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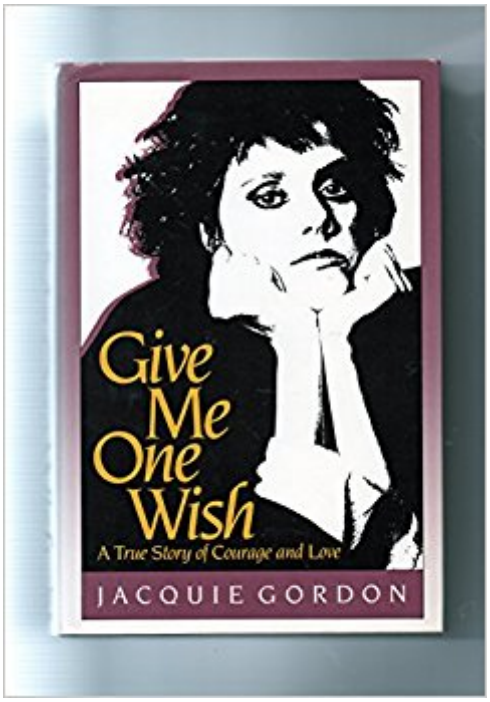

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Synopsis

This is the story of a remarkable mother and daughter and their love as they make sense of life, and their relationship, in the face of a deadly disease. Jackquie Gordon cannot cure her daughter Christine’s cystic fibrosis, but she can teach her to follow life’s gifts wherever they lead so that she grows up eager to discover the world and her place in it. This entrhalling book gives us the intimate chronicle of a teenage girl growing up in the late 70s and early 80s. It gives us a model of courage and love under pressure. It tells the healing story of a mother and daughter who never stop trying to understand and help each other, and who succeed beyond all expectation. A selection of the Literary Guild.

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Customer Reviews

Jacquie Gordon is the author of "Give Me One Wish, "the story of her daughter’s struggle with cystic fibrosis. "Flanders Point, "the winner of the Yale University Willet Prize, is her first novel. Currently completing her bachelor’s degree in literature at Yale University, Jacquie Gordon lives in Connecticut. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I was saddened to read about Christines struggle and eventual death of cystic fibrosis. This book does a great job of showing you the decline, and we watch as her lungs deteriorate until there is no quality of life left. It was awful because she loved life so much and knew what was happening to her and what she was missing out on.Some things bugged me-like her mother seemingly putting her

love life ahead of Christine, and vacationing when Christine was dying in a hospital room...but it doesn't keep me from recommending the book because I loved Christine. I'm sad to see it is now out of print.Christine's beauty and strength really shined through. I wonder what her mom and sister are doing now.

I remember I had to write a book report on a biography. Until then I had only read fantasies and science fiction. I thought at the time this was going to be one of the hardest and most boring assignments of my high school years. Most of the kids in my class were grabbing up all of the celebrity books they could find. I had no idea who I wanted to read about. I found this book and read about how she was the daughter of Muppet puppeteer Jerry Nelson. I was a fan of the show and figured it could be worst. But as I read this book I was taken on a fabulous journey of this inspiring and courageous girl. She had Cystic Fibrosis, a disease that kills most of its victims by 15. Knowing this she still looked to the future with wide eyed enthusiasm. She dreamed of being an actress and even got small part in the Great Muppet Caper. A movie I rented just to hear her voice. Her mother was also a tower of strength and I was amazed she could write so eloquently about something that was breaking her heart. For the first time I actually cried after reading a book. For I really felt I came to know this girl and wished I could have known her and become friends. Trust me this book is that good. After finishing the book I actually bought a copy, another first for me buying something I already read. Well I was recently cleaning up some old books and came across this one and I really thing that if you can find a copy of this book your are in for an amazing and yet ultimately sad tale.

low price. my family need it , so fast, receive it next day . Really a solid, sharp (very sharp!) product. My old serrated product disappeared somewhere, but I wish I'd bought this one years ago. Satisfied.

I first read this book when I was in 5th grade and fell in love with it the first time I read it. Since then, I have read this book several times and it is one of my favorite books because there is so much one can learn from the lives of the people in the book, especially from Christine, a girl who has cystic fibrosis. What makes me read it time after time and keeps my attention is the strength and courage of one family and especially Christine. It is so encouraging when you can read someone's story like the one in Give Me one Wish and know that she was able to keep such a positive attitude and not let her illness "get the best of her". The lessons that can be learned from this book will stay with you for the rest of your life and so will the impact of this book. The person that wrote the book was Christine's mom and the story she tells from the journal entries of Christine's to evoking the

emotions that Christine had are amazing. This is both an incredibly inspiring book and an incredibly sad book. It makes me cry every time I read it. All I can say is, incredible.

I can’t even begin to describe what an impact this book has had on me. I read it for the first time in 6th grade, and since then my entire frame of mind has changed. I’ve found that I really love things like Monty Python, 80s punk rock, the Muppets, and so much more. So it (this book) has changed me a lot in that way, but it also is such an inspiration because of the fact that Christine never really let her cystic fibrosis pull her down into the dumps. She had "spunk and a spirit" for life, and that in itself is something to admire. In the dozens of times that I’ve read my copy of this incredible story, I’ve laughed, I’ve cried, and I’ve felt like I can actually identify with Chris...she was a regular girl who just happened to have a fatal disease. Her mom (Jaquie Gordon, the author) caputured Chris’s life in such an amazing way, and I wish I could thank her for being so willing to write about it and changing my outlook on life.

I have read this book so many times that I had to buy a second copy-I now own the hardcover and softcover editions! I felt a ’kinship’ with Christine from the very first page---we shared the same first name, was born around the same time, loved the same music and I was very familiar with the places Jacquie Gordon wrote about in this wonderful book. For anyone who grew up in the seventies this book will ring a familiar bell.You read of struggles, illness,but most of all you learn that Christine LIVED! Christine rung every ounce she could out of life and she certainly grasped the brass ring! She is a true inspiration to us all! This book brought a richness to my life and I thank Mrs. Gordon for sharing such a wonderful tribute. Christine (in her stardust) must still be singing!

I have read the story and was brought to tears - but with so much laughter - Chris had something people try and get in their whole entire lives. Jackie I have somewhat of an understanding in having a child that is ill from a very young age. Chris is an insperation to parents and children. My son has had chronic asthma since he was four yrs old - and then 6 months ago he was diagnosed with a tumor on his spine the size of an orange. He went through surgery - all is well. The terror you must have felt - doing the hospital thing for years - I look up to you and your daughter - your book was very inspiring - makes the "I feel sorry for myself" feelings go away

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