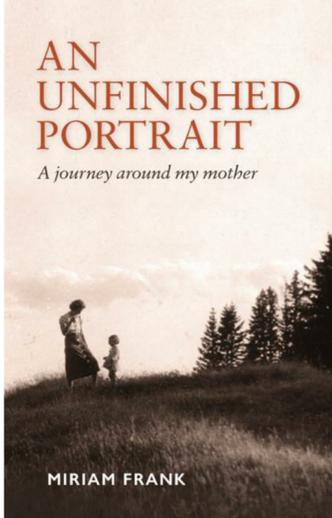


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An Unfinished Portrait: A Journey around my Mother

By Miriam Frank

'Elegantly written and fascinating' - **Fay Weldon**

'More than a poignant memoir, a book of great optimism' - **Edward Wilson**, author of *A Very British Ending*

Frank explores the world of her mother, Käte, at an exceptionally turbulent time in history leading to two world wars. It is a story of relationship, love, betrayal and reprieve between characters intimately bound with the emerging ideologies and ensuing political and artistic upheavals of the early twentieth century. Flashbacks are reconstructed from Käte's photograph albums, some letters left behind, and a return to her haunts.

They reveal a happy, passionate and liberated young woman fervently committed to justice in the face of the growing chaos

and cruelty under the ascendant Nazis in her native Germany. After life in Berlin and London, and a sojourn in the islands of Helgoland and Mallorca, Käte settles in Barcelona where she forms a liaison with Louis, an American living in Spain following his work in counterintelligence in WW1, soon to turn to film making of the Spanish Civil War to assist the Republican side. Käte and Louis produce a daughter, Miriam, as the war escalates and Kate's world comes crushing down, turning her ideology, friendships and idyllic times into disillusion, hardship and treachery. Their subsequent life of repeated moves and arrant austerity takes them across the Atlantic to a Mexico of muralist painters and Old World political and cultural émigrés. Miriam contemplates what is home in the face of persistent loss, as well as the enrichment gained from such diverse, cross-cultural experiences. She additionally questions throughout how their unsettled lives influenced her mother's relationship with her, or her sense of identity in the absence of geographical roots.

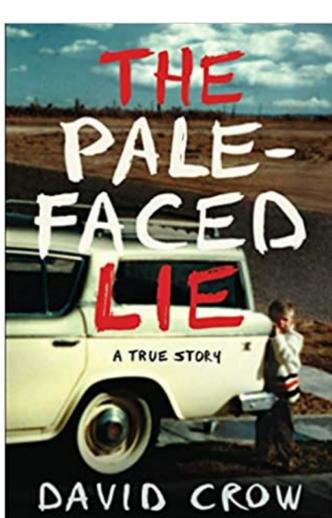
Running through the story is Miriam's husband's unfinished portrait of her, in which he captures her whole life in the expression of one eye, while the other remains a smudge. This unfinished portrait becomes a metaphor for our unsolved lives and inconclusive history.

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The Pale Faced Lie: A True Story

By David Crow

- **Spur Award Winner** for Best Western First Nonfiction Book
- **Spur Award Finalist** for Best Western Contemporary Nonfiction
- **IPPY Silver Award** for Best Memoir
- **Next Generation Indie Award** for Best Memoir (Overcoming Adversity)
- **International Book Award** for Best True Crime
- Readers' Favorite **Gold Medal**, Nonfiction Drama

A violent ex-con forces his son to commit crimes in this unforgettable memoir about family and survival.

Growing up on the Navajo Indian Reservation, David Crow and his three siblings idolized their dad, a self-taught

Cherokee who loved to tell his children about his World War II feats. But as time passed, David discovered the other side of Thurston Crow, the ex-con with his own code of ethics that justified cruelty, violence, lies—even murder. Intimidating David with beatings, Thurston coerced his son into doing his criminal bidding. David's mom, too mentally ill to care for her children, couldn't protect him.

Through sheer determination, David managed to get into college and achieve professional success. When he finally found the courage to refuse his father's criminal demands, he unwittingly triggered a plot of revenge that would force him into a deadly showdown with Thurston Crow. David would have only twenty-four hours to outsmart his father—the brilliant, psychotic man who bragged that the three years he spent in the notorious San Quentin State Prison had been the easiest time of his life.

Raw and palpable, *The Pale-Faced Lie* is an inspirational story about the power of forgiveness and the strength of the human spirit.

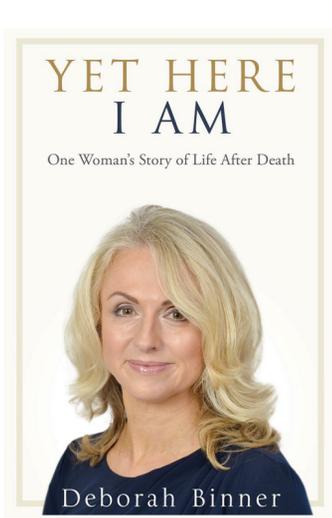
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Yet Here I am: One Woman's Story of Life After Death

By Deborah Binner

Deborah Binner suffered the unimaginable pain of losing her precious daughter Chloe to bone cancer when she was just eighteen years old. Still blinded by grief, just eighteen months later, she received the devastating blow that her beloved husband Simon had motor neurone disease.

He refused to allow the disease to take him and instead opted for an assisted suicide in a Swiss clinic, leaving Deborah bereaved once more. Many people would have sunk into despair but Deborah who had another daughter and two grandchildren to think of, knew she couldn't afford to succumb to her heartbreak and instead set about carving an altered future for herself and small family.

In *Yet Here I Am* she talks candidly of the crippling pain she suffered and find a form of happiness once more.

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