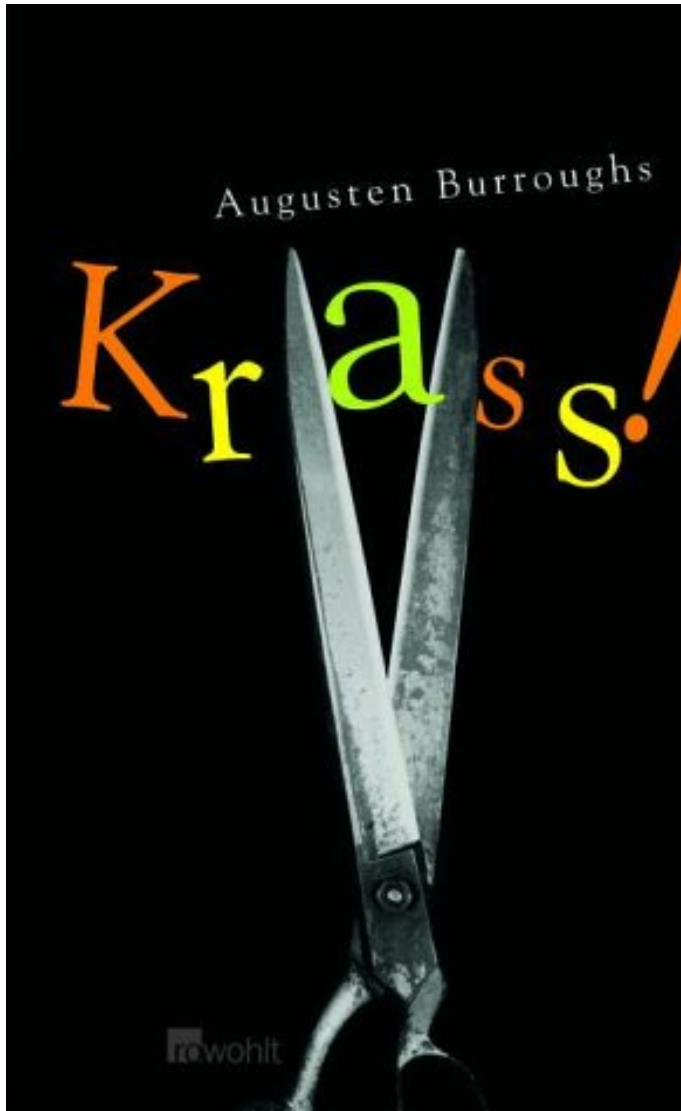

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Description

Running with Scissors is the true story of a boy whose mother (a poet with delusions of Anne Sexton) gave him away to be raised by her psychiatrist, a dead-ringer for Santa and a lunatic in the bargain. Suddenly, at age twelve, Augusten Burroughs found himself living in a dilapidated Victorian in perfect squalor. The doctor's bizarre family, a few patients, and a pedophile living in the backyard shed completed the tableau. Here, there were no rules, there was no school. The Christmas tree stayed up until summer, and Valium was eaten like Pez. And when things got dull, there was always the vintage electroshock therapy machine under the stairs.

Running with Scissors is at turns foul and harrowing, compelling and maniacally funny. But above all, it chronicles an ordinary boy's survival under the most extraordinary circumstances.

Insightful reviews

Oriana: I talk about this all the time, so here, definitively, is my explanation of the four categories of memoir.

- 1) People who have had seriously interesting / crazy lives, and who also happen to be terrific writers, able to render their stories in a compelling, original way (like David Small's brilliant [Stitches](#) , or what I consider the gold-standard memoir, Nick Flynn's breathtaking [Another Bullshit Night in Suck City](#)).
- 2) People whose lives are interesting / crazy enough that it really doesn't matter how well they write, because theirs will necessarily be a compelling, original book just based on subject matter (like [I Am Not Myself These Days](#) , about the accountant-by-day, drag-queen-by-night, who wears fishbowls for boobs and lives with a crack-addicted boyfriend; or, yes, [Running With Scissors](#)).
- 3) Really brilliant writers who can turn a "normal" life into a fascinating read (like Sloane Crosley or Alison Bechdel or Lynn Barber or -- fuck off, haters -- Dave Eggers).
- 4) Idiot people who don't write particularly well and who have more or less "regular" lives, but whose inflated sense of self leads them to write memoirs anyway.

Right? Any memoir you read goes into one of those categories.

Anyway, about this book: I totally liked it, but I feel kind of lied to, having seen the movie first. In the movie, everything was just reelingly insane, but so over-the-top that it was funny, and also it was light, somehow, and sort of fun. In the book, though, it's all so much darker, and it made me feel kind of awful for finding the movie so clever and cool.

Tina: I learned, along with the rest of my reading group, that running with scissors is preferable to reading this book.

Felicia: I love this book. The abysmal movie that was made of it was a travesty, because this book...I relate to the crazy family part, that's all I'm saying about it :)

Timothy: relations settles with "Running with Scissors" author, publisher By Rodrique Ngowi, linked Press author | August 29, 2007 BOSTON --A family members that claimed writer Augusten Burroughs defamed them in his best-selling publication "Running with Scissors" has settled a lawsuit opposed to the writer and his publisher, their legal professional stated Wednesday. Burroughs and his publisher, St. Martin's Press, comply with name the paintings a "book" rather than "memoirs," within the author's be aware and to alter the acknowledgments web page in destiny variations to claim that the Turcotte family's stories of occasions he describes "are diverse than my own," and expressing remorse for "any unintended harm" to them, in accordance with Howard Cooper, an legal professional for the family. He acknowledged monetary phrases of the payment are confidential. The family's lawsuit had sought \$2 million in damages for defamation, invasion of privacy, and emotional distress. It alleged the e-book is essentially fictional and written in a sensational technique to elevate its industry appeal, and demanded a public retraction and an acknowledgment that "Running With Scissors" is a piece of fiction. An lawyer for Burroughs declined comment, and St. Martin's Press didn't instantly go back a choice for remark Wednesday. Burroughs has stated the booklet is simply loosely in response to his life. According to an announcement from the family's attorneys, Burroughs' new acknowledgments notice will say that the Turcottes "are each one fine, decent, and hardworking people," and that the publication was once now not meant to harm them. The deal comes 10 months after the relatives acknowledged it had "mutually resolved" matters with Sony photos leisure to prevent a lawsuit over a film in accordance with the book. "With this settlement, including our payment with Sony final year, we've got completed every little thing we got down to accomplish after we filed swimsuit years ago," the relatives acknowledged within the statement. "We have continually maintained that the ebook is fictionalized and defamatory. This cost is the main robust vindication of these sentiments that we will imagine." Burroughs, previously Christopher Robison, lived with the Turcottes in Northampton as a teenager. In response to the lawsuit, Burroughs' whole relatives was once in remedy with Dr. Rodolph Turcotte, a psychiatrist. In 1980, Burroughs' mom requested Turcotte to develop into his felony mum or dad so he may attend Northampton schools. His mom nonetheless cared for him, yet he had a room on the Turcottes' home. Though the family members in Burroughs' booklet is termed "the Finches," the lawsuit claims they're simply pointed out because the Turcottes, and that Burroughs pointed out them in interviews. Events within the booklet which the go well with claimed have been fake comprise the Turcottes' condoning sexual affairs among youngsters and adults, Turcotte's spouse consuming pet food and the relations utilizing an electroshock computing device it saved less than the stairs. The lawsuit claims the publication additionally falsely portrays a house in incredible squalor, with a tender baby operating round bare and defecating, and previous turkey being saved within the showers.

Scott: She wasn't "Let's paint the kitchen red" crazy. She used to be complete on head within the oven, toothpaste sandwich, i'm God crazy..paraphrased, yet you get it..

Martin: i discovered this booklet profoundly annoying and torturous to read. I keep in mind that it truly is detoxification and therapeutic for those who were traumatized to write/talk about their difficulties to assist with the therapeutic process. There are only a few issues that my ironclad

abdominal cannot endure and my mind is built adequate to address even the main surprising of situations. This ebook demonstrated my endurance from beginning to finish and in any case i used to be very dissapointed. First off, from reports and the ebook conceal i used to be given the impact that whatever the contents inside that this used to be a humurous examine this parcitular authors teenage years. What i discovered in its place have been rampant screens of sloth, decay and sufficient unlawful actions to reformatory each of the characters for 5-15 years in a PMIA prison. Debauchery does not disurb me within the slightest and i've a pension for books that supply lots of surprise and awe whatever the legality. Secondly, the truth that this kind of accumulating of mentally fucked humans used to be not just allowed yet inspired disurbs me greatly...mostly simply because i locate that this can be an unlucky situation that may be present in any urban any the place within the world. the reality of the booklet is what made me hate it. instead of having desire for the characters i discovered that i wished to euthanize all of them simply to finish their misery. yet good day 3 chapters of improvement after which placing all of them down like rabbid canines could have made for an excellent worse book. On a last notice ****SPOILER ALERT**** if i used to be waiting for a ebook detailing the disgusting facet of heart America, horrendous photographs of psychological illness, homosexual molestation and a number of lives ruined from forget and substandard care i'd have loved it and located not anything humurous or uplifting on how the writer presented. This will be a unprecedented case the place i do not trouble to even supply an writer a moment probability due to how undesirable this e-book was.

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