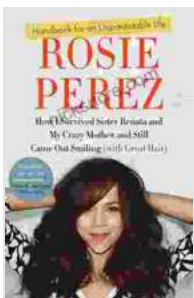


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Growing up, I always felt like an outsider. My mother was a devout Catholic who believed in strict discipline, while my sister Renata was the golden child who could do no wrong. I, on the other hand, was the black sheep of the family—the one who always got into trouble and never seemed to meet my mother's expectations.

As I got older, the tension between my mother and me grew. She couldn't understand why I didn't want to follow in her footsteps and become a devout Catholic. I, on the other hand, couldn't understand why she couldn't accept me for who I was.

Things came to a head when I was 16 years old. I had just started dating a boy who my mother didn't approve of. She forbade me from seeing him, but I refused to listen. One night, she caught us sneaking out of the house together. She was so angry that she beat me with a belt.



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After that night, I knew I had to get away. I packed my bags and ran away from home. I didn't know where I was going or what I was going to do, but I knew I couldn't stay with my mother any longer.

Life on the Streets

I ended up living on the streets for several months. It was a tough time, but I learned a lot about myself. I learned how to be independent and resourceful. I also learned how to trust my instincts and to never give up on my dreams.

One day, I was walking down the street when I saw a sign for a homeless shelter. I decided to go in and see what it was like. The shelter was a safe and welcoming place, and I was grateful for the opportunity to get off the streets.

I stayed at the shelter for several months, and during that time I started to put my life back together. I got a job and started saving money. I also started going to therapy, which helped me to deal with the trauma I had experienced in my childhood.

Recovery

After a year, I was finally able to move into my own apartment. It was a small apartment, but it was mine. I was proud of what I had accomplished, and I was grateful for the opportunity to start a new life.

I've been living on my own for several years now, and I'm doing well. I have a good job, a nice apartment, and a loving boyfriend. I'm also in therapy, which has helped me to heal from the past.

I'm not going to lie—it hasn't been easy. There have been times when I've wanted to give up. But I've always remembered the lessons I learned on the streets. I know that I'm a strong and capable person, and I know that I can overcome anything.

Forgiveness

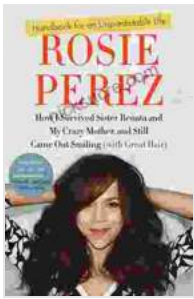
I've forgiven my mother for the way she treated me. I know that she was doing the best she could with the knowledge she had. She was raised in a strict Catholic household, and she believed that she was doing what was best for me.

I've also forgiven Sister Renata. She was just a child when she bullied me, and I know that she didn't understand the pain she was causing me.

I'm not going to say that it's been easy to forgive them. But I've realized that holding on to anger and resentment is only hurting me. Forgiveness has allowed me to move on with my life and to find happiness.

I'm not the same person I was when I ran away from home. I'm stronger, more confident, and more independent. I've learned that I can overcome anything, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to share my story with others.

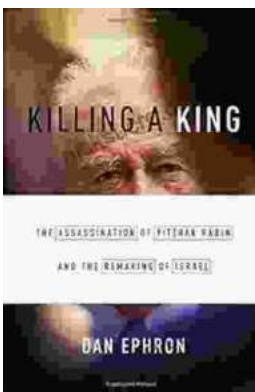
If you're struggling with a difficult situation, I urge you to never give up. No matter what you're going through, there is hope. You can overcome anything, and you can find happiness.



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