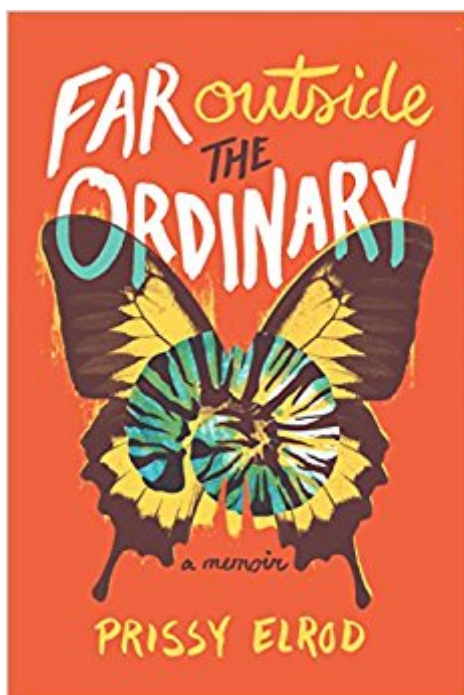


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This is a very touching story but some parts don't hang together well. It is like there are things the author is not saying. Because of the intimacy and pain of the subject that is understandable to a certain extent. It left me feeling uncomfortable. I am not sure the author is aware that there are people who have to endure such tragedy without the benefit of full time help and trips to Europe to help with their grief. If the purpose of the book was to help others get a better sense of how to handle the last weeks with a dying loved one (and I think it was) some of this could have been abbreviated or left out. How to go on as a survivor was also an important theme and this part was

handled with more openness. Never the less the nosy part of me will read book two. I would have done 3 .5 stars but that is not an option.

I bought the book on Kindle and forgot about it while other pursuits occupied my interest. I found it last week and started reading. I was hooked immediately. I laughed some and cried some but I could not stop readin. It got late, so went to bed and got up the next morning and finished it. She writes with great insight. She discusses the white/black relations in this area of the country comfortably and much the same as those I grew up with. Mutual love and respect for those that worked for and with us was the norm. Sometimes our social rules of conduct were not the same but these were also accepted. She writes well and describes the events with clarity and humor. I enjoyed reading it and look forward to more.

I just got finished reading this book and feel it a privilege to be taken along on Prissy's journey of tragedy and triumph. I laughed and cried, then laughed again. I knew Prissy in high school so many years ago but never knew the turns her life had taken. I could hardly put the book down. It is so well-written and easy to read, filled with humor amid the sadness, and having a fairy tale ending. My husband and I got it on our Kindles and he finished the book even before I did! So this book is for everybody! She lets us see her despair and brokenness but then in the end her triumph. I was disappointed only that the story ended too soon and I can hardly wait for the sequel. I haven't enjoyed a book this much in a very long time. A true story of inspiration and hope.

At 2 a.m. this morning I finished reading a page-turner of a novel from an amazing woman whose recount of her life preceding, during and following her husband's battle with terminal brain cancer was incredibly moving because of the frankness and honesty of its retelling. For most, we so rarely pierce the veil of what life is truly like for those who struggle with the day-to-day care of family and friends with serious and terminal illnesses. It's heartbreaking and at times, uplifting; it's devastatingly sad, but not without times of humor and grace...it's life itself compounded and condensed. I can only imagine how difficult it must have been to revisit this time in her family's life through her writing, but we all benefit from her strength in doing so.

"Far Outside the Ordinary" is a beautifully written memoir detailing the effect of a devastating diagnosis upon a family. The book is filled with pain, humor, persistence, resilience and hope. I read it in one sitting, well into the night, too engrossed to put it down. It is filled with endearing characters

and loving lessons for all who may one day find themselves in a similar situation. The ending of the book causes me to believe we may have a sequel from this talented writer. I sincerely hope that is the case. I will be one of the first in line to purchase it.

This book was recommended to me by a friend of the author as a great love story. As I got into the first few chapters and learned that the author's husband was dying of a brain tumor, I wondered if I was reading the right book. But the writing and pace of the book kept me interested and I soon learned that this memoir is full of love on so many levels. Memoirs can be self indulgent but I thought Prissy Elrod's voice was honest and true to the events as they happened. It is a bittersweet story with a happy ending and a journey that I thoroughly enjoyed.

This is the tale of love and loss and love again, a wonderfully moving read. Prissy's takes us with her through the story with great descriptions. I love her writing style, a true story teller. I cried as I felt her sorrow and laughed out loud as I heard her witty comic relief. This was a brave memoir and I am so grateful that she shared her stories to inspire hope in those who have lost a loved one.
BRAVO!

Wow....this book was great! The change in events was so surprising. I would recommend this book to anyone that has been through a tough time and then someone from their past brings it all together!! Loved it!

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