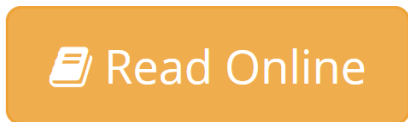


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Review

“Susan Spencer-Wendel had to face the question, ‘What would you do if you had a year to live?’ This profound, tender, and often funny account of her experiences will remind readers of what really matters most: love.” (Gretchen Rubin, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Happiness Project*)

“It’s a touching and brutally honest account of one mother’s inspiring attempt to get the most out of the time she has left.” (USA Today)

“Her honesty and frustration are underscored with a wicked sense of humor . . .” (ABC News)

“All you can do . . . is to turn the pages, slack-jawed, in awe at her insistence on having powerful, individual experiences . . .” (*Huffington Post*)

“This heartbreaking and heartwarming good-bye will make you laugh as much as it makes you cry. Susan Spencer-Wendel’s determination to find the joy in life after having been dealt the ALS card is both inspirational and enlightening.” (Cokie Roberts, *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Are Our Mothers’ Daughters*)

“Spencer-Wendel writes with courage and strength. . . . Her life will sadly be cut short, but in writing her story, she shows her family and friends how to go on, choosing happiness and love over fear.” (*Publishers Weekly*)

“. . . almost unbearably moving chronicle of how Spencer-Wendel went about creating lasting moments in that year for the ones she loved . . .” (*New York Daily News*)

“A poignant, wise love story.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

“The inspirational account of a woman whose ALS diagnosis and subsequent physical decline don’t prevent her from enjoying life to the fullest, which she proves.” (*O, the Oprah Magazine*)

“The tales are painfully honest, and they’re heartbreaking because we know the inevitable outcome. But mostly, they’re inspiring. Spencer-Wendel, even in the darkest of moments, remains insistent on happiness-staggeringly so.” (*U.S. News & World Report*)

“Her heart-ripping book chronicles what she did immediately after her diagnosis: she decided to embrace life while death chased her down....endearing and all too human” (*New York Times*)

“The mother of three children ages 7 to 15 describes her poignant last efforts to travel the world and stay close to her family and community.” (*AARP.com*)

From the Back Cover

Moving and heartfelt, this *New York Times*–bestselling memoir by a woman battling terminal illness has inspired readers around the globe to celebrate life and the people they love.

About the Author

Susan Spencer-Wendel was an award-winning journalist at the *Palm Beach Post* for twenty years. She holds a master's degree in journalism from the University of Florida, and has been honored for her work by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Florida Society of News Editors. She received a lifetime achievement award for her court reporting from the Florida Bar. She lives in West Palm Beach, Florida, with her family.

Bret Witter has co-authored eight *New York Times* bestsellers, including the #1 bestseller *The Monuments Men*. He lives with his family in Decatur, Georgia.

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