



Goodbye Mommy Memoirs of a Survivor Lora Lee Boynton

A drunken and irresponsible mother. Cruel relatives. Abandonment. Children's homes. Adoption. Childhood cancer. Drugs. Failed marriages. Loss of a sibling to cancer. Breast cancer. This is a true story of survival.

Having grown up in a dysfunctional family in the United States during the 1970s and 80s, Lora Lee describes how she responded to a chaotic world by closing in and building a shell around herself, a shell which was cracked open when she endured cancer treatment for the second time and was forced to take stock of her life up to that point.

Goodbye Mommy explores our relationships with our families, whether completely dysfunctional, adoptive, or more conventional, but the book's real importance lies beyond that in the way it raises the question of how far our families, upbringing and traumas can seriously affect our health, both immediately and in later life.

Lora Lee's story is honestly told, without being mawkish or self-pitying. Her recovery from breast cancer provides a happy and hopeful ending.

About the Author: Originally from San Francisco, Lora Lee Boynton was abandoned by her mother and lived in a number of children's homes until she was adopted at the age of nine. She moved to England in 1991 to study English through a division of London University. She lives with her partner and children in East Sussex and is currently working on her second novel.

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