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Lust & Wonder: A Memoir



Synopsis

In chronicling the development and demise of the different relationships he's had while living in New York, Augusten Burroughs examines what it means to be in love, what it means to be in lust, and what it means to be figuring it all out. With Augusten's unique and singular observations and his own unabashed way of detailing both the horrific and the humorous, *Lust & Wonder* is an intimate and honest memoir that his legions of fans have been waiting for.

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Customer Reviews

Thank goodness that the Augusten Burroughs of *Dry* is back in his latest memoir. *Wolf at the Table*, his last memoir, was all about his father, and was one of his weakest books. *Running with Scissors* was his most celebrated book, but it was perhaps more because of the shock value of his childhood experiences. *Dry* touched my heart a little more as he searched for love and self-affirmation and wasn't afraid to expose his innermost feelings. *Lust and Wonder* brings back that Augusten I like best - the caustic wit, brutal honesty, and his endearing neurosis. He lays his soul bare for all to see, and though we may have not gone through the same experiences, we empathize, for we all know what it is to be human, a little narcissistic, and struggle to find the relationships that we hope will complete us. This book is divided into 3 main sections, and he delves into his 3 significant relationships since *Dry*, and also tells us a little more about his relationship with George, that he first shared with us in *Dry*. Going into them in depth would mean giving out some spoilers, so I'll just say, that he goes through some hits and misses until he realizes what was staring him in the face. There

has been a little hiatus between his memoirs, but I am happy to discover Augusten at 50 is just as brilliant as he was in his late 20s when he probably wrote *Dry* (it was the first book he wrote, but it was published 3rd). This book shows us a more mature side of Augusten, as he seems to examine his motivations more deeply and dare I say, despite his sarcasm, he seems kinder to his partners.

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