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My story is a memoir and I hope that even if your choice of books is fiction, that you might consider this wonderful narrative I am shaping to represent my life.

The story line follows a life of great loss and sadness but equally wonderful victories. You may say I can read many books of this nature. That is true. However, this is my story and I walked in my shoes alone, so no one can claim to have read this memoir.

If you enjoy and are inspired by those of us who overcome immense battles, then you will hopefully have a changed view of many people after this read. I refer to us, the ones that stand alone, that appear to be damaged or different. Those who are criticized and ostracized for not fitting the mould.

The book is raw as it should be. No fancy words to gloss over the events that robbed my life of so much. To the one person who should have loved me, I will not protect her. And to those who knew but never helped, you will not be spared in my book.

At the end of my story, if you come to understand how harsh judgement is, how hurtful ignorance becomes, and how damaging unauthorized opinion can be, then you will hopefully be more gracious the next time someone you meet is not your idea of a *model person*. There is no such human being.