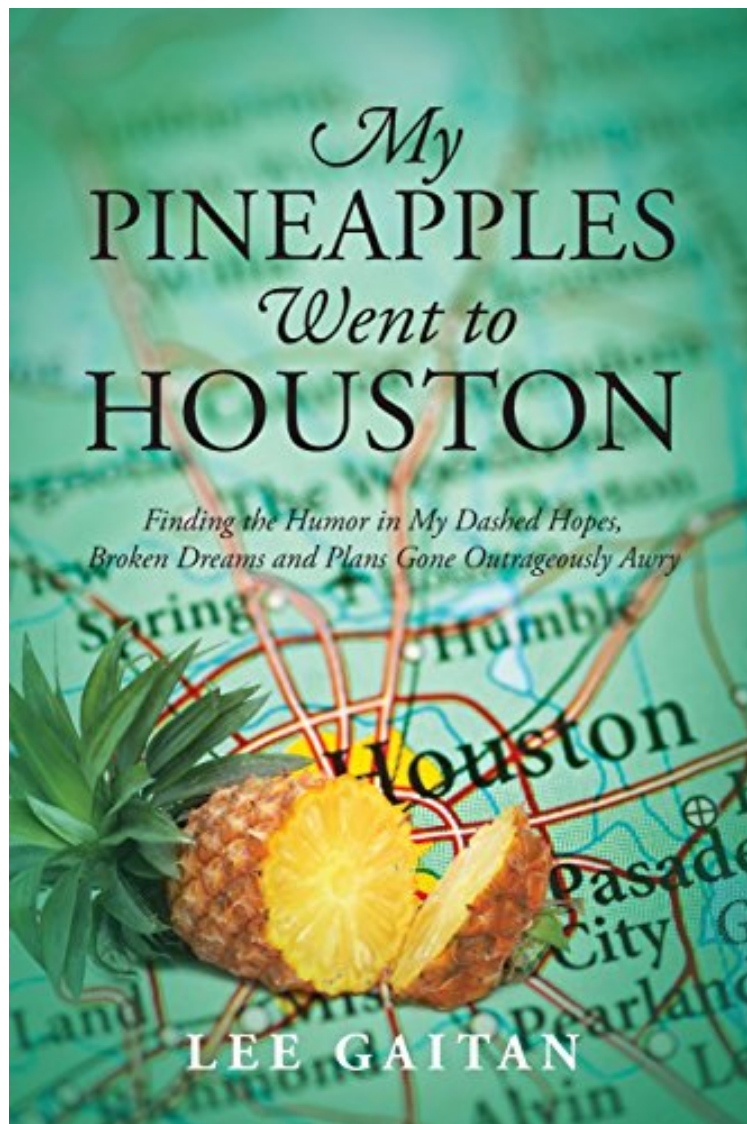


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lee's strength, tenacity and infectious sense of humor enabled her to eventually defy all odds and rebuild a happy lifeBy Dylan SpadaccinoIncredibly well written, and intertwined with humor, "My Pineapples Went to Houston" is the story of Lee Gaitan's ultimate triumph over years of unrelenting adversity and loss, which cannot merely be summed up with witty proverbial phrases concerning lemonade. Lee wasn't handed lemons that she subsequently made into mere lemonade. Instead, she was handed grenades and relentless emotional sniper fire, in which she turned into the sweetness of the resolve of a determined soul. To say Lee's heart was left in a pile of shattered glass would be a gross understatement.Despite years of constant turmoil, bad breaks, wrong turns, and bouts of clinical depression, Lee's strength, tenacity and infectious sense of humor enabled her to eventually defy all odds and rebuild a happy life filled with love. Even Lee's own doctor acknowledges her struggle and uncommon resolve. This is a must read for anyone who is weathering their own storm . I related to Lee's story in ways I never imagined. I congratulate her on her victory and unselfish desire to share her story, and offer hope and encouragement.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Grateful to share Lee's PineapplesBy Melissa A. StonerI too laughed out loud, cried, and was inspired. My life, while no comparison to the authors, needed the reminder to look for hope and humor. Simply acknowledging a struggle, mine or someone else's, can help weather a terrible storm. Thank you Lee for sharing you life so vividly and honestly. I hope to share in your gracious hospitality one day...again. This is a must read, one you won't want to put down.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An authentic journey to find hope and humor in the midst of life's heartbreaksBy Sandi Sue W.The author sets the tone right from the beginning, sharing the story that led her to choose the clever, and so appropriate, title for her book. The reader is immediately drawn into the vortex of her life and string of unfortunate events. I would describe Ms. Gaitan as an "observer of life." She doesn't just go through the motions of her experiences, but always looks for the deeper meaning in the challenges she faces. I like that she is bold enough to be extremely transparent with her emotions, rather than candy coating her true feelings. My take-a-way: Even with the best laid plans, the events of your life can, and often will, go awry...but, (make that "BUT" with caps)...there is always hope. Though it may not necessarily feel abundant, if you are willing to notice, God will always provide you with "enough" ...and that's what keeps you going. To quote the author, "...enough does not mean meager or insubstantial. It is not the opposite of abundance; rather, it is the very essence of it." There is always hope in the provision of "enough." I recommend this book to anyone who gets overwhelmed by life's unpredictable detours.

Heartbreak, Humor and, ultimately, Hope... That's the message that comes through loud and clear in My Pineapples Went to Houston, Lee Gaitan's personal and powerful tale of surviving a decade of relentless chaos and loss. The "shock and awfulness" began in 2002 when her father died, her mother teetered on the brink of a coma and her husband of 22 years secretly lost all their money and ran off with a stripper. And it was all downhill from there! Then one day in the midst of all the chaos-somewhere between loud cursing and crying-she recalled an amusing anecdote she'd heard about pineapples that spoke to her circumstances in such an unexpectedly humorous way that she couldn't help but laugh out loud. "That moment of laughter was a small epiphany for me. I realized that I had allowed my sense of humor, which had always mitigated the bad breaks in my life and enhanced the good ones, to fall victim to the machete my ex-husband had taken to my life. I determined right then and there that I could no longer permit that. I instinctively knew that humor was the most potent, and just about the only, protection I had at my disposal to survive the crises unfolding around me, and I vowed to keep it alive." Told with honesty and insight-and, of course, humor-My Pineapples Went to Houston both inspires and entertains readers and offers hope and encouragement to those struggling with their own "plans gone outrageously awry."

About the AuthorLee Gaitan has worn many hats in her 25 years as a professional communicator, from public relations writer and television host to stand-up comedienne and educator. She is the author of two books, Falling Flesh Just Ahead...and other signs on the road to midlife, and My Pineapples Went to Houston--Finding the Humor in My Dashed Hopes, Broken Dreams and Plans Gone Outrageously Awry. She has also authored a chapter in the bestselling book, The Divinity of Dogs, and is a blogger for The Huffington Post, The Good men Project, Midlife Boulevard and other websites. Connect with her at leegaitan.com and twitter.com/LGPineapple.