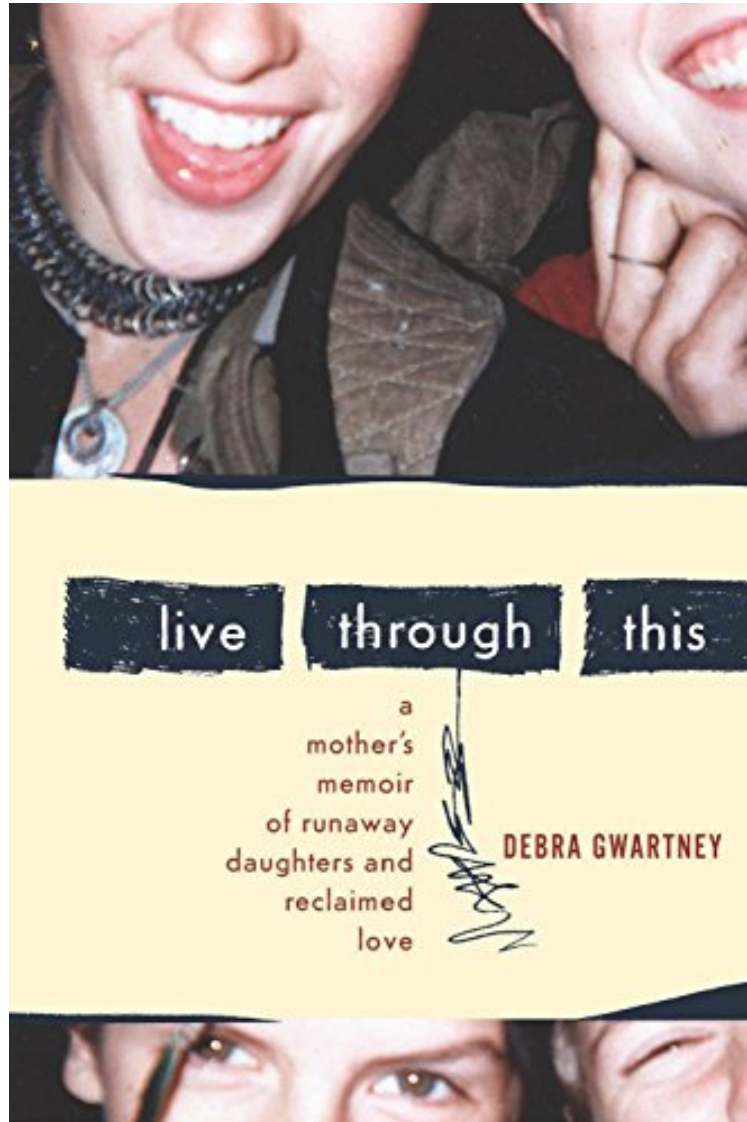


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "Das ist meine Tochter. Haben Sie sie gesehen?" Von Sabena StarkDebra Gwartney brings her masterful skills as a writer and

journalist together with an unrelenting frankness to tell the story of a mother's nightmare: fighting to hold onto her family and her sanity while her adolescent daughters choose life on and off the streets. Powerful storytelling. I wanted to cheer for these women! Brava! Debra Gwartney bringt ihr meisterhaftes Können als Schriftstellerin und Journalistin zusammen mit einer unerbittlichen Offenheit, die Geschichte von einer Mutter Alpträume erzählen: kämpfen, um auf ihre Familie und ihren Verstand zu halten, während ihre halbwegsigen Töchter Leben auf und abseits der Straßen zu wählen. Leistungsfähige Erzählens. Ich wollte für diese Frauen anfeuern! Brava!

Kurzbeschreibung An intensely emotional and redemptive memoir about a mother's mission to rescue her runaway daughters. After a miserably failed marriage, Debra Gwartney moves with her four young daughters to Eugene, Oregon, for a new job and what she hopes will be a new life for herself and her family. The two oldest, Amanda, 14, and Stephanie, 13, blame their mother for what happened, and one day the two run off together to the streets of their own city, then San Francisco, then nowhere to be found. The harrowing subculture of the American runaway, with its random violence, its horrendously dangerous street drugs, and its patchwork of hidden shelters is captured by Gwartney with brilliant intensity in *Live Through This* as she sets out to find her girls. Though she thought she could hold her family together by love alone, Gwartney recognizes over the course of her search where she failed. It's a testament to her strength and to the resilience of her daughters that after several years they are a family again, forged by both forgiveness and love. **Pressestimmen** "Profoundly moving memoir of the author's agony and perseverance as she lost her two teenage daughters to the streets, and of the slow, painful reconciliation they eventually found.... An achingly beautiful chronicle of unfathomable sorrow, flickering hope and quiet redemption." --STARRED Kirkus "Gwartney deserves high praise for her clear and lacerating prose, her refusal to assign blame or make excuses, and the stunning candor with which she offers telling glimpses into her own, and her daughters' father's, youthful recklessness and parental floundering. Everyone concerned about self-destructive teens, and every survivor of her or his own wild times, will find Gwartney's searing chronicle of her resilient family's runaway years deeply affecting." --Booklist "Debra Gwartney's *Live Through This* is an extraordinary, heart-driven account of daughters lost and found, of other daughters kept close along the way, and of an underworld that's with us everywhere, but which so few of us see." Rick Simonson, Elliott Bay Book Company "As I read Debra Gwartney's harrowing memoir, I had to keep reminding myself that this was not fiction. Gwartney's honesty about her mothering and the rawness with which she tells her story are both admirable and heartbreaking. *Live Through This* is utterly true, and that, combined with Gwartney's frank storytelling, make this book unforgettable." Ann Hood, author of *The Knitting Circle* and *Somewhere Off the Coast of Maine* "For all the raw power of this true story and the fearless honesty of the voice telling it, what sticks out for me is the literary craft that shapes every sentence. Debra Gwartney has seen clear to the bottom of her experience, purged it of self-righteousness, and emerged with a stunningly humane and humbled awareness of life's troubles." Phillip Lopate, author of *Totally, Tenderly, Tragically* and *Portrait of My Body* "Gutsy, edgy, and revelatory, Gwartney's fast-paced tale of a family in pieces builds to a magnificent, hard-won communion. Her ability to follow the wildness in her own story uncovers truths about every parent, every child." China Galland, author of *Love Cemetery: Unburying the Secret History of Slaves* and *Longing for Darkness: Tara and the Black Madonna*