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Editorial Review

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Brown tells the story of her family's battle with anorexia, the "demon" that suddenly possesses her bright, pretty daughter, Kitty. Brown is alternately an introspective and anguished parent and a fierce advocate for the Maudsley approach, a family-based therapy that focuses on restoring the patient to physical health before fully dealing with the psychological challenges he or she faces. Brown carefully amasses facts about anorexia and the effects of starvation in between bouts at the dinner table as Kitty refuses to eat and, occasionally, hides her food. The standoffs are emotionally draining for the entire family, including Kitty's younger sister, Emma, whom Brown worries is also at risk for the disease. At the crux of Brown's affecting and informative memoir is the idea that anorexia can happen to any family and that it can be defeated through determination and love, even though Brown recognizes that permanent success can be elusive. In the end, she knows that all any family can do is try, and that her eldest daughter will not be left to fight her demon alone. --Katherine Boyle

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"What sets this book apart is the author's incorporation of clinical research findings from the field of eating disorders into the story of one family's struggle . . . [A] compelling story of family strength and an inspiring story for all of us committed to treating individuals with eating disorders." (Evelyn Attia, MD, Director, Center for Eating Disorders, Columbia University Medical Center, Weill Cornell Medical College)

"One of the most up to date, relevant and honest accounts of one family's battle with the life threatening challenges of anorexia. Brown has masterfully woven science, history and heart throughout this compelling and tender story. *Brave Girl Eating* was fortunate to have one brave family." (Lynn S. Grefe, Chief Executive Officer, National Eating Disorders Association)

"Harriet Brown is an intelligent, elegant writer and this book offers both solace and useful information for families struggling with eating disorders." (Audrey Niffenegger)

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I've never had anorexia, but I know it well. I see it on the street, in the gaunt and sunken face, the bony chest, the spindly arms of an emaciated woman. I've come to recognize the flat look of despair, the hopelessness that follows, inevitably, from years of starvation. I think: That could have been my daughter. It wasn't. It's not. If I have anything to say about it, it won't be.

In this emotionally resonant and compelling memoir, journalist and professor Harriet Brown takes readers—moment by moment, spoonful by spoonful—through her family's experience with the nightmare of anorexia. A guiding light for anyone touched by this devastating disease, *Brave Girl Eating* is essential reading for families and professionals alike.

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