

The Light That Never Goes Out: A Memoir by Sharon Olds



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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
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Sharon Olds' memoir, *The Light That Never Goes Out*, is a powerful and moving account of her life and experiences. Olds is a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, and her memoir is written with the same raw honesty and lyricism that characterizes her poetry. The book is a meditation on loss, grief, family, and relationships, and it offers a unique and deeply personal perspective on these universal themes.

Olds was born in San Francisco in 1942. Her father was an alcoholic and her mother was a devout Catholic. Olds' childhood was marked by violence and instability, and she was often left alone to care for her younger siblings. As a young woman, Olds struggled with depression and suicidal thoughts. She eventually found solace in poetry, and she began to write about her experiences in a raw and unflinching way.

The Light That Never Goes Out is divided into three parts. The first part, "The Light," tells the story of Olds' childhood and adolescence. The second part, "The Dark," is about her struggles with depression and suicidal thoughts. The third part, "The Light That Never Goes Out," is about her journey to recovery and redemption. Olds writes with candor and compassion about her experiences, and she does not shy away from the pain and darkness that she has endured. However, she also finds hope and light in the midst of her struggles, and she ultimately emerges as a survivor.

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Review

The Light That Never Goes Out has received critical acclaim from both critics and readers. The New York Times called it "a powerful and moving memoir" that is "written with raw honesty and lyricism." The Washington Post said that the book is "a must-read for anyone who has ever struggled with loss, grief, or depression." And Publishers Weekly called it "a tour de force that is both unflinching and compassionate."

Olds' memoir has also been praised by fellow poets. Billy Collins said that "The Light That Never Goes Out is a stunning achievement. Sharon Olds has written a memoir that is as raw and honest as her poetry, and as beautiful and moving." And Maxine Kumin said that "Sharon Olds' memoir

is a brilliant and courageous work. She has written a book that is both deeply personal and universally resonant."

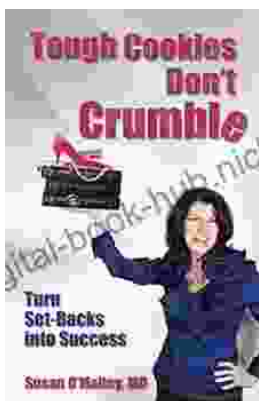
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