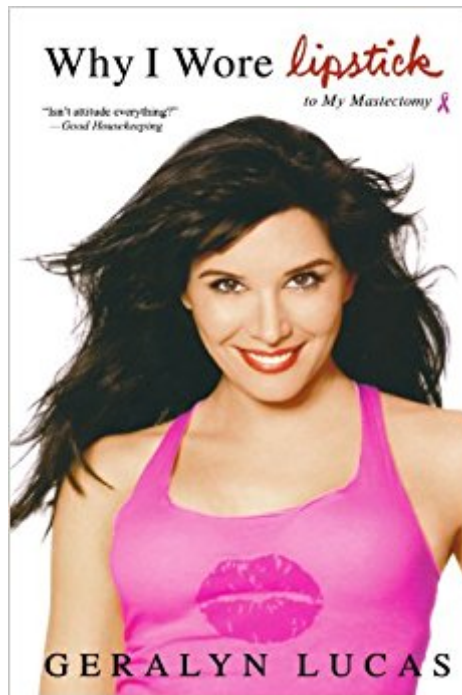




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Why I Wore Lipstick: To My Mastectomy



Synopsis

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Having recently graduated from Columbia Journalism School and landed her dream job at 20/20, the last thing 27-year-old Geralyn expects to hear is a breast cancer diagnosis. And there is one part of the diagnosis that no one will discuss with her: what it means to be a young girl with cancer in a beauty-obsessed culture. Trying to find herself, while losing her vibrancy and her looks, Geralyn embarks on a road to self-acceptance that will inspire all women. Although her book is explicitly about a period of time where she was driven by fear and uncertainty about the future, Geralyn managed a transformation that will encourage all women under siege to discover their own courage and beauty. The important and outrageous lessons of *Why I Wore Lipstick* come fast and furious with the same gusto that Geralyn has learned to bring to every moment of her life. THE BASIS FOR THE 2006 LIFETIME ORIGINAL MOVIE!

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Customer Reviews

Lucas was 27, happily working as a 20/20 producer, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Suddenly, her world became a blur of appointments with surgeons and emotional breakdowns. Her book's catchy title belies its substantial content: this is an honest, perceptive memoir from a feisty survivor who's willing to discuss every detail, like getting sick in cabs during chemo treatments, baldness and sex. In fact, the book opens with Lucas, who's now 36, recounting her visit to a New

York topless bar as she agonizes over losing a breast and contemplates reconstructive surgery. Lucas doesn't dismiss her fears; she talks about wanting to have a child and how her husband withdraws when so many other people step in to provide her with emotional support. What makes her memoir so moving is the author's breezy style and her focus on the daily details of her illness ("I am in the shower, and when I start lathering my comb-over, most of it stays in my hands. The big patches of hair just come out. No warning"). The story of Lucas's recovery, and of the birth of her daughter, make her book surprisingly optimistic and immensely empowering. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"This is the first time that wearing lipstick is a metaphor for courage and hope. Geralyn Lucas' story of her experience with breast cancer is written in a breezy, inspirational voice. Her energetic enthusiasm and fears are balanced beautifully and expressively to rivet the reader on each page."-Evelyn Lauder, senior corporate vice president of The Estée Lauder Companies and founder and chairman of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation"I played it, Geralyn lived it. Read this book and you'll never wear lipstick the same way again."-Kim Cattrall, actress"In this gutsy, touching and often hilarious journal, Geralyn takes the reader on her roller coaster of emotional experiences, from the heartbreak of hearing her diagnosis to the triumph of her daughter's birth. Millions of women, and those who love them, will be forever grateful for this powerful and life-affirming book. At Lifetime, I know we are immensely grateful and proud to have Geralyn's passion and knowledge dedicated to our advocacy campaign to stop breast cancer."-Carole Black, president and CEO of Lifetime Entertainment Services"As a doctor, I'm always looking at patients from the outside in. This book is an extraordinary perspective from the inside out. As Geralyn's self-discovery and triumph over breast cancer unfolds, she takes us with her from her doctor's office, to work, through her living room, to the bedroom, right into the bathroom, and in and out of taxicabs. You need to be with her through each of these moments to see-right up close-how much sheer sweetness, sadness, love, honesty, uncertainty, terror, courage, excitement, hope, and guts were bundled into each piece of every day. Geralyn is bigger than life and death. Now I'm wearing lipstick!"-Marisa Weiss, M.D., breast cancer specialist, president and founder of breastcancer.org, founder of Living Beyond Breast Cancer, and author of *Living Beyond Breast Cancer*"Geralyn Lucas makes you laugh and cry in the very same moment with her account of going through mastectomy and beyond. Her vivid scenes are cinematographic in detail, and sweep you along her journey with unerring perception, insight, and ultimately, acceptance and personal growth. This unique story is a

must-read for any woman who has a friend, loved one, or who is herself enduring the experience of breast cancer. It's like nothing else ever written on the subject, and adds a note of humanity and humor to a topic that often lacks either. You can't help but thoroughly enjoy this book."-Lucy Danziger, editor-in-chief of Self magazine (the founder of Pink Ribbon) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you only read one book about breast cancer in your life, it should be this one. The gutsy author was diagnosed at the age of 27, and this is her raw tell-it-like-it-was story, with all of the ups, downs, ins, and outs of gut-wrenching fears and self-doubt, and the ordeals of surgery, chemotherapy, and reconstruction. It's a story of the courage and determination of a brutally honest woman, who learned the hard way who she is, and what really matters. And it's a story of grace, good humor, and hope. Hats off to Ms. Lucas for writing such an honest account that is bound to be helpful to many other women facing the same horrible challenge.

I picked this book up because of family members' own breast cancer experiences. Geralyn Lucas was diagnosed with breast cancer in her twenties, and the diagnosis threatened everything in her life, every plan she had made. She donned her lipstick and it emboldened her -- even through some times of great pain. The lessons of Lucas's memoir transcend breast cancer. It is empowering for all. It is also a great reminder to know your body, because early detection can save lives. Geralyn Lucas is an inspiration and a hero.

Awesome read. I met her at a Susan Komen luncheon for breast cancer survivors. She was so funny telling her story. Her book is almost word for word from her sharing live. She is a very special person. I really enjoyed her book. I am a 12.5 year survivor myself, so this book was very special to me. I think anyone would enjoy reading this book.

What a profoundly lovely book! I couldn't put it down. It made me laugh and cry. The best book I've read in a long, long time, and I've read many.

This book is a must read for every person who knows someone diagnosed with breast cancer. She beautifully captures exactly how I felt!

Geralyn is a brilliant writer that draws in the reader from the first page. Her story is inspiring and

courageous. Once you pick it up, you will not want to put it down until you have finished the last page...and then you'll be wanting more. A compelling read that speaks to both women and men about determination and survival. Loved every minute of it...again and again!

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