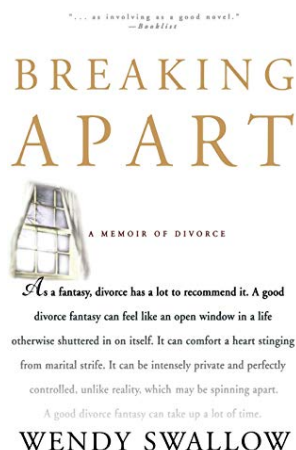


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Description:

From Publishers Weekly This graceful and engrossing memoir of marriage, divorce and rebuilding a life will attract many women readers. Swallow, a former staff writer at the Washington Post, admits that she shouldn't have married Ron, an attractive, volatile intellectual 10 years her senior, because "the person I didn't know very well was that laughing girl with the curly hair and the vulnerable eyes, the one in her mother's wedding dress." She stays married for many reasons: her fantasy of a happy married life; fear of shaming her family; and her need to rescue Ron, whose moods lead to depression and a minor breakdown. A Ph.D. stuck in a government job, jealous of his wife's journalism career, Ron often acts oddly, taking her to a comedy club after she has a miscarriage, for example. Despite their troubles, they have two sons 19 months apart, whom they both adore. When she reaches the breaking point, Swallow assumes that, as the mother, she will get the house, custody of her sons and financial

support from her husband. Instead, she is forced to move to a small apartment and live in reduced circumstances. The couple work with a counselor on parenting skills, mediating a divorce that keeps their concern for the children at the forefront. Many readers will warm to Swallow; she is neither angry, self-important nor overly analytical. But some will feel that she's revealed too much about her former husband's emotional problems and too little of his side of the story.

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From Library Journal As Swallow points out in her introduction, there are very few memoirs about the dissolution of a marriage or the "breaking apart" in divorce recovery literature: "I...wanted to know if others had felt what I was experiencing: the look in the eyes of my friends when I talked about joint custody; the echo of my son's sadness down a telephone line; the loss of a sense of home as I bounced from rental to rental." Swallow, former staff writer at the Washington Post and the journalism director at American University, fills this hole with style and grace. There is no finger-pointing and no glamorizing of divorce as a carefree lifestyle. Instead, Swallow wryly acknowledges that both parties made mistakes and that both parties tried but couldn't fix them. Divorce may look like an easy way out, but the problems it engenders are just as difficult to solve as those that originally marred the marriage. Swallow and her ex-husband's insistence on minimizing the impact of the divorce on their children shines through as an exemplary way of dealing with a no-win situation. Recommended for all public libraries and for most social work collections. Pam Matthews, Gettysburg Coll. Lib., PA

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Four divorce porns have hit the Times hardcover bestseller list in the past year: Julie Metz's *Perfection: A Memoir of Betrayal and Renewal*, Isabel Gillies' *Happens Every Day: An All- Too-True Story*, Elizabeth Edwards' *Resilience: Reflections on the Burdens and Gifts of Facing Life's Adversities*, and Jenny Sanford's *Staying True*. Morrison's *Falling Apart in One Piece* was published in March to a big publicity push and so far is selling briskly, by Simon & Schuster and Redbook, of which she is editor-in-chief. While there was a frisson of fear in my devouring of *Falling Apart*, there was also rank voyeurism. Divorce porn confers the illicit thrill of *schadenfreude* (or *schadenbroad*?). In the years since she wrote these words, EB has published a memoir on the topic, and has given me permission to post her story here. Lyz Lenz is the author of *God Land: A Story of Faith, Loss, and Renewal in Middle America*. She is also one of my personal heroes. Part one: throw pillows for the cage. The day I decided to divorce my husband was the day I discovered he'd hidden my sign again. I'd bought a wooden sign from the Target dollar spot that read, "Drink up, witches!" and I thought it was funny in that basic, wine mom kind of a way. It cost three dollars. At what point does a marriage tip over from normally broken into permanently damaged? I held on, not sure whether we'd hit our own, personal tipping point yet. We did more counseling. Detailed plot synopsis reviews of *Breaking Apart: A Memoir of Divorce*. Swallow was a writer for the Washington Post, then a professor of journalism at American University, and married to a man 10 years older who was prey to depressions, with two young sons, when she decided to separate from her husband. Her memoir of that period -- thoughtful, honest, unhysterical -- is about as fair as it could possibly be to all parties, and discusses the larger picture of divorce in the United States as well as her own experience. The account is not particularly bloody; so far, her sons seem to have come th