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The Cancer Journals: Special Edition



Synopsis

Literary Nonfiction. Memoir. African American Studies. LGBT Studies. Moving between journal entry, memoir, and exposition, Audre Lorde fuses the personal and political as she reflects on her experience coping with breast cancer and a radical mastectomy. Includes photos and tributes to Lorde written after her death in 1992. "Grief, terror, courage, the passion for survival and for more than survival, are here in the searchings of a great poet." —Adrienne Rich "This book teaches me that with one breast or none, I am still me." —Alice Walker

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Audre Lorde was born in New York City on February 18, 1934, to Linda Belmar and Frederick Byron Lorde, immigrants from Grenada. She wrote her first poem when she was in the eighth grade. After graduating from Hunter College in New York with a B.A. in 1959, Lorde earned a master's degree in library science at Columbia University in 1961. After working several years as a librarian, during which time she married and gave birth to her two children, Lorde received a National Endowments for the Arts grant in 1968 and became poet-in-residence at Tougaloo College in Mississippi. There she met Frances Louise Clayton, who eventually became her partner of nineteen years. Lorde published her first volume of poetry, *The First Cities*, in 1968. In 1978 she became a professor of English, first at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, and later at Hunter College. Both her poetry and prose have received numerous honors, including nominations for the National Book Award for *From a Land Where Other People Live* in 1974, the American Library Association's Gay

Caucus Book of the Year Award for THE CANCER JOURNALS in 1981, the Manhattan Borough President's Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1988, and the American Book Award for A Burst of Light in 1989. In October of 1990, Lorde's work and life were celebrated by over a thousand women attending the "I Am Your Sister" conference in Boston. Audre Lorde died of cancer in November 1992 at the age of 58.

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Amazing. Simply amazing. Everyone should read it, and especially those affected by cancer. Considerign that 1 in 8 women will ave breast cancer in their lifetime, chances are good that you or someone very close to you will have breast cancer. So just read the book already. And check out what I'm doing to continue her empowering work: flattopperpride.org

For those familiar with Lorde's work this is definitely a must read. She chronicles her battles with cancer and her body. Lorde even finds a way of theorizing about the way women's bodies, in particular women's breast and hair, are made into the "containers" of femininity in American culture such that to lose them, women are made to feel inadequate.

a beautiful woman, and i love how she describes a mastectomy as a mutilation. It is. And she was great about the bit, when she talked about the reach to recovery ladies, and how she felt about them.

I am so happy to get this. Good job! Thanks!

This is a writer for the ages.

Book was required reading for a class.

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