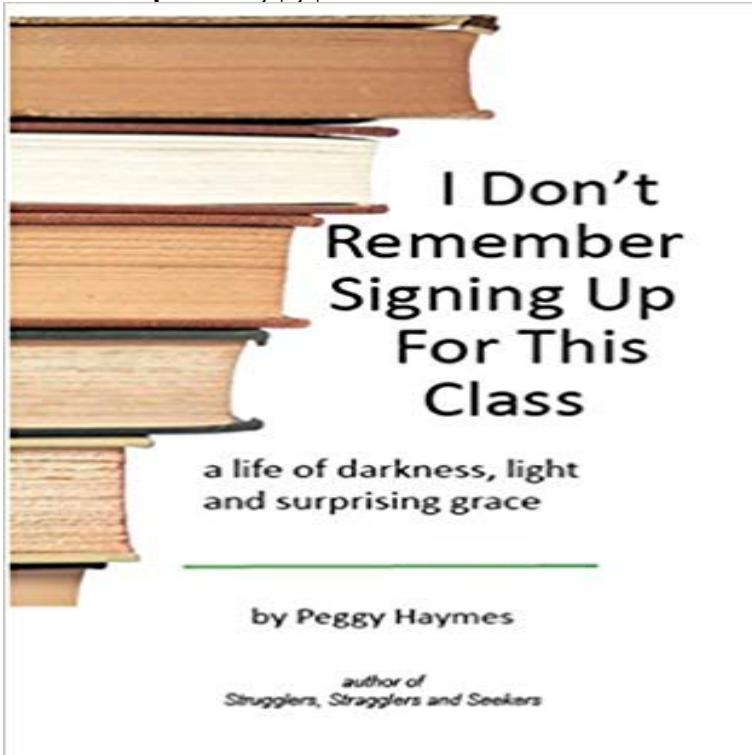


## I Dont Remember Signing Up For This Class: A life of darkness, light and surprising grace



She didnt know what was coming. When Peggy Haymes began therapy she thought shed probably spend a few weeks propping up her irrationally low self esteem. She didnt know she was on the verge of facing a story shed kept in the shadows for too long. She didnt know what was coming. As a child she accepted the kind mans invitation to come and see the puppies, not knowing that she was opening the door to years of rape and other forms of sexual abuse. In I Dont Remember Signing Up for This Class, Haymes weaves a stunning story between the adult and the child, the terrors of the past and healing of the present. All is not dark in this memoir, however, for alongside the horror Haymes finds grace as well. Through the stubborn resilience that enables her to survive to the stubborn determination that enables her to heal, Haymes steadfastly refuses to allow her abuser to have the last word in her life. One of the bravest books I have ever read. Truth-telling at its most authentic, heart-wrenching and life-affirming fills these pages. Laced with Peggys humor and rich with her deep love for God and people, this book opens doors to much needed conversations around childhood abuse and trauma--and the power of grace and healing. I pray people of faith will read Peggys memoir and allow it to shape how we honor and hold each others pain. Alicia Porterfield, author, The Divine Duet: Motherhood and Ministry Near the end of her often-painful, always-powerful memoir, Peggy Haymes tells the story of moving her parents out of the house theyve shared for decades. The house has been home to their family and now-grown children; it has been the gathering place to which the family has returned... Clearing out the house is a process of deep grief, especially as she knows that the school next door which covets the land will raze the house and gardens. On the last day, a stranger walks in, saying that the school

has agreed to give him the house if he takes on the task of moving it. He explains that his son, daughter-in-law, and their new baby need a house. Haymes breaks into tears, At least [it] wont be destroyed. At least another family will grow up there, and nurturing family is what this house does best. The story is a powerful metaphor for what Haymes herself is doing in her book I Dont Remember Signing Up for this Class: A life of darkness, light and surprising grace. Shes pulling apart her story, a story of an almost idyllic childhood marked by the love of family, the sustenance of church, the call to write, and... years of violent sexual abuse at the hands of a neighbor. The story would be too hard to bear if Haymes were not, as she writes, rebuilding the story into a place of growth and nurture for her readers, reconstructing her life with searing honesty and yet persistent hope. That she is able to share awful details of not only the abuse itself but also the grueling, lengthy and ongoing work of recovery even while remaining true to the subtitles promise of light and grace is a testament to her talents as a writer and to the spiritual depth and strength displayed throughout the book. That she is able to wrestle with important questions offering hard-won insights and leaving some questions unanswered is a gift to readers making their way through their own struggles. The book will be a rich resource for anyone who has known deep suffering, acknowledging as it does the lasting scars, the always-unfinished struggle of recovery, some of the specific tools necessary to survive and to thrive, and doing so with hope and even humor. The book will also be a help to those whove never experienced such pain but long to understand those who have, especially those in church settings who too often believe things like that dont happen to people like us. LeDayne McLeese Polaski, Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America

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