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Editorial Review

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"I felt as worthless as the junk in my trash bag . . . once again, I was the one being tossed out and thrown away." Taken from her mother when she was scarcely four years old, Rhodes-Courter spent the next nine years in foster care with "more than a dozen so-called mothers." "Some were kind," she acknowledges, "a few were quirky and one . . . was as wicked as a fairy-tale witch." She names names in this memoir, which is also a searing indictment of an often sadly deficient system of child care. Given her experiences, one can understand why she is angry and often bitter, but the unrelieved stridency of her tone makes for sometimes difficult reading. Nevertheless, she gives a voice to countless thousands of children who continue to be abused, abandoned, and ignored, and one hopes her book will make a positive difference in their lives. Grades 8-12. --Michael Cart

Review

"Ashley Rhodes-Courter is triumphant in her quest to overcome insurmountable odds. I celebrate her courage to seek out the best in humanity in spite of its failings." - Victoria Rowell, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Women Who Raised Me: A Memoir*

"Nine years in the foster care system could ruin a kid. But [Ashley] not only survived, she's thrived." -*Teen People*

"The author's ability to form intelligent, open-minded conclusions about her traumatic childhood demonstrates her remarkable control and insight, and although there are plenty of wrenching moments, she succeeds not in attracting pity but in her stated intention, of drawing attention to the children who currently share the plight that she herself overcame." --*Publishers Weekly*

"Quiet scenes cut deepest: the author's description of her only after-school visit to a friend's home lingers heartbreakingly in one's mind. This gifted young writer's moving and eye-opening story will especially appeal to fans of Jeannette Walls's *The Glass Castle* and David Pelzer's autobiographical books." --*School Library Journal*

About the Author

Ashley Rhodes-Courter has been featured in *Teen People*, the *New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Glamour*, as well as on *Good Morning America*. Her memoir began as an essay, which won a writing contest for high school students, and was published in the *New York Times Magazine*. A recent graduate of Eckerd College and a champion for the reformation of the foster care system, Ashley speaks internationally on foster care and adoption. Visit her at Rhodes-Courter.com.

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