

Books

LET'S PRETEND
THIS NEVER HAPPENED

(A Mostly True Memoir)



JENNY LAWSON
The Bloggess



Let's Pretend This Never Happened

by Jenny Lawson | ★★★★★

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Jenny Lawson says she grew up in a “violently rural” Texas town with a hunter and “lunatic” taxidermist father who stank of urine (“Hunters often use animal pee to cover their scent, and my father splashed it on like other men used Old Spice,” she writes) and entertained his daughters with puppets made from freshly killed squirrels. Now 38, Lawson—a.k.a. “the Bloggess,” whose blog was named one of *Forbes*’s Top 100 Websites for Women—suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, obsessive-compulsive disorder and depression. Sounds like the makings of a not-so-cheerful tale, but Lawson’s “Mostly True Memoir” is funny, raunchy and unexpectedly uplifting.

Lawson writes of moving into a meth-infested neighborhood with the man she later married. “We were young and didn’t know how much it hurt to be shot yet,” she quips, “so we shrugged off the danger.” Studded with black-and-white photos, *Let’s Pretend* will leave you hoping Lawson’s next book happens and soon.

“[She was] sort of unstable, but in an ‘At-least-I-still-remember-how-pants-work’ kind of way”

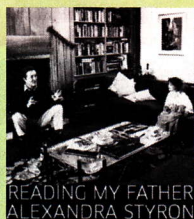
STAR PICKS THE LAST BOOK I LOVED

GLENN CLOSE

Reading My Father

By Alexandra Styron

“Her father, the writer William Styron, had severe depression. It was about their family’s journey—very moving.”



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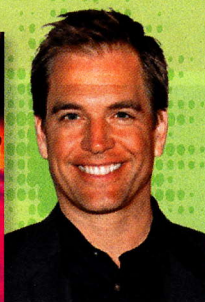


MICHAEL WEATHERLY

Shortcut Man

By P.G. Sturges

“The writer is the son of director Preston Sturges, which is why it caught my eye. It’s a terrific P.I. yarn.”



NAYA RIVERA

Me Talk Pretty One Day

By David Sedaris

“He’s such a hilarious author. There are such funny anecdotes about his childhood, and they’re so relatable.”

