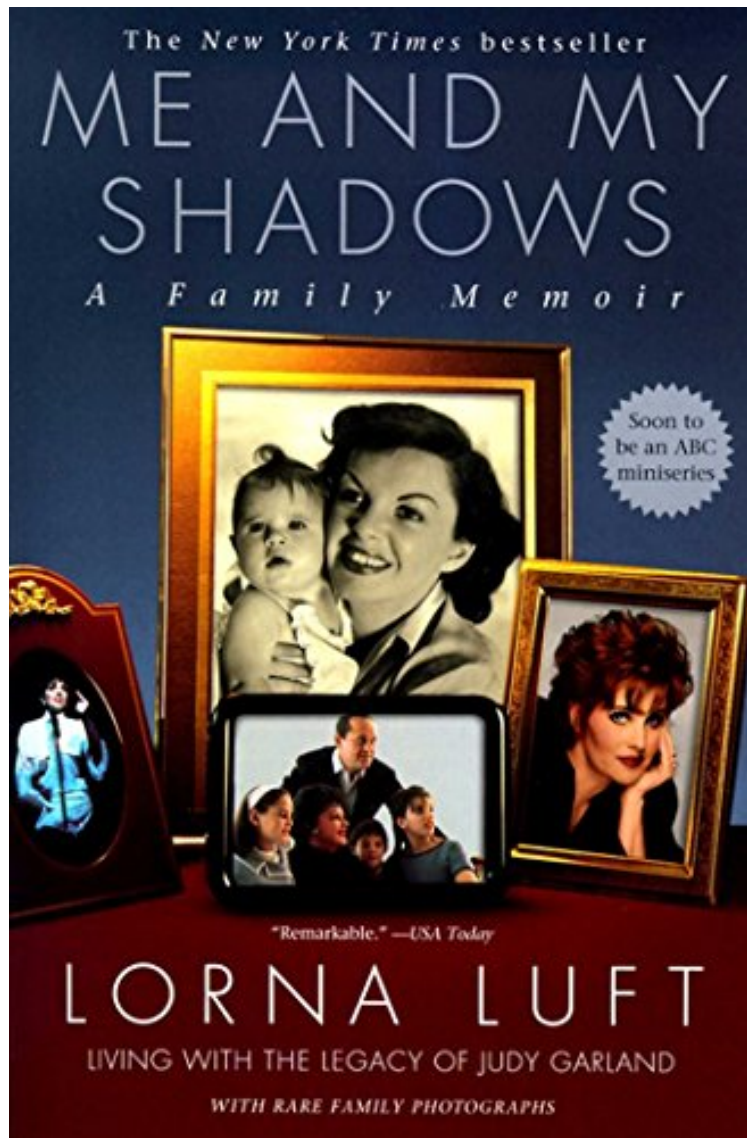


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Other Side of the RainbowVon LibrarianMIAfter seeing author Luft on "20/20", where she talked about how angry her family was about this book, I became interested in reading it. I was never a Garland fan, cringing at her neuroses every time I saw her, but my dad is nuts about her. You don't have to be a fan to find the story fascinating. Luft has great

sadness and sympathy for the dilemma her mother found herself in, and freely admits that the legacy of addiction continued with all Garland's children. Even Luft's own story is interesting, from the party years at Studio 54 to her involvement with her sister Liza, up until Lorna finally pulls herself and her life together. Sometimes there seems to be some name-dropping and a bit of envy there, but if the Rolling Stones were at YOUR wedding, heck, you'd talk about it too!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eh... Von David Rubin First few pages are well-written and engaging, and then it's down hill from there. Luft's tone is slightly self-aggrandizing, the book surprisingly sloppy in its editing, which makes it a less than satisfying read. Not much new material here, though the perspective is different from countless other Garland biographies. To give Luft her due, she was saddled with a crushing legacy, and all things considered, she has weathered it more successfully than her more famous sibling, Liza.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A hair-raising ride under the rainbow. Von Ein Kunde Any hard-core Judy Garland fan should be familiar with a lot of the stories Garland's daughter, Lorna Luft, reveals in this harrowing memoir of a family at once terrifyingly dysfunctional yet loving. We've heard of the drugs and booze and marriages yet not until now, with this very open inside view, do we come to some understanding of a family some would say never had a chance. Lorna Luft, Garland's "other daughter", takes us for a hell of a ride under a rainbow laced with pills, blood, cocaine, love, laughs, booze and parental neglect, and all of it pervading the lives of this century's greatest female pop music star and her children. That Luft survived to even write this book is a testament to her strength of will and good sense. With the exception of the beginning of several chapters where the writing is more carefully thought out, Luft's engaging conversational tone is consistent throughout. Her tendency though to make grand pronouncements of impending doom at the end of several chapters makes us wince because we can't imagine anything worse occurring; it does, time and again. In fact, Luft's life is like a Pearl White serial with Luft in constant danger and on a runaway train bent on derailing any moment. Thankfully, Luft eventually takes control, slows down and allows herself to breathe. Certainly, by the end at least, Garland was certifiably insane; we're pained to the soul when as a child Luft witnesses a surreal scene of violence between her mother and husband Mark Herron. Garland's heartbreaking scenes of self-inflicted physical and emotional pain are tempered by occasional howls of laughter and the all-embracing love of her children. Throughout all, Luft remained a loyal caretaker. As for her father Sid Luft, he just wasn't there for his children due to Garland's paranoia during and after their divorce. His effort to help and understand and cope with a daughter nearing a nervous collapse after her mother's death was non-existent. Luft's descent into drugs paralleled her sister Liza Minnelli's own drug problems. Luft is brutally honest about it, even revealing she was the one who introduced her sister to cocaine. No, "Mommie Dearest", Garland truly loved her children and there were times she even tried to overcome her addictions. It's a shame she didn't love them enough to try and take stock and understand their precarious position in life. She could have saved herself and her family from that genetically-induced psychedelic rainbow forever hovering over their heads and threatening them with a deluge of despair.

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Pressestimmen USA Today Remarkable. People Unsentimental... heartfelt. Baltimore Sun A remarkable candid memoir... Luft's own life is testament to her resilience. Marlee Matlin I couldn't put it down until the last page. Bravo to Lorna for having the courage to break the silence about the pain, laughter, and tears. New York Post A loving memory of growing up in a dysfunctional household. Dallas Morning News Entertaining... a clear-eyed but loving account of the adored mother she lost. Newark Star Ledger Other biographies have documented Garland's spectacular descent, but this is the first view from inside the tornado... Harrowing. Houston Chronicle The first gripping, factual account of the life and times of the late, great Judy Garland and her children.

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