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Kris Wehrmeister : Fightball: Dying of Suck (Volume 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fightball: Dying of Suck (Volume 1):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. 'FIGHTBALL: DYING OF SUCK' -- All the 'Funny' in the Entire Universe Smashed into One HILARIOUS Book. Seriously.By HogsAteMySisterIt's been a totally s***ty week. Your job has sucked big time. The kids are driving you mental. And there is NO wine in the house. But it DOES NOT MATTER. That's because of "Fightball: Dying of Suck". And there is nothing better on the face of Planet Earth than

Kris Wehrmeister writing about her deranged, dysfunctional, wonderful family. Nothing. Better. On. Planet. Earth. (OK, after craft beer and wine, there is nothing better on Earth.) If you have followed Kris' blog, Pretty All True, you will want to hug her new book and dance with it all the way to the booze fridge. Because "Fightball: Dying of Suck" takes you back to the beginning, and in the best possible way. It all seems shiny and new. Kris has reworked and honed and polished and hammered and gilded the absolute crap out of her children. I mean, out of the stories about her children. She lets Maj and Kallan run riot for approaching 260 pages. I have never known anyone to use comedic dialogue like Kris. She has perfect pitch for dialogue, perfect pacing for humor. Witness this single exchange between the LOUD BOLDFACE CAPS, TIGHTLY WOUND, SUPER SMART OLDER CHILD, MAJ, and Kallan, 8, the funniest, sneakiest, biggest liar in the land of daughters: MAJ: "SOMEONE HAS TO PARENT THAT GIRL! SHE HAS JUMPED INTO THE CHAOS CHASM! THERE ARE RULES! THERE ARE RULES BY WHICH PEOPLE ABIDE. SHE NEEDS TO ABIDE OR DIE... KALLAN CRASHED INTO ME AND THEN HURLED ME INTO THE BUSHES AND THE PRICKERS. YES MOTHER, SHE HURLED ME. I AM PROBABLY COVERED IN POISON OAK AND YOU DON'T EVEN CARE. I COULD. HAVE. BEEN. KILLED. PUNISH HER!" Kallan: "It's a small path, Mom... It's skinny... There's not much room for passing... And then she was calling me a baby on a baby bike... And so I passed her and she fell... Maybe I called her shortie. Maybe I called her a midget on a clown bike... OK. I pushed her over. It was a tiny push, and she was all slowed down to name-call at that moment, so she only crashed and stomped around dragging her bicycle in the weeds and screaming about poison..." For me, and probably for you, it is physically impossible to read this book and not laugh out loud. Not kidding. So, if you read it on a plane, or while waiting for your therapist, or yet another parent-teacher special meeting, be prepared to chuckle and laugh and then guffaw. People will stare at you. But it will be worth it. It so will. If you are not one of the cool kids who has loved Pretty All True from the beginning, don't worry. Somehow, she quickly pulls you into her family's unique brand of surreal life insanity. In mere pages, you will think, "Dear Lord, how does this woman survive?" And "all things considered, my kids are really not that bad." Kris Wehrmeister's writing, pace and voice are truly her own. She is as unique and wonderful in her own "space" as are Allie Brosh (Hyperbole and a Half) and The Bloggess. (She will hate me saying this but, I dare say, if you love these humorists, you will love Kris.) One day, you will find out about Kris' brokenness, and you will understand how she came to have this amazing talent. For now, you will laugh. And snort. We owe Kris big time -- way more than the cover price of her book. She has made this the EASIEST CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVER. Your true friends will laugh so hard they will get snot-nosed. And if they are also drinking wine, they will laugh until they snort. Been there. Done that. DISCLOSURE. I have already read my copy three times. I even highlighted it. You should, too. So when you have been dumped or fired or shat upon from a great height, and you will soon be living under a bridge, with the wolves, you can just read a few highlighted bits from MAJ or Kallan and, POOF, all the bad s*** just won't matter anymore. Because Kris' words have magic. They so do. Enjoy. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. More like "Dying of Awesome" By Rodney Lacroix Hysterical. Awesome. Hysterically Awesome. Awesomely hysterical. I wish there were more ways to arrange those adjectives. "Fightball: Dying of Suck" is such an incredibly funny, warm and honest book that makes me jealous it doesn't have my name listed as the author. If you're a fan of her "Pretty All True" blog, this is the exact thing you've been waiting for. If you're unfamiliar with Kris' Internet presence, then consider yourself about to be wooed by her storytelling and ridiculously spot-on comedic timing. The fact that she LIVES this is simply icing on the cake. I can guarantee you that you're going to be drawn in and hooked for life. I can't recommend this book highly enough. You're going to love every word of it. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. In short - Erma Bombeck is writing again. Fightball: Dying of Suck is THAT good. By Susan Burton In short - Erma Bombeck is writing again. Fightball: Dying of Suck is THAT good. That funny and that honest. Just as Erma Bombeck chronicled a mom's life of raising kids in Ohio's suburbs during the 60's and 70's, Kris Wehrmeister takes her readers on a journey from California to a new life in Oregon. While her family regains their footing by pulling up stakes and moving North, Kris trains a keen and loving eye on the reactions and interactions of her two daughters as they all make new lives for themselves after the meltdown of 08. You have heard the phrase, "Smart as a Whip?" Well, Kris' girls will skin you alive they are so smart. And funny. If Jen Lancaster was the mom of these girls, this is the book she would write. Before raising a white flag of surrender. Add in two dogs who are well, not exactly gifted in the smarts department and I am amazed that Kris and her husband Mark still have their sanity. But they do and we readers get to benefit from the adventures they have lived. Is EVERY element of EVERY story true? Pretty All True. At least true enough that the Truth of family life and love shine through. Buy this book. Read it. Lose half your drink and make people stare at you at Starbucks because you are laughing so much. And then read it again. And wait very impatiently for another book of Pretty All True stories to be written.

Fightball: Dying of Suck introduces Maj and Kallan, two wildly intelligent and hilarious sisters who navigate life from opposite ends of every point of view. On the surface a recounting of one family's move to Oregon, Fightball: Dying of Suck is in fact the greatest story of sisterhood ever told. Also, there is hyperbole.

"I will just stay here, living under a bridge, with the wolves, starving to death because of humor writer's block. Ironically, I will be laughing like a crazy person as I read and reread *Fightball: Dying of Suck*, especially the bits I have highlighted for emergency use." - Bill Moore of *Hogs Ate My Sister* "As I read [*Fightball: Dying of Suck*], I wished I was there to watch the stories unfold. Her daughters' dramatic over-excitabilities coupled with their mother's uncanny ability to address situations with calculated dialog makes you pause and bust out laughing. You won't be disappointed." - Jen Hager of *The Martha Project* "WARNINGS: Do not eat or drink while reading. Empty your bladder before picking the book up...if you have a weak bladder, grab a package of Depends. Uncontrollable laughing, snorting, and guffawing will have you gasping for breath!" - Lynn Moore from *Off the Grid* "*Fightball: Dying of Suck* is the funniest book in the history of ever. Read it you fools fall in love with me over the laughter." - Cathy Joy Westley from *The Invisible World* About the Author Kris Wehrmeister is the long-time author of the blog *Pretty All True*, at which she offers a mixture of humor, memoir, and literary fiction. Kris is a used-to-be attorney, mother of two daughters, and wife to one man. She lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon, where she spends her time arguing with her daughters Maj and Kallan, who are brilliant and obstreperous. When her daughters are at school, Kris argues with the dogs, of which there are three - Jack the Terrier, Persie the Labrador, and Hazel the Weimaraner. Additionally, although no one would describe Kris as a "people-person," she occasionally meets with friends for beer or coffee accompanied by petty disagreements, of which she is fond. Kris knows all the lyrics to all the songs, and she sings along. Always. In her spare time, Kris writes.