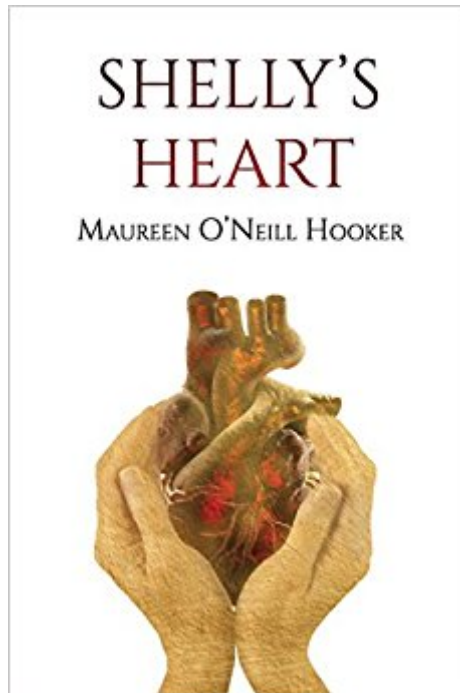




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Shelly's Heart



Synopsis

Shelly Whitman's donor heart gave transplant patient Maureen O'Neill Hooker a second chance. A second chance to be brought to tears by the fragrance of pine needles, the sight of a tree bending in a breeze, or the sound of rustling leaves loud as rain. To relive and cherish the daily ordinary acts of love. To see the beauty of nature as manifestations of God's creations perfect in balance. Shelly's Heart relates the tale of one woman's journey from heart transplant surgery to recovery to rehabilitation to a reaffirmation of life.

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Generally, I am not a fan of stories in which a plucky heroine (or hero), cheerfully overcomes adversity to live happily ever after, especially, when they deal with health issues. All those movies to the contrary, you don't wake up from surgery with a smile on your lips and a song in your heart. It's more bile in your throat and the sense of being locked in a looney bin. I know from experience. But from the moment Maureen O'Neill Hooker described the aftermath of surgery, the side effects of drugs (no delicate fainting spells but massive weight gain and bizarre hallucinations), I knew this was more than a true story - it was a real one. Her style is not a linear "and then I did this" but a fever dream of events, coming in and out of focus. She doesn't let us get lost, however. We are with her through her hardships, to the, well, pretty happy ending. She doesn't forget to find and thank the family of the heart donor who saved her life, by founding a scholarship in her honor. Well done. Thanks, Maureen.

This book is more than a book about what it is like to have a heart transplant. I was enthralled throughout. I didn't expect to have this book motivate me and touch me so much. It's far more than a book about a health issue, though I will say that the medical aspects of a heart transplant are incredible. I had no idea that having a different person's heart inside of you would be unlike anything the rest of us will ever imagine. I am so impressed with the families mentioned in the book. This is not just a book for those who have health issues. Anyone would find this book captivating and it may just change how you look at things and live your life. God works in mysterious ways. Great read.

What comes to mind reading Maureen's account of her heart transplant are her amazing courage, resilience and strength of character and most of all her deep faith. I laughed and I cried, I was deeply touched by her experience, supporting her scholarship fund is only a small gesture on my part. Maureen is a gifted writer, I hope she is working on another book

Great Read

This was a good read. It gave me insights to what it's like for a person who has had a heart transplant. The author even had some humor in the book which made it more human. I would recommend this book to anyone.

An exceptional accounting of the celebrations, agonies and hard work that go into being a heart transplant recipient. It is a must read! Thank you Maureen Hooker for writing and acknowledging Shelly's Heart!

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