

Fierce Attachments: A Memoir of Family, Courage, and Forgiveness



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by Vivian Gornick

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In her gripping and unforgettable memoir, *Fierce Attachments*, Vivian Gornick explores the complex and often fraught relationship between mothers and daughters. Drawing on her own experiences, Gornick delves into the contradictory emotions of love, resentment, and forgiveness that can define this bond.

Gornick's mother, Nettie, was a strong-willed and independent woman who raised her daughter in the Bronx during the Great Depression. Nettie was determined to give Vivian the opportunities she never had, and she pushed her daughter to succeed in school and in life. But Nettie was also a difficult woman, and her relationship with Vivian was often strained.

As Vivian grew older, she began to resent her mother's overbearing ways. She rebelled against Nettie's expectations and sought out her own path in life. But even as she distanced herself from her mother, Vivian couldn't shake the feeling that she loved her.

After Nettie's death, Vivian began to re-examine her relationship with her mother. She realized that Nettie had been a product of her own time and circumstances, and that she had done the best she could to raise her daughter. Vivian also came to appreciate the strength and courage that her mother had shown in the face of adversity.

Fierce Attachments is a beautifully written and deeply moving memoir that explores the complex and enduring bond between mothers and daughters. Gornick's honesty and insights will resonate with anyone who has ever had a mother, or been one.

Praise for *Fierce Attachments*

"A masterpiece of memoir writing. Gornick's exploration of the mother-daughter relationship is both unflinchingly honest and deeply compassionate." — *The New York Times Book Review*

"A powerful and moving memoir that will stay with you long after you finish it." — *People*

"Gornick writes with a rare combination of intelligence, wit, and vulnerability. *Fierce Attachments* is a must-read for anyone who has ever struggled with the complexities of family." — *The Washington Post*

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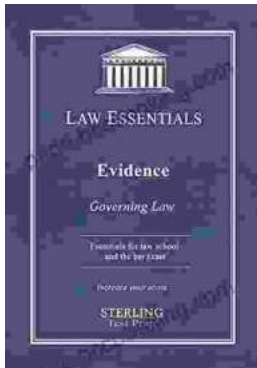
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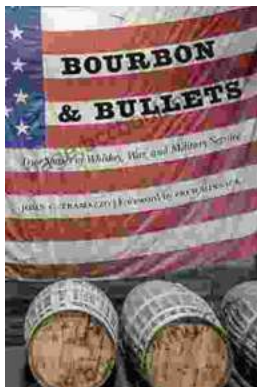
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