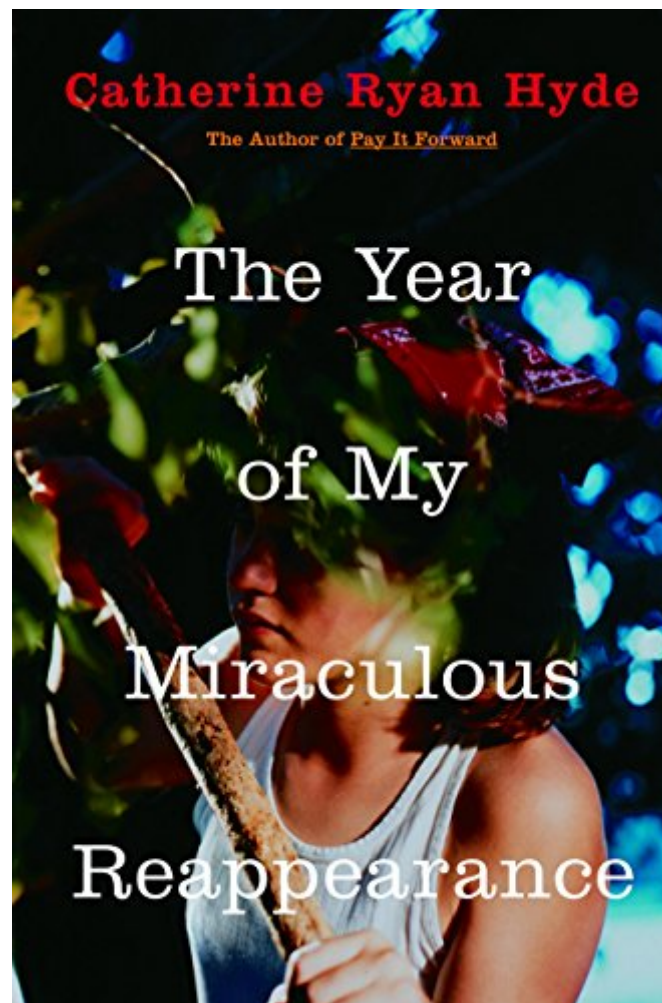




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Cynnie takes care of herself—and more importantly, she takes care of her little brother, Bill. So it doesn't matter that her mom is drunk all the time. Cynnie's got her own life. Cynnie's the one Bill loves more than anyone. Cynnie's the real mother in the house. And if there's one thing she knows for sure, it's that she'll never, ever sink as low as her mother. But when things start to fall apart, Cynnie needs a way to dull the pain. Never say never. This unflinching look at the power of addiction is the story of one girl's fall into darkness—and the strength, trust, and forgiveness it takes to climb back out again. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Where Catherine Ryan Hyde gets her storylines I do not know, but her novels are always different, compelling, with a gritty realism that pushes the reader to look below the surface of her characters in attempting to understand significant issues. While the subject of this novel: child abuse, alcoholism and child custody may entice the reader to look away, Hyde's characters force the

reader to look deep within to recognize the personalization of such deep traumatic issues. Identifying cause and effect can yield a greater understanding of such problems for which there are no easy answers. Hyde uses her writing and characterizations to help readers identify the deeply personal experiences of large social issues. The complexity of the lives she writes about reveal to the reader that "the personal is political" and that social problems concern PEOPLE, not just politics. I highly recommend all of Hyde's work!

I choose five star because this book felt like my life. I do not drink hate the thought of it, but my husband does and my son as well. The addiction has ruined lives. Life revolves around it. My son has been through treatment many times, lost his license twice. We and his girlfriend drive him around. He is a great son sober, not so nice drunk. I resent my husband for being a bad role model. My husband thinks he is not a bad influence and that my son is bad. I have had to fight to keep my son in our lives. This book helped me and meant a lot to me, my son has just gone through another relapse. It is tough.

Very compelling story of addiction and recovery and growing up in difficult circumstances. As usual a well written page turner by this author.

I couldn't put this down. The only flaw was it seemed weird calling a little kid Bill. Billy would have been better. But otherwise wonderful book.

Boy Howdy, I can sure relate to feelings of never fitting in, never being good enough, always looking on, never really being a part of or being fully accepted. All that at home and grade school, long before and after I started drinking at 15. 74 now & 30 years sober. Catherine Ryan Hyde is truly a wonderfully good writer. Her characters are so human, and she draws her readers in till they feel like part of you, your family or best friends. Till you find you care a lot about what's happening to them. I highly recommend this book and this author.

Highly recommend this book. Interesting and one you want to keep reading. Loved the story! For anyone who has dealt with a friend or family member who have been addicted to alcohol or drugs. Characters are so easy to understand. Great book

Another heart opening story by Catherine Ryan Hyde who speaks to us all with great insight on how

we must have courage to face our fears and let our strengths lead us on our life paths.

I'd recommend this book to anyone. It's a story of failing and of struggling to get back up. Cynthia's humility combined with her strength of character was endearing. Loved the ending.

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