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Tamara Littrell grew up a nomad, a product of her family's cowboy lifestyle. On the move from ranch to ranch in Montana and Wyoming with a tough-loving father and a sweet-natured mother, Tammi worked hard to earn the position of her father's right-hand man. Along the way, she learned to rope, ride, chew tobacco, shoot a gun, pick a fight and bury her feelings deep inside. Years later, she's left with a ragtag of memories - some good, some bad and some she's spent a lifetime trying to forget.

After the devastating death of her mother, Tammi, her sister and her father embark on an 1,800 mile pilgrimage to visit the places they lived in as children. During the journey, Tammi is forced to relive her past while gaining insight into her future.

In this gut-wrenching, brutally honest and quick-witted memoir, Tammi reveals the hard road to acceptance and the kind of heartache only family can give you. When the Dust Settled is an unforgettable story of loss, love and redemption - and what life is like after growing up cowboy.

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Ellen Campbell says

I loved reading this book. The author Tammi tells the true story of growing up in a very dysfunctional family with her alcoholic father, her long suffering mother, and her younger sister. Her Dad has a hard time retaining employment and is continually moving the family to new locations and a variety of run down shacks in search of an elusive good life. I was amazed at her mother's sense of optimism as she would strive to make even the most humble trailer house into something that was at least trying to be a home to her children. Her mother's early death was truly heart wrenching, and the three remaining family members, the sisters now adults, then embark on a 1800 mile journey to revisit the various locations they lived in over the years, bringing back memories for all of them that were as different as they themselves were. The memories were sometimes sad, sometimes very funny, and many times difficult for all of them. I have a feeling they were cathartic as well. All the players in this story were flawed, the author included, but I came away with a sense of respect they held for each other despite these flaws. I thank the author who sent me this book as part of the Goodreads giveaways, and I highly recommend this book. Well done.

Jeffrey Lors says

Better than therapy!

Ya ever think your life is so messed up and ya hate your parents and blame God and life is not fair and then ya wake up?

Tammi has run the gamut of emotions in this tell-all book about her life. I am sorry, I did not cry - but I laughed my ass off. Tammi deals with an asshole father that has the audacity of trying and yet flawed character that recluses to a bottle but she loves him.

What I love most is how brutally honest and frank Tammi is about the flaws (hers, her children, her sister, pretty much everyone she comes into contact with) and yet the incredible love she has for all around her. She is as direct and blunt as a freight train runnin full speed but her all encompassing love and understanding for family knocked this reader on his ass!

You can read it as a story, read it as an expiation or just one woman's quest to understand herself which is a helluva lot more entertaining than therapy!

Alisa says

A heartbreak tale of a migrant cowboy family, told with all the honesty yet denial the author can muster. A great snapshot of an elusive profession as farms and ranches go corporate and yet how rural life in the Upper Rockies remains the same despite some transformations. A bit rambling, yet has some form, and is clearly the author's authentic voice and perspective. Great snapshot of transformation and time periods and places that can help show the diversity of the United States in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Brenda Gustafson says

Tammi has a way to make you feel like you're sitting right next to her as she takes her memorial trip. Often hard to read knowing this isn't fiction but really happened to her and her sister. But, it also makes you understand the dynamics of a family who lived and loved in their own way.

Linda says

A beautifully written, vividly descriptive account of the author's life growing up in the west with a kind hearted mother and tough minded father. I loved the author's writing style - the moment you realize your heart is in your throat, she sprinkles in some humor to take the edge off of the sting. Great book.

Janet says

Hope to win then read this book! The cover drawn me to enter to contest. Excellent choice

Alison says

kindle 288 (memoir)

Wyna says

Everyone should read this book. I had a box of tissue handy! Could NOT put it down

Carol Copeland says

Read the whole book. Still not sure why the story of abuse was put in print.

Lily says

One of the best books I've read in a long time. I happened across it in a small boutique in Sheridan, WY. and was so surprised to find that I couldn't put it down. I cried my heart out at some points and laughed so hard I woke my husband up at others. It is glaringly honest in a way that I don't think I ever could be. I just can't recommend it enough. In fact, I'm going to buy copies for my sister and best friend.

Undercoverbooksvi.amanda says

Wow. Tammi has a way of sucking you into her life and sharing every up and down. When she is hurt you are hurt; when she laughs you laugh; and when it all ends you are left with a full heart and a broken heart.

Ashley Price says

This was a great read. I read it in about two days because I couldn't put it down.

Sierra Littrell says

The best book I have ever read. Reminded me if the glass castle only better.

Angela says

I won this book as a Goodreads giveaway.

It is a good story. And the author is very funny. But it was a little "too country " for this here cityslicker.

David Dachauer says

Tamara really brought me into her world while reading her story, "When The Dust Settles." It made me realize how fortunate I am to have the life I did. Hard to believe someone lived through all she did. Very heart felt story.
