

The Glass Castle Jeannette Walls

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"Wow. You have an amazing story. And the similarities between our lives are sort of stunning. There are so many scenes in this book that struck so close to home for me. I was deeply moved and honored that you shared it with me." Jeannette Walls, Author of The Glass Castle Take Me Back to Redway tells Yolanda Taylor's incredible story: a mother who lived the American dream. In her quest to successfully raise her children, she turned to her past, a past that until recently she was ashamed of. She grew up homeless, raised alone by her father, after he escaped both Vietnam and her abusive mother. They settled in Northern California, living first in an abandoned packing crate and then in a lean-to. Her father sacrificed his career and his identity to devote these years to her development. They lived in poverty, but she had constant love and attention. She borrowed and worked her way through an Ivy League education ultimately receiving her MBA. Now, she has her own children. She achieved everything she could have ever hoped to achieve. She struggles with her upbringing more than any other time in her life. She recently gave up her dream career to devote this time in her life to her children. She is scared to death of translating her drive and motivation into something so intangible. Take Me Back to Redway tells two parallel stories one past and one present; the past is folded into the present day, with themes joining the two together. The drama of each story concludes simultaneously.

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aprenden a cuidar de sí mismos, se protegen unos a otros, y finalmente consiguen salir del círculo infernal en que se convierte la familia para marcharse a Nueva York."--

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A family's story of love, loss and searches for new ways to continue living productive lives. *Room 303C* tells the story of the early years of Tom and Maggie, which progresses to a legal venue, where you'll have a front-row seat in the court of domestic law and its various nuances, while seeing statutory mandates interpreted and administered by legal and agency professionals. Intertwined with those dramas, the novel continues chronicling a four-decade love story between Tom and Maggie as they adapt to life's changes. You'll live with the family as the relationship between all members adjusts, adapts, and resets. *Room 303C* is a story about a man and a woman living and adjusting in their lifetime commitment to each other - it's a life story of perseverance and triumph.

ABOUT THE BOOK When *The Glass Castle* made the bestseller list and book groups everywhere were featuring it as their headliner, I shied away from the book. As a writer, and an instructor of literature, I tend to be skeptical of the bestseller list. Undoubtedly these are entertaining books, but I usually can't come up with a solid rationale for teaching them to a

writing or literature class. So I didn't read The Glass Castle when it was at its most popular. However, when I started teaching memoir writing classes, The Glass Castle came to mind. I decided to give it a try. Reading it, I was surprised at how intense the book was, but also how deeply it resonated with its reader, and how engaging the prose was. I started teaching it to show students how to be courageous in their writing and write with honesty but in a way that pulls in their readers. What I most admired about Jeannette Walls was her ability to be forgiving and compassionate in her telling of the story. MEET THE AUTHOR Born in Port Huron, Michigan, Kathryn Prout has worked as a small town dance teacher, small city nonprofit coordinator, and after school poetry workshop leader for teens. While she's currently busy farming in Ireland, Kathryn always makes sure she has time to read, write, and of course, run. EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK The Glass Castle is a poignant memoir about a dysfunctional but lively family, told from the perspective of the second daughter of four children. Jeannette Walls is three years old when the story begins and well into her adult life when it ends. Her parents, Rex and Rose Mary Walls, are troubled people who struggle with their own issues while trying to raise four children. Neither parent can hold down a job for any length of time. They move around with their children until they finally settle in Welch, West Virginia. In Welch, near Rex's family, they live in squalid conditions. From the time Jeannette and her siblings are young, though, their father has grand plans to build the Glass Castle, taking out his blueprints and showing his ornate design of their home. As the kids get older, they lose faith in their father ever building the Glass Castle, but he does teach them to have dreams. Each child escapes to New York City to realize his or her dreams the way their father didn't.

"The Glass Castle" is about the author, Jeannette Walls, and her family. She lives with her parents and her three siblings. Rex Walls and Rose Mary Walls are her parents. Her father is an alcoholic. Her mother is a painter and artist. The family keeps moving from one place to another around Arizona and California after every few months until Jeannette is six years old. Her parents leave their homes when their debts become too much to pay. Jeannette happens to be seven years old when her family moves to Battle Mountain, Nevada. For the first time in their lives, they enjoy some kind of stability there, for Rex begins to work in a mining company. The parents and children live in a converted railway station.

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“North of Normal contains so many jaw-dropping scenes it makes Jeannette Walls’ childhood (The Glass Castle) look almost conventional.” —Toronto Star In the late 1960s, Cea’s grandfather uproots his family from suburban California and moves them to the Canadian wilderness. Cea spends the first decade of her life living in a canvas tipi, surviving fierce storms, food shortages and adults more interested in their own desires than parenting a child. Knowing no other world, Cea is happy enough. But her mother is missing one crucial element: a man. When she strikes out to look for love, spinning from one boyfriend to the next, Cea is forced along for the ride—and into a harsh awakening. Shocking and heartbreaking, yet often funny, North of Normal is the story of a woman’s desire to find her normal—no matter what it takes. Cea’s journey of self-discovery and acceptance celebrates the strength we all carry within us to shape our destiny.

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Half Broke Horses is Laura Ingalls Wilder for adults, as riveting and dramatic as Isak Dinesen's *Out of Africa* or Beryl Markham's *West with the Night*. Destined to become a classic, it will transfix readers everywhere. "Those old cows knew trouble was coming before we did." So begins the story of Lily Casey Smith, Jeannette Walls's no-nonsense, resourceful, and spectacularly compelling grandmother. By age six, Lily was helping her father break horses. At fifteen, she left home to teach in a frontier town—riding five hundred miles on her pony, alone, to get to her job. She learned to drive a car and fly a plane. And, with her husband, Jim, she ran a vast ranch in Arizona. She raised two children, one who is Jeannette's memorable mother, Rosemary Smith Walls, unforgettably portrayed in *The Glass Castle*. Lily survived tornadoes, droughts, floods, the Great Depression, and the most heartbreaking personal tragedy. She bristled at prejudice of all kinds—against women, Native Americans, and anyone else who didn't fit the mold. Rosemary Smith Walls always told Jeannette that she was like her grandmother, and in this true-life novel, Jeannette Walls channels that kindred spirit. *Half Broke Horses* is Laura Ingalls Wilder for adults, as riveting and dramatic as Isak Dinesen's *Out of Africa* or Beryl Markham's *West with the Night*. Destined to become a classic, it will transfix readers everywhere.

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in a cryptic letter hinting at her claim to a country estate. But beneath the polished veneer lay a fearsome, unpredictable temper that drove Justine from home the moment she was old enough to escape. Years later, when her mother sent her an envelope filled with secrets from the past, Justine buried it in the back of an old filing cabinet. Overcome with grief after her mother's death, Justine found herself drawn back to that envelope. Its contents revealed a mystery that stretched back to the early years of World War II and beyond, into the dark corridors of the Hospital for the Maintenance and Education of Exposed and Deserted Young Children. Established in the eighteenth century to raise "bastard" children to clean chamber pots for England's ruling class, the institution was tied to some of history's most influential figures and events. From its role in the development of solitary confinement and human medical experimentation to the creation of the British Museum and the Royal Academy of Arts, its impact on Western culture continues to reverberate. It was also the environment that shaped a young girl known as Dorothy Soames, who bravely withstood years of physical and emotional abuse at the hands of a sadistic headmistress--a resilient child who dreamed of escape as German bombers rained death from the skies. Heartbreaking, surprising, and unforgettable, *The Secret Life of Dorothy Soames* is the true story of one woman's quest to understand the secrets that had poisoned her mother's mind, and her startling discovery that her family's fate had been sealed centuries before.

Traditional Chinese edition of *The Glass Castle: A Memoir*. Raised by an eccentric artist mother and a brilliant but alcoholic father, Jeannette Walls, who writes for MSNBC, and her 3 siblings lived a horrible and neglectful childhood. In Traditional Chinese. Annotation copyright Tsai Fong Books, Inc. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

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Journalist Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary and their four children lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family. When the money ran out, the Walls retreated to the dismal West Virginia mining town Rex had tried to escape. As the dysfunction escalated, the children had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they found the resources and will to leave home. Yet Walls describes her parents with deep affection in this tale of unconditional love in a family that, despite its profound flaws, gave her the fiery determination to carve out a successful life. -- From publisher description.

This book summary and analysis is created for individuals who want to extract the essential contents and are too busy to go through the full version. This book is not intended to replace the original book. Instead, we highly encourage you to buy the full version. Jeannette Walls' *The Glass Castle* is a memoir of unbreakable spirit and salvation: an account of the life of a dysfunctional yet oddly vivacious family. When sober, Jeannette's father was creative and ambitious. He taught them geology, physics, and how to take on life without doubt or fear. When drunk, he was untruthful and violent. Meanwhile, Jeannette's mother was indifferent and free-spirited. She detested the concept of domesticity, and she disliked the responsibility that came with raising children. Jeannette and her siblings were compelled to look after themselves and fend for one another.

Together, they endured. When they had settled in New York, their parents followed—not minding the fact that they had nowhere to stay—just so they could come together as a family once again. Wait no more, take action and get this book now!

Now a major motion picture starring Brie Larson, Naomi Watts and Woody Harrelson. This is a startling memoir of a successful journalist's journey from the deserted and dusty mining towns of the American Southwest, to an antique filled apartment on Park Avenue. Jeanette Walls narrates her nomadic and adventurous childhood with her dreaming, 'brilliant' but alcoholic parents. At the age of seventeen she escapes on a Greyhound bus to New York with her older sister; her younger siblings follow later. After pursuing the education and civilisation her parents sought to escape, Jeanette eventually succeeds in her quest for the 'mundane, middle class existence' she had always craved. In her apartment, overlooked by 'a portrait of someone else's ancestor' she recounts poignant remembered images of star watching with her father, juxtaposed with recollections of irregular meals, accidents and police-car chases and reveals her complex feelings of shame, guilt, pity and pride toward her parents.

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