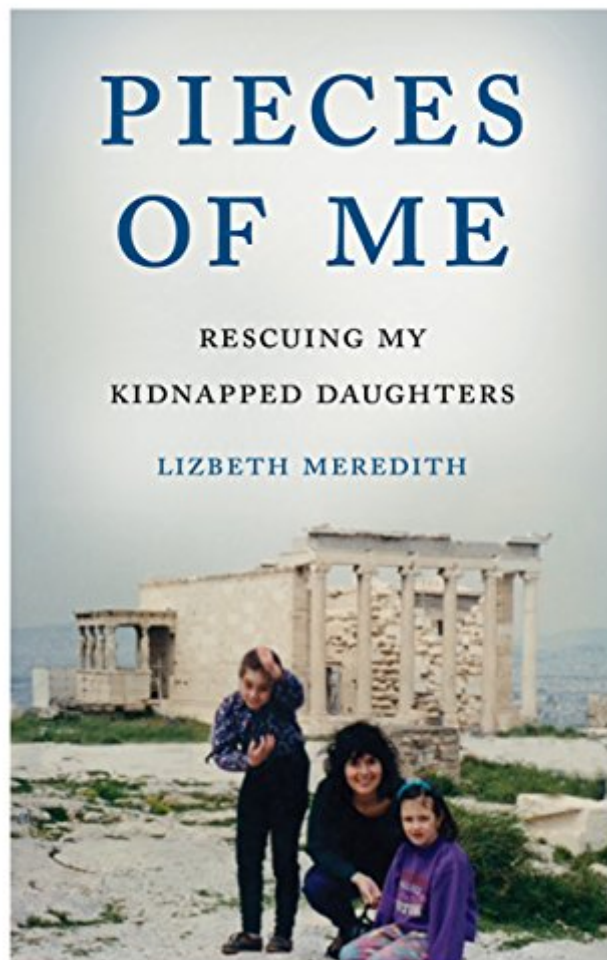




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Pieces Of Me: Rescuing My Kidnapped Daughters



Synopsis

In 1994, Lizbeth Meredith said good-bye to her four- and six year-old daughters for a visit with their non-custodial father only to learn days later that they had been kidnapped and taken to their father's home country of Greece. Twenty-nine and just on the verge of making her dreams of financial independence for her and her daughters come true, Lizbeth now faced a \$100,000 problem on a \$10 an hour budget. For the next two years fueled by memories of her own childhood kidnapping Lizbeth traded in her small life for a life more public, traveling to the White House and Greece, and becoming a local media sensation in order to garner interest in her efforts. The generous community of Anchorage becomes Lizbeth's makeshift family one that is replicated by a growing number of Greeks and expats overseas who help Lizbeth navigate the turbulent path leading back to her daughters.

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Customer Reviews

This is an inspiring book about a woman who has been given little in the world -- she was regularly abused and then abandoned by her mother at an early age "and so is cast out upon the sea

of life unprepared. That what ensues is more of the same is not surprising, but when her implausibly (for me) mean, abusive husband abducts their young children and takes them to a foreign country, her deep, love-filled attachment for them propels her to acts that can only be described as heroic. Beautifully written, this is a heart-pounding thriller of a story that reads like a novel, but leaves you with insight and admiration for the astonishing capacity of the human spirit. Blue Ridge Lover

A story of a remarkable woman with the tenacity, perseverance and patience to recover, against extremely challenging odds, her two young daughters that had been stolen from their father. While this memoir exists because there are mean, selfish, unethical people in this world, Lizbeth describes the many generous people that went out of their way to help her. The book restores your faith in humanity: good overcomes evil but evil does leave a wake of destruction in the path. A must read for anyone in the situation of trying to recover kids stolen by a parent but an important read for those wanting a reminder of the goodness of people and the importance of hope and never giving up your dreams.

I finished this book within 2 days, because I couldn't put it down! It was full of unbelievable legal drama & suspense mixed with humor and touching family connections. Lizbeth is a talented writer, making it a very easy read. As an advocate who works with women who experience domestic violence, this story exemplifies how the abuse doesn't necessarily end when the relationship ends. The horror that can occur after separation is very real and all too common. Lizbeth is incredibly strong, persistent, and patient. This plight to rescue her daughters is relatable and hard to imagine all at once. Lizbeth is an inspiration and hopefully this is just her first book!

A fine example of why I prefer non-fiction. Life is about decisions. Real decisions. Those we have to make and those we choose to make. And then there are the emotions that play into these decisions. No need to embellish, no need for contrived feelings in Pieces of Me. This is a real mother, in every sense of the word, who has lost her children. But love alone may not be enough to bring this mission to the hoped for conclusion. Meredith keeps you reading with your fingers crossed. This one kept me up late but was worth it.

Meredith's smooth and natural storytelling kept me right there with her in every moment of her terrific book--be it facing her lying husband, breaking down from the horror of her situation, or being questioned by a judge in court. But readers will get more than just the heart-stopping story of her

years long battle. She includes an especially interesting and helpful follow-up to her harrowing tale and its effect on her and her daughters. This is an important and gripping story!

This book and the woman who wrote it are amazing. I found myself wanting to binge read the entire volume. Lizbeth Meredith is not only a skilled and compelling writer, but someone who is willing to share herself as well as the intrigue and events which led to the kidnapping and ultimate rescue of her two daughters. She is not some made-up flawless heroine; she is an honest, brave, and totally real woman albeit one endowed with extraordinary courage, determination and love. Read this book!

What an amazing book telling the story of a Mother's love for her children and how she will go to the ends of the earth to get them back after being kidnapped by her ex-husband and taken to Greece. Lizbeth's story will draw you in from the first page and keep you turning pages as you become entrenched in the events she goes through fighting for her children. I was left in awe of her strength, perseverance and dedication to continue to fight for her daughters against the bureaucracy of a foreign legal system and a foreign culture. Her story will leave you wanting to help others the way so many opened their hearts and homes to help her along the way. You won't want to miss this amazing story.

This is a book ALL women must read. It is the story of a woman in love who was fooled by her husband and her extremely young daughters, stolen in a ruse to Greece. It is a tale of trauma, love, danger, joy, and drama. Yes, a juxtaposition of emotions that the author weaves beautifully. This is sure to be a bestseller.

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