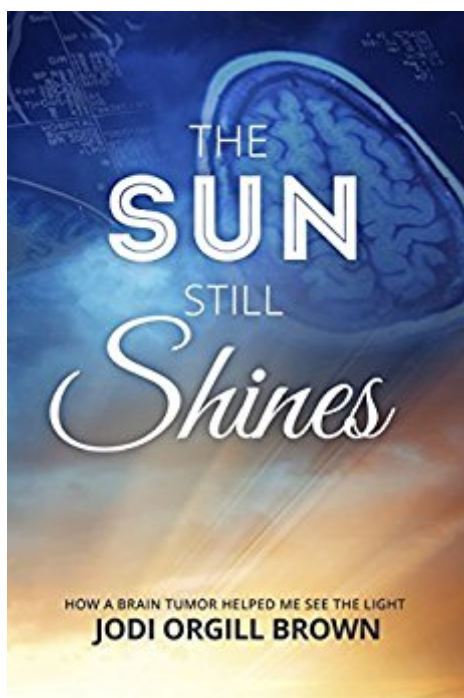


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The Sun Still Shines: How A Brain Tumor Helped Me See The Light



Synopsis

In a candid and witty memoir, Jodi recounts how her life was transformed when, as a thirty-three-year-old wife and mother, she was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Unwilling to accept her new fate, Jodi's family searches for a doctor who will join their fight against the odds. But when the surgery that could save her life thrusts her into battle with a devastating spinal fluid leak and facial paralysis, even her own children fear her new appearance and physical failings. Jodi perseveres, even with an injured body and spirit. Interweaving the inspiring, provoking, and sometimes disturbing, Jodi reveals the hells and highs of her journey as she fights for hope and purpose—and life.

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Customer Reviews

If you haven't heard Jodi's miraculous story you are missing out. I read it straight through in about 4 hours. Such an emotional story of overcoming a supposedly inoperable brain tumor, followed by a spinal fluid leak and partial facial paralysis. Jodi bares her soul and doesn't hold back any of the details that show both sides of our medical system - both the inhuman mechanics as well as the

miraculous healers. After reading her journey I feel more prepared about how to respond when a family member is going through a similar trial - what questions to ask, who to ignore, what to speak up about. Well worth the read for a spiritual feast and to make you appreciate every little blessing you unknowingly enjoy.

According to the comedian Brian Regan, if you're at a party and you try to talk about having two wisdom teeth pulled, the people who've had four wisdom teeth pulled will loudly interrupt to tell their story, and your story will always take a back seat. With her brain tumor, three brain surgeries, her brush with death, and her lasting side effects, Jodi Brown's story trumps most of the sickness and recovery stories I've heard. I'm sure there must be people out there who have suffered as much or more, but most of them are no longer alive. Jodi has touched the void and has come back from the edge to tell us a riveting tale of illness, endurance, love, and regeneration. Her story should give hope to anyone who suffers. Personally, I'm glad she's still here, and I hope she's able to stay around for a long time for her family, friends, and readers. As long as she and her book are here, the sun still shines for all of us.

I am autistic and had virtually no friends in high school; fellow student Jodi Orgill went out of her way to make me feel acceptable and likable. I have since learned to mimic a neurotypical personality, but I think of Jodi frequently when I spot struggling adults and youth for whom a few true words of recognition and admiration may be pivotal. Even at 17, and with that magazine-pretty face, she was already the real deal. Before I read this book I was terrified of talking to people undergoing unimaginable things; I've lost my fear of that and have reaped eternities of rewards for it. Thanks for both things, Jodi. Kara

As always when reviewing a memoir, I fall back on a basic premise: if it is truthful, real, and personal, it deserves maximum credit. Obviously in the case of "The Sun Still Shines", Jodi Orgill Brown's incredibly difficult experience of her struggle to survive brain surgery, this is also a very painful narrative. One can only imagine, if one has not gone through a similar trauma, the intensity of the pain and anguish Jodi and her family suffered. The author makes appropriate references to the spiritual aspects of her situation, without bludgeoning the reader with religious references, and it is very clear that the "miracles" she experiences are the result of the combination of the loving support of her family and friends; the efforts of her doctors; the prayers of many, even total strangers; and her own willingness to continue to endure for the sake of her loved ones. This book

is very personal, but has a strong universal appeal; a very rewarding read.

Absolutely loved this book. I had a large acoustic neuroma removed in 1985 when my girls were six and three years of age. By the Grace of God, I've never had headaches, but have suffered most everything else the author did with her tumor. Your body just adjusts and you somehow learn to live with the after affects but it's not always easy. "The Sun Still Shines" was an uplifting book and I feel fortunate at how far I've come. I hope the author is doing well also!

A sobering story that reminds us how quickly our circumstances can change and how meaningful a small act of kindness and show of support can be. We all know that we tend to overlook things we see every day and take for granted what we always have... but it doesn't really sink in until we experience great loss. The greatest fear for most of us is aging and losing control of our bodies. Health and wellness are gifts that could easily fade with time or change in an instant. This is very well-written book filled with small bites of wisdom that you don't fully notice until you get to the end and you find yourself in tears. Thank you, Jodi, for having the courage to share your story. My father currently has Glioblastoma (stage 4 brain cancer); his is inoperable and radiation / chemo have done the most they can do, so we know there's an unknown, but limited amount of time... still, I appreciate that I've been fully present in my loving relationship with him for some years now and we still meet weekly for our video chats and joke with each other like we always do. Your story resonated for me... and was a reminder that the small things we could do or say or share with others, that we may not think much of, may actually mean the world to them and make all the difference. Much love to you. I visited your websites as well and was touched by how beautiful you are. I'm happy to see you've used your experiences to start a new, meaningful path of helping others through motivational speaking.

What an amazing story of blessings, adversity, and blessings yet again. In our darkest experiences and our longest nights, the sun will still rise. I appreciate Jodi's candidness and the smallest details included to paint a true picture for us of what it was like for that month in the hospital. I'm inspired to be a better friend, neighbor, mother, and wife from it and realize how much I take for granted. I will also be a better advocate for myself as a patient. God gives us our agency and our personal revelation for a reason. When something is just not right, keep at what ever it is until you get answers that bring you peace. It's great to see photos of Jodi smiling now after all she is overcoming. What an choice daughter of God!

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