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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Schiller, raised in a loving, affluent family in a New York City suburb, was 17 when she first heard the "voices" that would take over her life. Willing herself to appear normal, she resisted the brutally disparaging voices that urged her towards violence and suicide, and she succeeded in graduating from college. But early in 1982, at age 23 and after a suicide attempt, she was persuaded by her parents to admit herself to a mental hospital. For the next seven years, Schiller's auditory hallucinations worsened, and she repeatedly attempted suicide. Diagnosed with schizo-affective disorder, she underwent shock therapy and was treated with antipsychotic drugs. As the symptoms of her disease waxed and waned, Schiller was in and out of hospitals and treatment programs; her weight soared and she became dependent on cocaine. Entering a program at New York Hospital, she suggested to her therapist that she try a new drug, clozapine, which gradually helped her to cope with her illness. Schiller now works at a halfway house. With Wall Street Journal reporter Bennett, she presents her stunning story of courage, persistence and hope.

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From Library Journal

When Schiller was 17, her life was taken over by "voices" that she heard as clearly as she would hear a telephone or a doorbell. The voices changed her life from the ideal American Dream experience to the desolation and despair of a long-term mental ward. While the voices urged her to self-destruct, Schiller courageously fought her disease, which was later diagnosed as a schizo-affective disorder. A last chance drug treatment, intensive therapy, and her own strong will to live resulted in Schiller's triumph over mental illness. The story, told by her mother, father, roommate, and by Lori herself, is narrated by Mary Beth Hurt with passion and compassion. Recommended.

Joanna M. Burkhardt, Univ. of Rhode Island Coll. of Continuing Education Lib., Providence

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