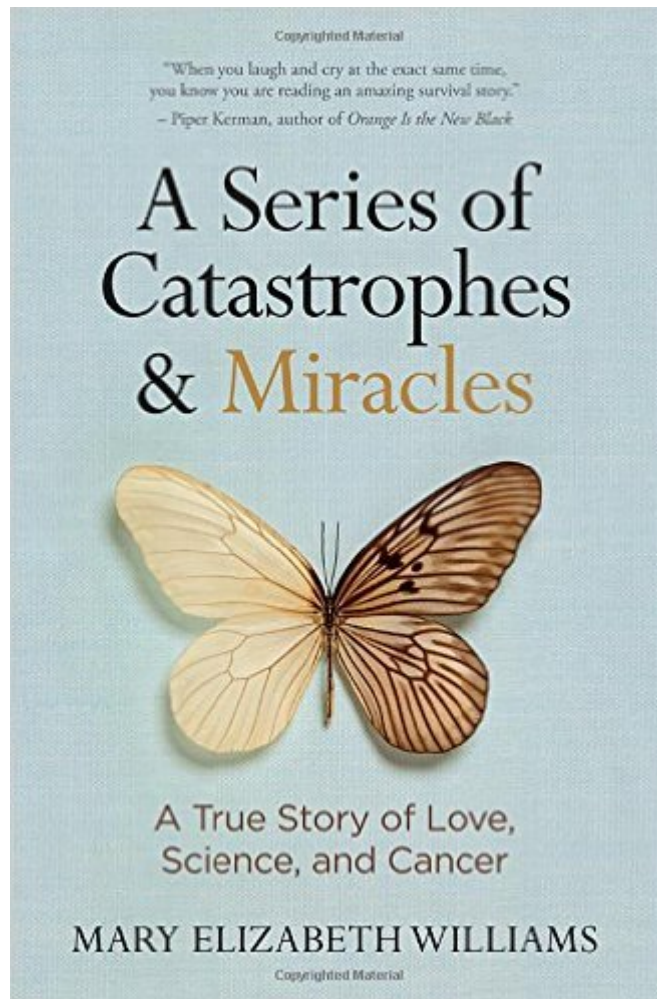


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Author and Salon.com senior staff writer Mary Elizabeth Williams has just released a most amazing book. It tells the story of her diagnosis and treatment of stage four malignant melanoma over the course of two years. Cancer memoirs today are "unfortunately" a dime a dozen, but this book is about as far from the "I-fought-my-courageous-battle-with-cancer-and-heroically-beat-it" formula as you can get. Instead, we readers get a superbly written and very human view of what maintaining a life and a family in the face of probable death looks like. It contains a wealth of medical information around the emerging use of immunotherapy as the first truly new treatment for cancer in a hundred years, presented in easy to understand plain English. Her story takes us through the traumas of surgery, recovery, and recurrence, and relates the loss of friends and the

difficulty of holding a family together, but it is the author's deft and frequent use of humor that got this reader through this troubling tale. Her humor is as natural and insightful as it is pervasive throughout. It should be noted that this book is for everyone, whether or not cancer has touched your life. As a person who has "so far" survived a cancer diagnosis whose preliminary prediction was for a 5% chance of three-year survival, I feel a unique bond as she shares the cringe worthy details of the cancer experience from both a physical as well as emotional point of view. As I read through this book, the word that kept popping up in my head was "honest." We are presented with a brand of honesty that is so direct, unassuming, and shameless as to be almost painful. Those of you who are already familiar with Ms.

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