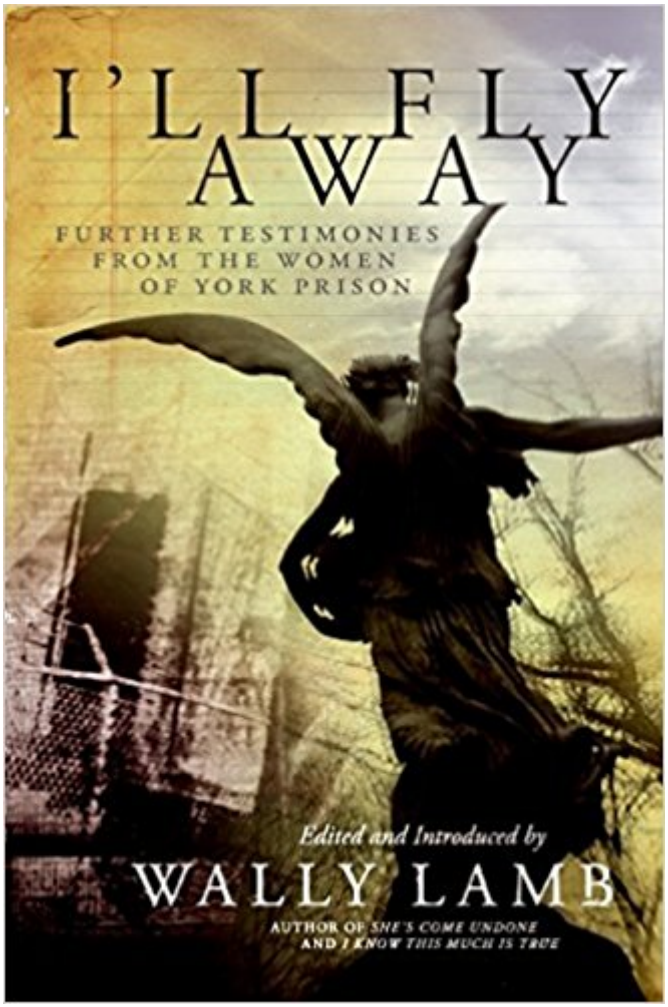
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I'll Fly Away: Further Testimonies From The Women Of York Prison



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Synopsis

In 2003 Wally LambÃ¢â ¬â •the author of two of the most beloved novels of our time, She's Come Undone and I Know This Much Is TrueÃ¢â ¬â •published Couldn't Keep It to Myself, a collection of essays by the students in his writing workshop at the maximum-security York Correctional Institution, Connecticut's only prison for women. Writing, Lamb discovered, was a way for these women to confront painful memories, face their fears and their failures, and begin to imagine better lives. The New York Times described the book as "Gut-tearing tales . . . the unvarnished truth." The Los Angeles Times said of it, "Lying next to and rising out of despair, hope permeates this book."Now Lamb returns with I'll Fly Away, a new volume of intimate, searching pieces from the York workshop. Here, twenty womenÃ¢â ¬â •eighteen inmates and two of Lamb's cofacilitatorsÃ¢â ¬â •share the experiences that shaped them from childhood and that haunt and inspire them to this day. These portraits, vignettes, and stories depict with soul-baring honesty how and why women land in prisonÃ¢â ¬â •and what happens once they get there. The stories are as varied as the individuals who wrote them, but each testifies to the same core truth: the universal value of knowing oneself and changing one's life through the power of the written word.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“Lamb . . . continues to offer readers an intimate look at women struggling to maintain their humanity.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Booklist)Ã¢â ¬Å“Inspiring and rawÃ¢â ¬Â¦They write from the heartÃ¢â ¬Â¦each vignette is more compelling than the one before it.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Library

Journal)Ã¢â ¬Å“AccomplishedÃ¢â ¬Â¦Each story, no matter how grim or gritty, shows polish.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Kirkus Reviews)

Wally Lamb is the author of four previous novels, including the New York Times and national bestseller The Hour I First Believed and Wishin' and Hopin', a bestselling novella. His first two works of fiction, She's Come Undone and I Know This Much Is True, were both number-one New York Times bestsellers and Oprah's Book Club selections. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, Christine. The Lambs are the parents of three sons.

Wally Lamb is awesome sauce. I finished this book in a week and I work 50 hrs a week and I have a husband and a child!!! So, I'm busy, but I made TIME to read this book. I picked this book over sleep!!

If you have opinions about Crime an Punishment for women, you really need to read I'll fly away before you spout off about how those who break the law get what they deserve. Their stories opened my eyes and touched my heart.

The women's writings give the reader a sense of their hopelessness from the neglect and/or abuse most of them suffered as children, which provides the foundation for their future inmate status. Their descriptions of life in York Correctional Institute for Women are disturbing in the lack of respect and humanity American prisoners experience. This collection of testimonies will stay with you.

Good book. How sad that so many women's lives are controlled by Satan and they end up in prison. I commend Wally Lamb for his work with these women. I had just finished Couldn't Keep It to Myself and I think it was better than I'll Fly Away in that the stories were more detailed. The thing I took away from these books is how sad I am for these women. I pray they will all find Jesus Christ as their savior and will find peace and joy knowing no matter what their lives are on this earth, they will be with Christ in heaven for all eternity.

Just lovely, compelling stories.

Love all Wally Lamb novels. This book took a look into the lives of women before prison and during their time in prison. Amazing submissions.

Amazing & brilliant- great follow up to Couldn’t Keep It to Myself

This book moved me! The stories of these women are compelling and true. I learned so much about Women’s Correctional Institution and it is heartbreaking but so important to hear. I highly recommend this book!!

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