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In This Together: My Story



Synopsis

When Mitt and Ann Romney met in their late teens, a great American love story began. And their life together would be blessed: five healthy sons, financial security, and a home filled with joy. Despite the typical ups and downs, they had a storybook life. Then, in 1998, Ann was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She couldn't believe it was real; there were no therapies or treatments to help her. Mitt told her that day that they would tackle the diagnosis as a team: They were in it together. "As long as it isn't fatal, we're fine. If you have to be in a wheelchair, I'll be right there to push it," he told her. And Ann thought, "But I'll be the one in the wheelchair." A caregiver and helper her whole life, she'd crossed a terrible invisible line. She wouldn't be able to care for her family anymore. She was the patient. Ann and Mitt would face the most frightening and humbling experience of their lives. From reflections on her early life, her marriage, and her diagnosis and recovery, the sources of her faith, and the stories of others who overcame adversity and inspired her to keep going, *In This Together* is a brave and deeply honest portrait of a family facing an unexpected blow, often in the most public of circumstances. "A lot of people talk about a transformation that happens when life throws you a curve ball, and the big one in my life was my MS diagnosis. With all the blessings I've had, MS has been my greatest teacher: It has taught me about faith, compassion, and serving others. I've met many people along the way who've shared advice and demonstrated enormous resilience in the face of challenges; their stories gave me strength. In sharing my story, I want to give others hope as I've been given hope on this journey."

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Customer Reviews

Ann's touching and inspiring memoir of her life on and off the campaign trail, living with MS, shows that we are all "in this together," whatever particular struggles life throws at you. Ann was diagnosed in 1998 and became very sick, very fast-- and was told there was nothing that could be done for her-- to "come back when it gets really bad." She was devastated, suffering from the extreme fatigue that accompanies MS, and falling into a deep depression. Through both western and alternative therapies, Ann is strong again, and wants to tell her story to support all the folks with neurologic diseases who were there for her along the way. A beautiful, heartfelt memoir.

Powerful story of survival and recovery. I was surprised by Ann Romney's honesty about depression and thoughts of death, what an inspiration.

Honest, compelling, inspirational. Ann Romney is the "real deal". I was moved by her story and the story of the many people that are a part of her life either as family, friends or dedicated professionals. I would recommend this book to anyone who knows someone affected by "the beast" of neurological disease. This book brings hope, not just by bringing awareness, but by demonstrating how to get things done.

Ann Romney's powerful story of strength in the midst of a painful situation is very inspiring. She opens up with intimate details of her struggle with MS, and how she was able to make it through the devastating pain. I thoroughly enjoyed reading her story of hope, and courage. Highly recommend!

I couldn't wait to get it on my Kindle the day it came out (I had not read any of her others, was impressed from some of her interviews about this book). I couldn't put it down once I started it and did not want it to end. Never have I heard such humility, courage, honesty, strength, benevolence and if I left out any good character traits, please fill in the blanks. She and Mitt are pure, unadulterated class and should be dragging this ruined country out of the much in which it has been dumped. I am Not LDS, nor do I have a diagnosed illness, well, except for coronary artery disease but that is mostly controllable for a "normal" life, but her story, told the way she tells it has to be a beacon of hope for all who can benefit from it in that way. Just a huge big Thank You, Ann; you are some kind of fine lady.

I've been waiting for Ann Romney to write this book on MS. Her personality and attitude would

never lead one to believe she had a serious chronic illness. She handles the MS so well. It does not keep her from being a good mom and wife, and contributing to her world. I admire her greatly and am so tickled to have this book. I have a chronic illness as well (lupus) and have been inspired by her message.

This is an easy read book - I read it over 2-3 days of evening reading. I have experienced some of the same things as Ann and could definitely empathize with what she was going through. Despite the Romney wealth, I believe they are just regular people - experiencing life situations like the rest of us. Their family comes first, which shines through in the book.

My dad taught me to walk a mile in someone else's shoes. This book is wonderful experience to appreciate Ann Romney's courage, to get a unique insight into traditional and alternative medicine, and to appreciate a wonderful marriage and family.

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