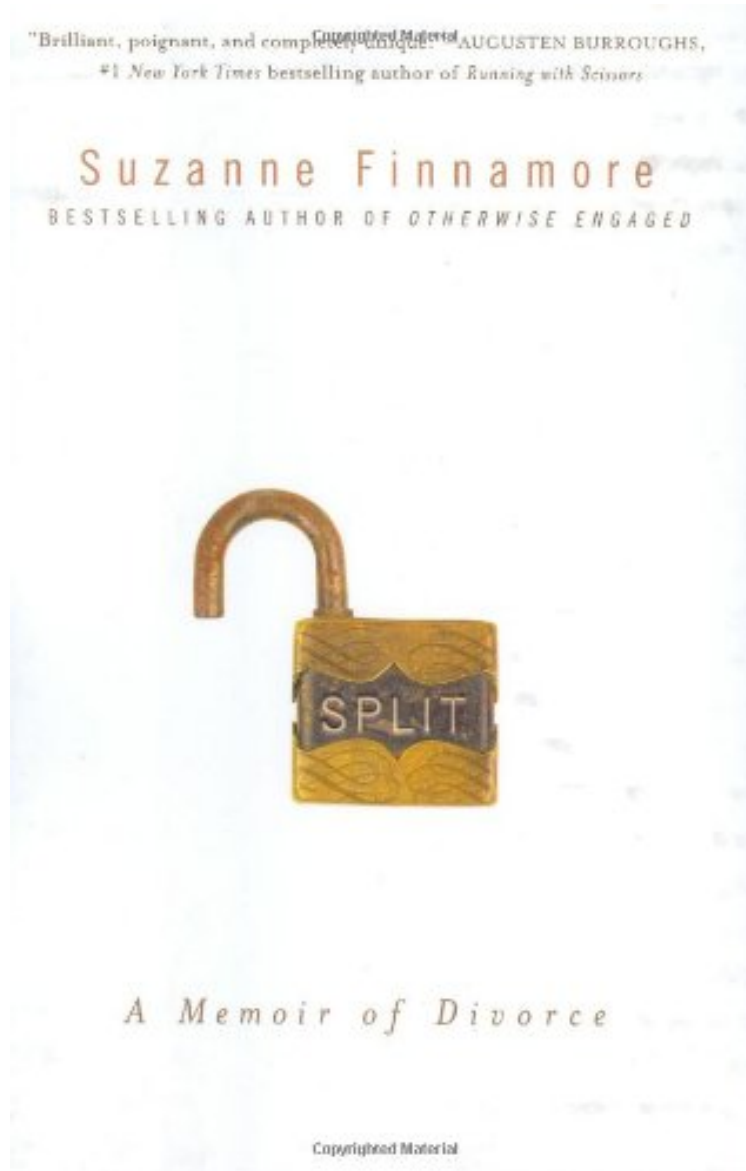


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**Suzanne Finnamore : Split: A Memoir of Divorce** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Split: A Memoir of Divorce:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant look at divorce and the grieving process By Carrie Link In her Anger section (Stage II) she says, "The snag about marriage is, it isn't worth the divorce. My new doctrine is, never marry. I won't ever again. It is absolute swill. It's not just my marriage. It's all marriages except a handful. Marriage is

a conspiracy from Tiffany's, florists, the diamond industry, and Christian fundamentalists. The only thing good about it is the diamond ring, the wedding gifts, and the honeymoon. A, (the name she gives her son in the book) I could have gotten anywhere. I could have gotten A from a turkey baster and a lovely gay man with a college education and a pleasant disposition. IF ONLY I'D HAD THAT MUCH SENSE AT THE TIME. I'm sending turkey basters to all my single girlfriends, with holly tassels, for Christmas."In Bargaining (Stage III) she says, "Sorry is the two-dollar bill of words. It's worth something, but in the end it's ridiculous, a souvenir at best."Section IV: Grief, she says, "Grief, I understand with icy clarity, is simply information I allow myself to know."And she says this, when wondering what she might say to her son one day when he asks about divorce: "I will say: 'You enter into - well. You enter into a kind of madness. You will make discoveries, not all of them happy. And the surprises are not staggered or regularly spaced, they are coming at you at light-speed, all at once, and you have to continue. You don't get to stop and say, I'll pick this all up in a year or so, when it isn't so difficult or painful or scary. When I'm ready. No no no. You have to go back in daily, until. Until it passes, or something happens to lessen its dark brilliance. you never know when this will be. You just have to keep meeting it. And gradually it disperses, leaving a small tear in your heart. A little hole, an aperture in you, as in a camera lens which, in the right light, can be perceived and accepted as a perspective-enhancing hole.'"You don't have to be divorced, almost divorced, thinking about divorce, or even know someone getting divorced, to appreciate this book - it's about grief. And aren't we all grieving something, or someone? Or both?3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. heartbreaking realityBy Russell RowlandAlthough Suzanne Finnamore is known for her sense of humor, I found this book to be a gut-wrenching depiction of the realities of divorce. Finnamore writes about loss with brutal honesty and razor sharp prose. And she's occasionally hysterical. It's a wicked combination. A wonderfully inspirational story of overcoming the pain of the end of a marriage seemingly made to order.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Better than any self help book!By Brent MorrisThis book helped me so much coping with separation and divorce. I first found it at the public library while searching for "Divorce for Dummies" and the like. Instead I found Suzanne Finnamore's book a revelation and far more helpful than any guidebook could possibly be.

Not only funny, its also fully triumphant...a heartbreaking pleasure to read.(Elle)Suzanne Finnamore didnt see it coming. Well, she saw some thingsfor example, a cocktail napkin on which her husband had scribbled a Cole Porter love song and an indecipherable namebut she refused to acknowledge it. She was busy tending to their son and creating the perfect home. Until the night it all imploded. I deserve happiness, he said, which apparently translated into ousting her from his life. At once funny, sad, and unflinchingly fierce, this memoir will resonate with anyone who has endured the end of a relationshipand come out on the other side changed.

From Publishers WeeklyCalifornia journalist and author Finnamore (*The Zygote Chronicles*) renders a sharp, cut-to-the-quick account of her painful divorce after five years of marriage. Living in the canyons of tony Marin County with her marketing v-p husband, N, and their toddler son she calls A, the author is devastated by N's announcement that he wants a divorceand yet she is not surprised. In brief, astute chapters riddled with a dry, deadpan humor, the author reconstructs this surreal journey from giddy romance with a suave older man (she is 40, while he is in his 50s), through motherhood and the dawning suspicions of his infidelity, to his abandonment and denial that he is involved with someone else. Finnamore enlists various characters to see her through her crisis, which spans denial and anger, grief and acceptance: her jaded, long remarried mother, Bunny, who brings the pain-killers and stocks the house with junk food; her no-nonsense diminutive friend Lisa, who remarks upon hearing the news of the divorce, You have no idea how I have longed for this day; and her vehemently antimarriage childhood buddy Christian. Eschewing a divorce lawyer, Finnamore manages to come through with the help of her friends and conveys in this frank, winning memoir her supreme vulnerability and bravery. (Apr.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistIn this mordant memoir, novelist Finnamore takes readers through the dark, devastating days of her divorce. She begins with the moment her then-husband, referred to only as N, announces hes leaving (he tells her shes beautiful first), tracing her traumatic emotional journey through denial, anger, bargaining, grief, and, ultimately, acceptance. Its not that there werent signs: a womans name scribbled on a cocktail napkin, a small volume of Zen poetry amorously inscribed to N. But Finnamore cant believe that a relationship sprinkled with romantic moments and satisfying sex became so ravaged and raw. Finnamore changes names and details to protect the innocent. She also directs plenty of invective at her ex (though she says the two are now best friends). Part advice manual, part rant, this potent read percolates with Finnamores acerbic wit: There are so many marriage ceremonies, she writes, there ought to be one for divorce. Instead of rice, people could throw fistfuls of cash and light hallucinogens. --Allison Block A funny, furious, and elegantly crafted memoir. Entertainment Weekly Brilliant, poignant, and completely unique. Augusten Burroughs, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Running with Scissors* Far from a bitter divorce diatribe, this is a witty, graceful journey through denial, acceptance and ultimately triumph. Family Circle A superb writer. Elle Achingly wry and supremely smart. New York Daily News Hilarious and moving. USA Today I loved it, loved it, loved it. Haven Kimmel, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Girl*

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