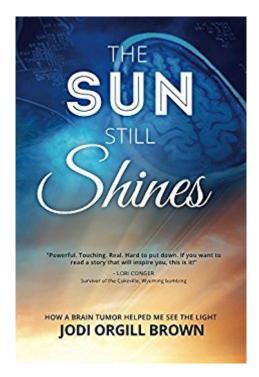
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# The Sun Still Shines: How A Brain Tumor Helped Me See The Light





# 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 purposeâ "and life.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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! I am autistic and had virtually no friends in high school; my fellow student Jodi Orgill went out of her way to make me feel accepted and a part of the group. I have since learned to mimic a 'neurotypical' personality, and I remember Jodi as I watch for struggling adults and youth for whom a few true words of admiration may be pivotal. Even at 17, she was not just a privileged pretty face - she has always been the real deal. Thanks, Jodi. Kara

This book was so real and didn't shy away from the hard truths. It was inspiring and it's definitely a book I will recommend and pass along to my friends. This book will take you on the journey of someone who has been brought to the brink of death, and fought her way back by the skin of her teeth. You can't help but cheer her on.

I couldn't put this book down. Jody brings us into her life an we walk each step with her. She has amazing family and friends who were there when she needed them and I felt as though they were my personal friends too by the end of the book. I especially loved the references she made to her dear Grandmother, tears flowed as Jody related the times she knew her Grandmother was helping her from the other side. I loved the book and probably cried through most of it.

Amazing woman! Amazing strength! Amazing writing! I must warn you, you will need many boxes of tissue before you sit down. I feel slightly biased since I know Jodi personally. I followed her story as it happened but seeing things from her perspective makes it all that much more real. I literally felt like I was in the hospital room with her on the daily. You will not want to put it down until you have read the last page. If you ever get the chance to meet her and her family your life will be that much more blessed. Shanie

Real. Raw. Unforgettable. The pictures painted with words drew me in, but the vulnerable and candid depictions kept me reading all the way through to the Acknowledgements. I came to know a warrior and quiet hero in a way unimaginable. What a privilege to say I know this woman is just as positive in real life as she seems in print. She is the sunshine to so many souls who thirst for the light. And just now am I beginning to understand why...

Jodi takes you step by step through her life changing ordeal. I found myself captivated as she leads you through her battle of mind, body, and soul. You will feel inspired and feel of Jodis beautiful spirit.

To say this book is inspirational is a huge understatement. Jodi's words seem to flow with ease and keep you entertained--wanting to know more. As she describes her journey I find myself trying to relate: wondering what I would do in the same situation. One of the things I think she depicts beautifully is the fact that we all need to be treated with dignity. There are many ways to strip a persons identity and make them feel less than human. What a great reminder to treat others with respect; especially those we care for.Thank you Jodi, for your honest words, your perseverance and your drive to share this story with the world.

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