed, just like everyone. And her mother, wow, the respect and love that she has for her mother was so heartfelt and really touching. I love her views on life and love and loss. She made me want to embrace my flaws and strive to be a better person all at the same time. Thanks, Diane, I needed that.

Reading Diane Keaton's memoirs was very poignant as I grew up in the same era within miles from her hometown. Her descriptions of the times and mores of the people and places was so heartwrenchingly real and honest. I have now found respect for this actress in the way she chose to tip toe around judgement but still tackle some dicey depictions of the people and the roles they have played in her life. She should be proud of the legacy she continued to pursue based on her own

mother's penchant for documenting her life.Bravo, and what a great example to show to her two children..thanks for sharing.

I loved learning about Diane Keaton and her mother. Diane's personal struggles became very real to me and it was amazing to find out that she just seemed to stumble through her life, while becoming incredibly introspective and popular with the media. That is part of her charm. I feel that this memoir is one of the best I've ever read and I am positive that Diane now looks and feels better than ever before in her career. I definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves memoirs, like I do.

This really brought me into her life. I have always been a fan of Diane Keaton. Such movies like, The Godfather trilogy, Something's Gotta Give, The Only Thrill, and The Family Stone, make me appreciate her as an artist and find her very eclectic on the screen.This book had so much info. and enjoyed reading it all the way through!! love the fact that she was expressing the relationship between her and her mother. It goes to show you about appreciating the now and those that have always been there for you=)

I really enjoyed this book. DK is such a fascinating person. Her life, equally so. I would read this book again.

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