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Joy Road

My Journey from Addiction to Recovery

Julie Evans treads where angels fear to tread in her debut memoir, Joy Road: My Journey From Addiction to Recovery.

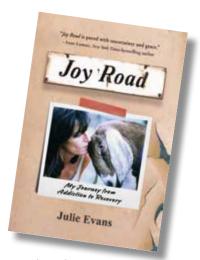
Evans is born unceremoniously into a world that seemed to have no place for her. With both of her parents aged forty-two, and nearly done raising two older daughters, it was hoped that the surprise baby would be a boy.

A benefit of being born to older parents sometimes brings stability, but in Evan's case, an alcoholic mother and a chronically ill father made her a caretaker at a young age. This turmoil is tempered by a sweetly, dysfunctional relationship with her dad, and his gift of a pony.

Later, when both of her parents died while she was in her late teens, the stage was set for the already conflicted, now orphaned Evans, to careen through life looking for her place.

To an outsider looking in, this process resembles an overly trusting, young adult looking for love in all the wrong places, including an early marriage to a man addicted to drugs.

Evans catapults across the country, placing herself in numerous precarious situations, as she settles into



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a hippie commune, takes a long distance bike trek, and a white knuckle, train hopping ride.

Finally, she catapults once again from the back of a horse in Central Park, to a healing destination in Woodstock, New York.

Evans is starkly honest about her journey, unflinchingly detailing her own developing addictions.

Her love of ponies comes full circle when she gets the chance to rescue a neglected one. With the love of a pony, a small bird and a discerning Pastor, Evans is able to triumph over her addictions. This book is full of adventure, fingernail biting thrills, grace and victory.

Julie Evans has found her voice and place.

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