



Who in This Room: The Realities of Cancer, Fish, and Demolition

by Katherine Malmo

"Katherine Malmo has written an unflinching, unsentimental, profoundly moving, wickedly funny (yes, I said funny) deeply courageous book detailing one woman's diagnosis, treatment and recovery from inflammatory breast cancer. These stories are made of a fictioneer's wit, a poet's sensibility, a storyteller's enthusiasm and a survivor's heart. They have the power to reconnect us to that part of ourselves we need when anything bad happens, that gritty, humored, resilient, unspeakably beautiful spark in the center of each of us that knows only how to lock its jaws and hang on." — Pam Houston, author of Contents May Have Shifted

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Based on autobiographic experiences, *Who in This Room: The Realities of Cancer, Fish, and Demolition* is a gripping collection of creative nonfiction that pushes the boundaries of story and memoir. Kate's adventurous life is interrupted by a diagnosis of inflammatory breast cancer, giving her a 10% chance of living 5 years. But her story isn't just about cancer. It is a true tale of survival that is both lived and dreamt. It's about joy found in lemon trees or fly-fishing. It's about the survival instinct that helps us re-emerge and engage with the world.



Katherine Malmo is a Seattle-based mother, wife, and writer who was diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer in 2005. These days she is cancerfree and blogs about adoption, race, health, and living a low-toxin life at www.hystericalmommynetwork.com.

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