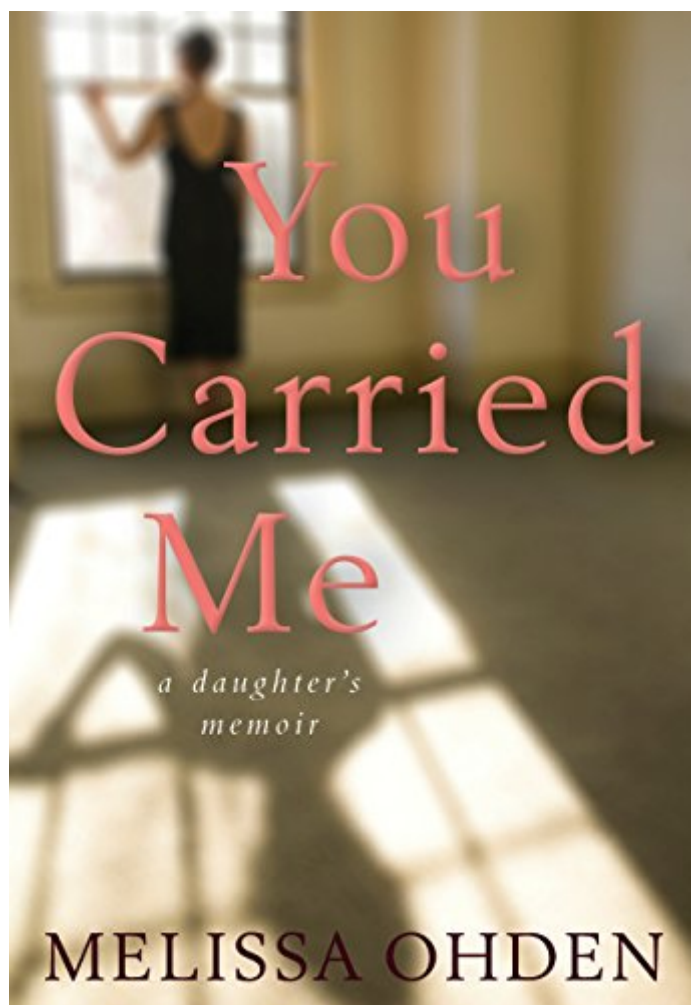


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You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir



Synopsis

What happens when an abortion survivor finds her birth mother, who never knew her daughter was alive? Melissa Ohden is fourteen when she learns she is the survivor of a botched abortion. In this intimate memoir she details for the first time her search for her biological parents, and her own journey from anger and shame to faith and empowerment. After a decade-long search Melissa finally locates her birth father and writes to extend forgiveness, only to learn that he has died without answering her burning questions. Melissa becomes a mother herself in the very hospital where she was aborted. This experience transforms her attitude toward women who have had abortions, as does the miscarriage of her only son and the birth of a second daughter with complex health issues. But could anything prepare her for the day she finally meets her birth mother and hears her side of their story? This intensely personal story of love and redemption illuminates the powerful bond between mother and child that can overcome all odds.

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Customer Reviews

This book was heartbreaking, but uplifting as well. Melissa Ohden was aborted by her birth mother, but survived. There are so many things I want to say about this story but it's hard to put it into words. The overall message is forgiveness. Melissa was able to forgive the people that hurt her the most and that, in this day and age, is extraordinary. I couldn't put the book down.

I love to read, but I can't remember the last time I read a whole book in a day. I had seen Melissa in a pro-life video before, but I had no idea she had written a book until I stumbled across it on this week. I ordered it immediately, and I'm so glad I did. Both the book, as well as her video testimony, were impressive. Melissa's obstacles were great and many, and they seemed to continue throughout her life, but her surrender to God's timing and her willingness to forgive and to think the best when she was uncertain of the motives of others were outstanding. *You Carried Me* is an easy read, and the story is told in a way that you can't wait to get into the next chapter to see what further information unfolds as Melissa searches for her birth mother. The story is just real. Melissa makes no attempt to hide her own shortcomings during her most difficult years. I would highly recommend this book to anyone with an interest in pro-life causes, the impact of abortion, or the power of forgiveness.

As an adoptee this story is deeply moving on many levels. In 1956 fortunately abortions weren't so easy and I was adopted into a loving home. This story covers the reasons why abortion is not the solution. Every woman should read this and every legislator should too. Life is more important than convenience to circumstance of being in wanted pregnancy. Bravo to this brave woman ,mother, survivor

This is a true story that reveals the horror of the crime of abortion. Melissa, after surviving abortion, struggles to understand the meaning of her life. She wonders about the circumstances that led to her mother's choice to attempt to end her baby's life. Melissa chooses to forgive her biological parents. And, as many adoptees, desires to connect with her biological family. After years of wondering and searching she at last meets her mother and learns the shocking truth behind the abortion. She finds out that she was loved and wanted by her mother. Well worth reading! It reveals many truths about the suffering abortion causes to all involved.

Melissa Ohden's story is absolutely riveting. I only put the book down because I couldn't afford to be

exhausted at work the next day. Melissa is a talented writer and uses her excellent turn of phrase and eloquent insights to describe the indescribable - how she was to be legally and medically killed because we allow adults in this country to kill children. That's the bottom line - whatever your beliefs or feelings, abortion allows adults to kill children. Melissa's harrowing experience of surviving a saline abortion pulls no punches about this reality. We may never outlaw abortion in this country. Melissa's voice, at least, makes us honest about what we do.

As someone who has a heart for the pro-life cause, hearing about the premise behind this book garnered my interest immediately. I downloaded it to my kindle as soon as I could. The story of Melissa Ohden's survival after a failed abortion and journey for answers was not an easy read for me. I shed tears reading her story. But it is a book I am so glad I took the time to read. Not only does it solidify my convictions even further, but stresses the importance, love, and the value of every life. Poignant, touching, and simply amazing.

This is the kind of story that we usually don't hear about, but thankfully Melissa has done the hard work and is able to share it with us all. If you've ever wrestled with the issue of life, or are firmly pro Choice, or pro life. This book is for you. The untold stories of the many fragile yet unmistakably human victims of abortions is a breath of fresh air. The pro choice voice isn't the only voice and doesn't represent the entire truth. Melissa has painstakingly let us into her world of investigation, heartache, discovery, and contentment. This book is everything! An easy an enlightening read.

This moving and compelling story should be read by every one especially those who believe it should be a woman's choice to abort even if you personally would never do this. Melissa writes where everyone can understand and leaves no question about how devastating abortion is not only to the aborted child but also to the mother, extended family and community as a whole.

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