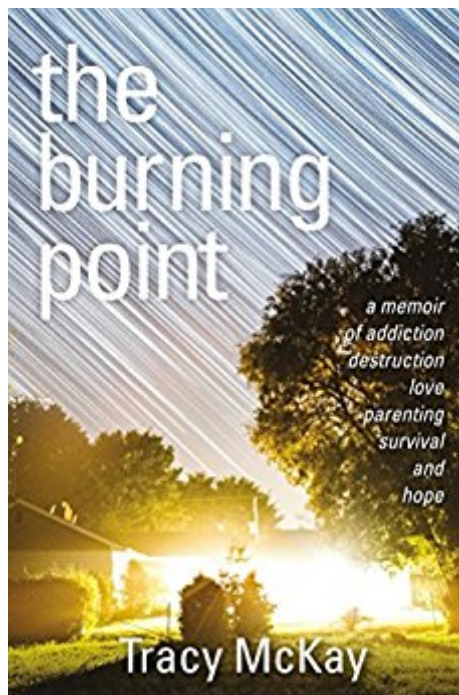




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The Burning Point: A Memoir Of Addiction, Destruction, Love, Parenting, Survival, And Hope



Synopsis

Coming in July 2017 IÃ¢â¬â¢m scared. No, youÃ¢â¬â¢re not. Yes, I am. Of what? What if I canÃ¢â¬â¢t do it? What if you can? When the call came, when the letter arrived, when the sunlight finally fell on your faceÃ¢â¬â¢ the struggle fell away, and you only remembered the beauty. It was like childbirth, but constantly, for your whole life. Every day we brought forth our future, every choice we made determined what raw materials would be in the hands of tomorrow. Some days took years and were times of transition where we thought we might die, and some years were full of euphoria or rushing release. Most years were slightly uncomfortable until we remembered how to breathe. Everything didnÃ¢â¬â¢t always work out. Sometimes things were just hard. Sometimes life hurt too much, and people did break. Sometimes, you had to wait for a long time for the sun to rise. While itÃ¢â¬â¢s true the sun always rose, not everyone lived through the night, and the stars didnÃ¢â¬â¢t give a damn. The Burning Point will be available from By Common Consent Press on July 1, 2017.

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I have no close personal experience with addiction. Nor with divorce. Nor with being one step away

from homelessness. I've never had to raise an autistic child. I've never had to apply for welfare benefits. There is a lot in this book that is beyond my ken. But I can't think of a better guide to lay bare these kinds of personal experiences. Ms. McKay is an outstanding writer (I've read her at her blog, Dandelion Mama, for some years now), and she proves to be an able guide to the challenges of suddenly becoming a single mother to three children and losing her first love. I devoured the book in two sittings. I loved the experience, and I feel confident that you will, too.

This was a beautifully-realized portrait of a life, in both its highs and lows. Tracy is clear-eyed as she describes hardships and triumphs, sometimes on the same day, sometimes in the same breath. Her writing demands empathy and attention, and rewards such empathetic and careful reading. At the same time, it's far from sterile. Her story is gripping, it's horrifying, it's exhilarating. And the prose is perfect. There's hardly a mischosen word, not a poorly-turned phrase in the whole book. And it escapes any trap of settling scores or creating villains or victims. Everybody in the memoir is fully-formed, with the various (and sometimes conflicting) motivations, desires, and goals that real people have. What I'm saying is, read this book. It will lift you, make you cry a little, and burrow its way into your heart and your mind.

I bought this after seeing a recommendation, and read it through as soon as I got it. I knew nothing of Tracy as a blogger or designer, but was drawn in by her gift of expression. Her writing is so real that you can't help but feel as if you walked along with her on her journey. Several passages had me in tender tears. I recommend this to anyone who is a single parent; deals with autism in the family; struggles to know where and how to draw boundaries if a spouse has an addiction, or if, like me, you have friends or family in this boat. Five stars for writing; five stars for the insights into parenting singly in difficulties. My only wish is that we could have seen a little more fully into the battle with her husband's drug addiction (I understand and salute her desire to present him as a wonderful person and not just an addict, but would have liked to have known more fully what the day to day battles were. Everything was couched more generally there than I wanted. As I know people whose spouses are addicted, I would have liked more of a window into the crazy-making of that aspect of their lives together). I loved that we were able to see into joyous times and see some of his gifts and personality, and I was amazed at how they were able to live in peace after separating - even having him stay with her and her new husband to visit. So much to be admired in her handling of this situation and so much to be learned. I was left with a deep sense of wanting to have the heart and capacity for love that Tracy has, and feel blessed with glimpse into her life. She

lives on a plane of gratitude that I deeply admire and hope to emulate. Wonderful writing; wonderful author.

An incredibly powerful and moving book written by an incredibly talented and sincere author. I'm not sure exactly what it is, but something about the honest, clear, and non-bitter way the story is told--about events that are just heart-rending in every way--drew out strong emotions in me. I'm a little embarrassed to admit that too many times the book brought tears to my eyes during my morning commute on public transportation, but luckily I think everyone around me was too engrossed in their phones to notice. This is the kind of humanizing book that makes you want to actively contribute to a kinder, more understanding world and be more sensitive and attuned to all the unseen challenges of those around you.

I started reading this when it released at midnight and had to make myself stop well after 3am so I could get SOME sleep plus my head starts to hurt when I cry and there were tears - have tissues ready! I started again as soon as I woke up at 7, who needs sleep?! It was a beautiful, amazingly written, heart wrenching yet heart warming story I obviously just wanted to keep reading. You can feel the pain in the words but also the hope that is sometimes all we have to get us through one day at a time. I generally shy away from books I know will make me cry and reach for my good old science fiction/fantasy breaks from reality, but I couldn't help wishing I had this years ago as I was going through my own divorce with young children. A truly powerful memoir...I loved the poetic style of writing, I wish I had that awesome talent with words!

I read it over 3 days., laughing and crying as I lost myself in the story. David's light shines throughout. His story and life, both dark clouds and rays of sunlight will not be forgotten. What a wonderful gift of love Tracy has left for her children, and the world.

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