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One of The New York Times Book Review's 10 Best Books of the YearOn the morning of December 26, 2004, on the southern coast of Sri Lanka, Sonali Deraniyagala lost her parents, her husband, and her two young sons in the tsunami she miraculously survived. In this bold and evaluatively honest memoir, she describes those first terrible moments and her long journey since. She wrote an enlarged, unentimental, beautifully ready account: if she struggles through the first months after the tragedy, furiously trapped against a reality she can't face and can't deny; And then, over the sudden years, as she reluctantly, slowly allows her memory to take her back through the rich and joyful life she mourns, from her family's house in London, to the birth of her children, until the year she gave her English husband at Cambridge, to her childhood in Colombo; all the while learns the difficult balance between the almost unbearable memories of hair loss and the need to keep her family, somehow, still alive within her. Golf The cover of the bookAuthorSonali the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami. [2] It was first published in 2013 by Alfred A. Knopf. [3] The book tells the story of Deraniyagala's life before the tsunami hit the coast, and how it changed dramatically after the disaster, mainly to focus on life without her five most important family members, including her parents, her husband and her two sons. [4] It was written in the first person narrative style and opened on 26 December 2004. [5] The book received numerous awards and positive reviews from critics. [6] Storyline The book starts with Deraniyagala at a beach hotel on the Sri Lankan coast with her family. [8] She gave the first tip at the impending disaster in the second line of the book, The sea looked a little closer to our hotel than usual. [9] Deraniyagala describes how things changed within minutes before her eyes and her family got lost when they were washed somewhere far away. She regularly writes honestly about hair loss throughout the book. Deraniyagala is nostalgic from days before the tidal wave. She yearns for those days to be back, but fate doesn't allow it. Critics called it a book with much grief. [8] A number of years after the disaster, Deraniyagala lives in her husband's apartment in London, and she is suicidal. [10] She wants to forget her ghostly memories of the day, but don't. [11] [12] [13] [14] Recept The book received reviews of critics. In a new for The New York Times, Cheryl Strayed wrote: 'I didn't feel like I was going to cry while reading Golf. I felt like my heart could stop. [8] Barnes & mp; Noble described the book as poignant, but sparing and unentitative. Marcia Kaye, a writer and journalist, wrote in her review for the Colombo Telegraph: Wave is somehow chasing raw and beautiful at the same time. Above all, it speaks to the power of the human spirit to survive, to love, to remember. It reminds us that these often everyday lives of us and our families should be nurtured because we never know when an extraordinary event can come to change it all. [16] The New York Times designated it as one of the top ten best books of 2013. It was an Amazon Best Book of the Month (March 2013). [18] Donna Seaman from Booklist called the story indelibly and unique. [18] Therese Purcell Nielsen and Erin Shea of Library Journal designated it one of 11 best memoirs of 2013. [22] Kirkus Reviews call it one of the Best Books of 2013 for Vicarious Experiences You'll Never Forget, one of the lists of Best Books of 2014 (Nonfiction). [23] References [Golf by Sonali Deriniyagala. Boston Globe. Retrieved 2014-01-22. In 1994, the founded Book Review: Golf by Sonali Deriniyagala. Boston Globe. Retrieved 2014-01-22. In 1994, the founded Book Review: Golf by Sonali Deriniyagala. founding writer Sonali Deraniyagala appealed to Die Burger and the 19th common. SFGate. Retrieved 2014-01-22. In 1994, the remedy Gulf was reviewed by Sonali Deraniyagala. The Guardian. Retrieved 2014-01-21. In 1994, the NYTimes Became Best Books of 2013 list. The Republic Square. 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What it is: ONE woman's self-portrait while buried in extraordinary grief. Some have asked, well, is there really a difference between losing your family in a car accident, or losing them into a natural disaster? (Deraniyagala lost both children, her husband, and her parents to the 2004 post-Christmas tsunami who claimed 227,898 lives). Well, yes. If it's not clear the way she describes the wave and its aftermath, I don't know what to tell you. A memoir about dealing with the grief of a family that wipes out to some more everyday accidents would also be interesting, but this story tells something so overwhelming and world breakers that it is worth its own account. What this book asks of us: to remain present by someone else's unbearable pain as she tries to talk about it. That a lot of people are unable to do this seems not only in the response to this memoir, but in what any grieving parent will tell you about the comments that make people to the death of a child: At least you have your other children, you can always have more, at least they were not very old, you have not yet been attached, everything happens for a time will heal, god no longer gives us as we can carry, everything happens for a thou s sorce about it now, blah blah. If you've ever said any of these things to someone who griepes, never do it again. I'm sure most preople who go through an experience that makes you, as Deraniyagala notes, a statistical outlier, are happy for any validation. I wrote to Russell Banks to thank him after The Sweet Herebena came out. One of his characters has already survived Vietnam, became a pillar of support from the community, used many other veterinarians and helped rehabilitate many other veterinarians, survived his wife's death to cancer, and now, in a school burst accident, both his children lost. The novel follows different characters with different reactions to the catastrophe, and this man's collapse - he becomes a drunk and a womanizer - angry some readers. My mother said: I know that sorrow is unsustainable. So I want to read stories that ARE LESS truly about it. I disagreed. Even if I hadn't collapsed so completely after the death of my son, I felt like I had done it. I WANTED TO. Banks have told the truth, by this character, of how this kind of loss feels, even if you somehow continue to deal with, keep living, keep working. It should be like cutting someone out a piece of your heart and saying, you can't get it back, ever, one friend said. But it's not even that way. It's like each of your cells has something necessary to extract from it, and from there, they will repeat in a weathered fashion. You'll never be healthy, nothing in you will ever be whole again. Psychologist Stephen Stosny writes of grief that recovering mainly means you can finally remember your loved ones with pleasure instead of pain. It takes as long as it takes (and most people think at least 5 years after a loss as devastating as a child; in this case it was her whole family, and it's hard to imagine how you even go about working on grieving it. You think of one, and then you have to remember that all the others are lost as well. You don't even have your husband or your parents, with their shared memories of the deceased, to comfort you. How could it ever end?). And yet it is clear that Deraniyagala is making progress. For some readers, it's not clear, and I can't understand why it's not. Initially, she can't think of the lost at all. She can't think of the lost at all th care about her own physical injuries from the tsunami because she must be dead. What is a cut, a bruise? A lot of this? She can't assume that people who rent her home, not even for a very long time after home. Towards the end, though, she is not only able to take joy in her memories, but to describe her family to us so clearly we feel we know them too. One reader said s/he did not a tear through this. Well, I did. Especially when she describes the incredible feelings of guilt surviving parents feel. No matter how overwhelming the wave was, she must have cling to her children. No matter how overwhelming the wave was, she must have sought them. She must have identified the bodies. But she couldn't because that's what would really make it. And in the final analysis she feels she shouldn't have survived: her survived: her survived is a betrayal. Any grieving parent will understand it. It doesn't matter how impossible the task, where you were, what you believed or couldn't have known. A parent must protect her child. You can't escape this debt, whether it's rational or not. It is in your cells, those cells that will be deformed forever. I think even the death of a child will turn spiritually into any life. Even if you're reunited somehow, that pain of separation won't be restored. That's what I think even the death of a child will turn spiritually into any life. Even if you're reunited somehow, that pain of separation won't be restored. That's what I think even the death of a child will turn spiritually into any life. Even if you're reunited somehow, that pain of separation won't be restored. That's what I think even the death of a child will turn spiritually into any life. Even if you're reunited somehow, that pain of separation won't be restored. That's what I think even the death of a child will turn spiritually into any life. 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I remember another woman who had a deadline near mine. She and her husband were terrible parents, I thought. Their older son was a spoiled brat. And yet her baby was born healthy? I loved Deraniyagala's honesty about this. Most people who study resilience think we each have a fixed amount of resilience with which we were probably born. Deraniyagala has led a very, very protected life, led by the belief that talent, hard work and good humanity should yield a good life. And she had nothing to dissatisfie her. To. What kind of points of regard can there be in such circumstances? What is a good person after that? What kind of behavior is acceptable or at least understandable in such an externated landscape? There was also a criticism that this book, as a memoir, did not interrogate her experience enough. Well, okay. But I think it was probably all she could do for now. Just tell. For years she couldn't even talk about what happened. It is a great movement to be able to write this book (which is beautiful). And she confesses her dark behavior, her deepest debt. The things that are the hardest to is said. That's enough for me. If Deranyigala wanted to write about other survivors in another book, great. But again, fuck you to everyone who thinks she somehow owes more than she's given. I'm really tired of readers who think that because they get a window into something, they deserve the keys to home. ... More... More

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