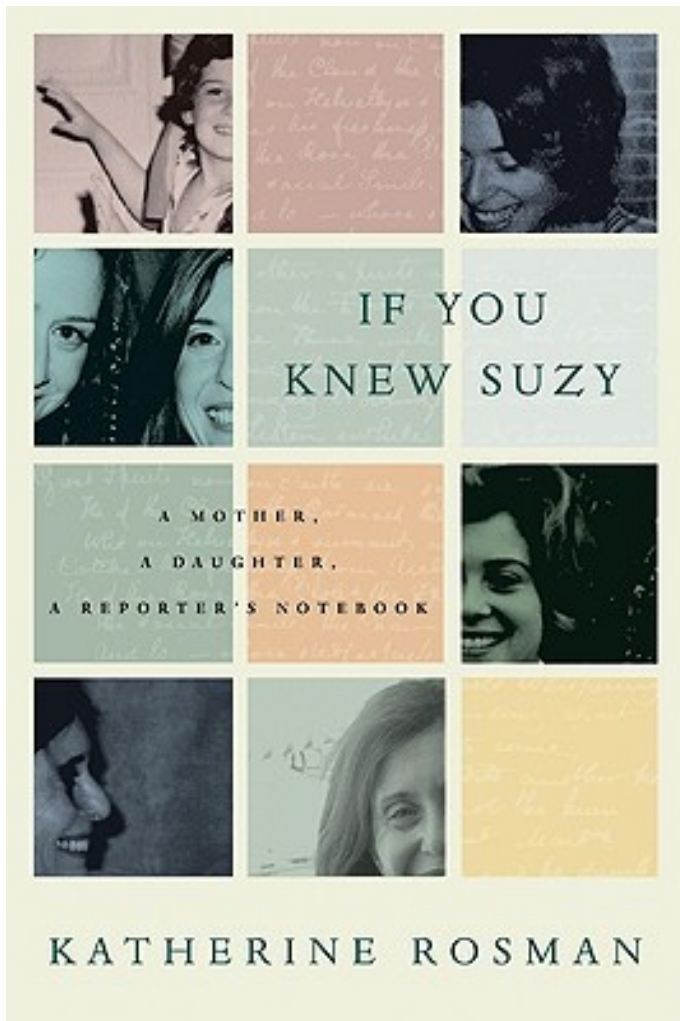


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**Katherine Rosman**

**If You Knew Suzy: A Mother, a Daughter, a Reporter's Notebook**



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## Description

Faced with the loss of her mother, Suzy, to cancer at sixty, *Wall Street Journal* reporter Katherine Rosman longs to find answers to the questions that we all wrestle with after losing someone we love. So she does what she does best: she opens her notebook and starts investigating.

Thumbing through her late mother's address book, Rosman begins to discover a woman whose life was intricately connected to a host of characters her daughter hardly knew. Her reporting skills at the ready, she embarks on a cross-country odyssey, tracking down total strangers from whom she hopes to learn about a woman she once thought she couldn't know better. Venturing into the heart of some colorful communities, Rosman interviews friends and acquaintances of her mother's, as well as people whose relationships with her were more complex though no less potent—among them a former golf caddie, a legendary Pilates instructor, an eBay glass collector, and an immigrant doctor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. As Rosman attempts to fill in the blank spaces that may explain her mother's motivations and philosophies in building a life and in facing death, she comes to understand this woman as she never imagined she could.

Blending humor, honesty, and old-fashioned reporting, Rosman grapples with the bittersweet reality that sometimes we can't truly know someone until after she is gone. At once comforting, candid, and very funny, *If You Knew Suzy* is a heartfelt memoir against which readers can consider themselves and the lives of all those they love.

## Insightful reviews

Kyla: You know those personal history books where the narrator busts out at some point that they are high maintenance and annoying in real life and you nod your head because you know it, you've just spent 300 pages with them and they are annoying and thusly, so is their book about their mother and you wish to throw it at their head.

Ashley: This was a heavy read - the author's mom passed away after a long battle with lung cancer. To process of her grief, the author begins contacting former friends and acquaintances of her mother in order to discover other parts of her mom's life. She talks to former Pilates students, a golf caddy, glass collectors, and the architect who designed her mother's dream home (to name a few) and learns something about her mother with each encounter.

The author was easily relatable and as a reporter, was able to pull the reader in from the beginning. As a reader, though, it felt a bit strange and voyeuristic to join the author in her journey since it's such an intensely personal one. Overall, 2 stars.

Bernadette: I enjoyed this tribute to Suzy Rosman by her journalist daughter. After her mother dies from cancer at 60, the author interviews friends and acquaintances who interacted with her mother in a wide variety of extracurricular activities from golf, to Pilates to collecting art glass. The writer's reporting skills reveal a down-to-earth and touching portrait of a Detroit (later

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Tucson) family woman who impacted many lives in important ways that her daughter had not realized. Humorous and realistic -- a good read that mothers and daughters will both appreciate.

Susan: the writer admits the kin has money. that is the one perspective that makes this tale no longer an "every woman's story". except that, this is often a decent and actual tale approximately dying, dying and relocating earlier it that any one can relate to.

Beezelbarb: the topic is attention-grabbing to me and whatever I frequently examine since it relates to me - a memoir approximately coming to phrases to with wasting a mom to cancer. However, this wasn't my favourite memoir. It looked as if it would bounce round much and that i came across myself feeling impatient with it many times. I additionally saved pondering to myself that it appeared so self-absorbed, yet then i would instantly think, well, after all it is, how might this type of own memoir no longer be? Somehow, rather than drawing me into her world, I felt faraway from it. Also, i discovered it disconcerting to work out how a filthy rich family members handled cancer, because it was once one of these distinction to my very own experience. It made me wonder whether the writer may perhaps see and get pleasure from how privileged she was, for instance, which will decide upon the easiest medical professionals from round the country, or to have the money to always fly from side to side among numerous homes, etc.

Laura: I enjoyed this! Rosman's investigative sort drew me in, and the tales wove jointly beautifully.

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