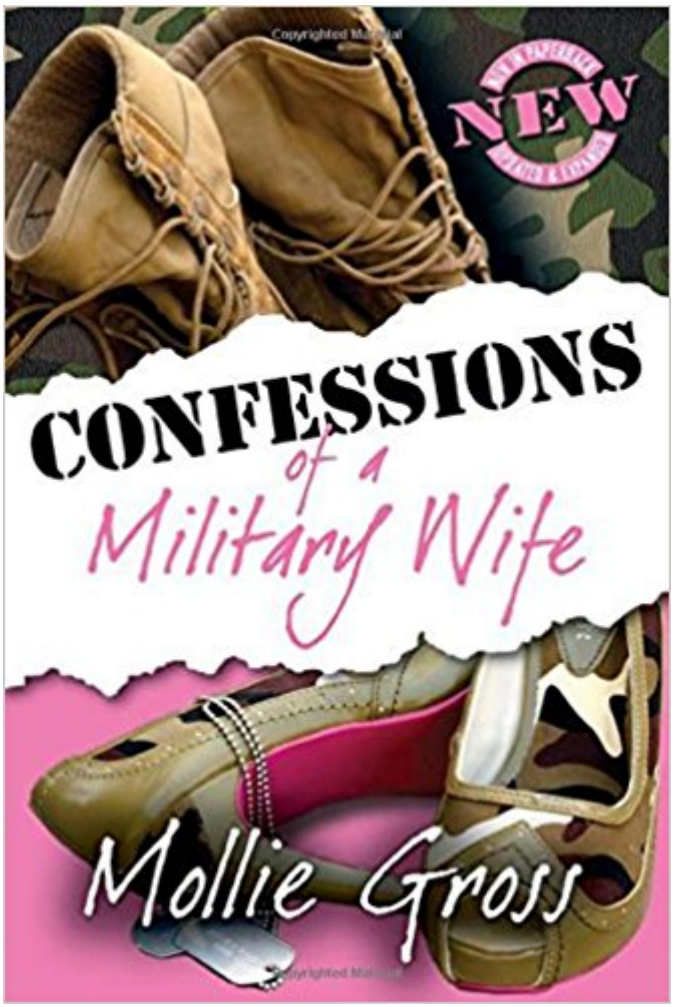
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Synopsis

"Ã¢â ¬Å“I remember when I hit rock bottom. There I was with no make-up on, hadnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t showered, eating raw cookie dough out of the tube, hitting on the toothless bagger at the commissary, and ordering jewelry off the TV. And that was just my first day!Ã¢â ¬Â• Confessions of a Military Wife is an honest, witty, and often hilarious look at the life of the new generation military wife. Mollie Gross learned the hard way to laugh instead of cry at what she could not control as a military spouseÃ¢â ¬â ¢and as she quickly discovered, nearly everything was out of her control! A standup comedienne, public speaker, and wife of a Marine Corps officer, Mollie explores everything about the Ã¢â ¬Å“issuedÃ¢â ¬Â• spouse, from deployment and the stress of having a husband in a combat zone, to the realization that marriage changes when your husband returns home from war. Nothing is taboo or out-of-bounds in Confessions, including the Ã¢â ¬Å“partiesÃ¢â ¬Â• military wives throw for themselves before hubby returns. (YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll have to read the book to find out about those!) More than one million American servicemen have deployed to war over the last few years, which means the lives and lifestyles of military wives are now front and center in the publicÃ¢â ¬â„¢s curiosity. How do they live? What is their day-to-day life like? How do they interact? How do they deal with weeks and months of separation? The answers will surprise (and in some cases, shock) you. Confessions teaches all women, whether civilian or military, that they can learn to find the funny side of anything by embracing the situation and changing their perspective. And now they can do so with humor and levity, and a little wisdom. Evocative and provocative, Confessions of a Military Wife is a canÃ¢â ¬â„¢t-put-down book that will leave you laughing and crying at the same time. About the Author: Mollie Gross is a former Marine Spouse, author, standup comedienne, and public speaker. She uses comedy and quick wit to encourage and inspire other military wives through the challenges of the military lifestyle. She lives with her husband Jon in Los Angeles."

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Customer Reviews

"Mollie Gross is the Chelsea Handler of the milspouse community. She's unfiltered, honest, and hilarious, with an underlying message to stop whining and be proud. Think of it as heartfelt humor for the home front."Ã Â -- Military Spouse MagazineÃ Â "Some things just need to be said. Some are ugly, some hilarious, and all of them are in Mollie's Confessions of a Military Wife. Her 'no-holds-barred' account of what it was like during her first four years of being married to a Marine, dealing with the moves, wartime deployments, and life on the home front, will leave you laughing, crying, and shaking your head in disbelief asking yourself, 'Did she REALLY just say that!?' Mollie uses humor as a tool to deliver a powerful message to military wives about staying positive and taking life as it comes. Confessions is a must-read for every military wife--and everyone else who wants to get an inside glimpse of the life of a military wife."Ã Â -- Kristine Schellhaas, founder USMC LifeÃ Â "This book will have you laughing so hard you cry, but mostly nodding your head in agreement. As Confessions aptly demonstrates, military spouses lead interesting lives. Leave it to Mollie to turn some of our most candid military spouse moments into fits of laughter!"Ã Â -- Tara E Crooks, military lifestyle writer, speaker, talk radio host, and co-founder of Army Wife Network (ArmyWifeNetwork.com)Ã Â "Better put on your big girl panties for this wild ride! Mollie's Confessions is not for the faint of heart. She expresses her faith, but nothing is sacred, so if you can handle the minute details of a Brazilian wax and what Bunco parties are really all about, dive right in. Prepare to be uplifted, and by that I mean right out of your chair. You'll either laugh uncontrollably or throw the book across the room. Either way, Mollie's tales of her life as a Marine wife will not leave you unmoved."Ã Â -- Terri Barnes, "Spouse Calls," Stars and StripesÃ Â "Underneath this crafty blend of humor, kindred friendships,and life changing experiences lies the universal wisdom applicable to generations of military spouses, past, present, and future. Mollie's comical epiphanies depict her resilience as she grapples with familiar military spouse dilemmas: marriage, deployments, self-discovery, PCS, and career changes. Confessions of a Military Wife is a must-read book, and bound to become a hallmark of contemporary military spouse titles."Ã Â -- Tanya Queiro, 2009 Military

Spouse of the YearÃ Â "My husband was out of the army for two years before I read Mollie's book. He and I rarely talked about deployment and how it affected our relationship. After reading the book I felt comfortable and knowledgeable on how to talk to my husband. Our relationship changed for the better and continues to strengthen each day. I credit Mollie and her book for opening our lines of communication and will forever be grateful."Ã Â -- Julie Murphy, Reality TV producer, E!, Style, Bravo, Oprah Winfrey NetworkÃ Â "Mollie's book should be in the hands of every military wife, or anyone curious about the inside scoop on military life. It is refreshing for those of us who have been waiting for someone to tell it like it is! I went from shock to crying and laughing all in one paragraph! Her comedy shows were always the most anticipated event on Camp Pendleton, and I am glad she can now share her hilarious experiences with everyone!"Ã Â -- Melody Abshear, Enlisted Wives Club President, Camp Pendleton, 2007-2009Ã Â "Confessions is about the wonderful and funny moments of base living--and the culture shock of life as a Marine Corps wife. Any page will give you a quick infusion of laughter that will get you through your day."Ã Â -- April Popaditch, Military wife of Nicholas Popaditch (Gunnery Sgt., Ret., USMC), author of Once a Marine

Mollie Gross is a professional stand-up comedienne, motivational speaker, and the wife of a USMC Iraq War veteran. She teaches audiences to Ã¢â ¬Å“Handle it with HumorÃ¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢ to learn how to laugh through lifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s toughest challenges. To follow her on social media, listen to her podcast, or inquire about booking, please visit www.molliegross.com.

I started reading this book after my husband deployed to Afghanistan for a one year deployment. I had already read a few other military spouse books about what to expect when being a military spouse and other books where wives told stories about how they coped with the military lifestyle and their husband’s deployments. Those books were okay, but not for me. Frankly, they just made me feel worse and they are full of sad stories. Don’t get me wrong, I feel for these spouses, but those books do not make you feel good when your husband is in a combat zone. Then I ordered Mollie Gross’s book and it was just what I needed. I found myself laughing out loud at many of the parts of the book. I especially enjoyed her stories about her grandma Ruby. This book is not a guide book. If you want a guide book and you need help finding a job, go to ACS... or read a guide book! Mollie states clearly that her book is not a guide book. This book is fun and is meant to make you laugh. She touches on some serious issues, but I think her purpose is to make military spouses feel good and find happiness during a deployment and when dealing with stressful things such as PCS moves. I could relate to her on so many levels and she gives good advice about dealing with

families, coping with deployments, moving constantly, etc. Don’t take it so seriously and have some fun with the book! I can’t wait for Mollie’s next book to come out.

As a brand new Army wife, it was so refreshing to finally come across a book that was so honest. I am TIRED of getting books shoved under my nose about all the "proper decorum" I need to be brushing up on before my first time living on base.Mollie covers it all - moving, making friends...(maybe a few enemies), living on a budget, insurance (TRICARE aka they don’t try & they don’t care!) adjusting to having your spouse gone all the time (just in time to adjust to their return), dealing with extended family & in-laws, the harsh reality of coming to grips that your spouse may die, and of course - being sexually frustrated for YOUR freedom....but wait, there’s hope in the form of Mollie Gross: Dildo Fairy!While keeping the tone of the book incredibly playful and fun, she also touches on the darker side of military life, such a depression, anxiety, and death, without making you want to cry your eyes out.I definitely laughed out loud many occasions reading the book (the IBS flag incident), and am thinking of forcing everyone I come in daily contact with to read it. I felt like I knew Miss Mollie personally, as well as her best friends and it was comforting to know there are some other sane, fun-loving, beer-drinking, non-Stepford military wives out there!

This book is fantastic- I highly recommend it to any woman whose loved one is in the armed forces! I’ve read it so many times, I’ve lost count- and yet each time I read it, it still makes and smile and laugh like it’s the first time. It’s not corny or cheesy, and it’s not a boring military spouse instructional handbook, either- it’s a clever, insightful, and hilarious window into this life that is the Military. I read it when I first started dating my fiance in the Marine Corps, and it was so nice to have a veteran wife’s comedic and yet poignant take on what I was about to enter into. A "getting your feet wet" experience for me! I didn’t know any other military significant others at the time, and it was comforting to get an insider’s perspective on what my future held. And the best part is that over the years, I’ve encountered and/or seen many of the things Mollie described in her book. Hopefully one day I might meet Mollie during one of our cross-country moves :)

As the wife of an enlisted Army NCO, I was pretty skeptical that I would be able to relate to the book. In fact, I’m so opinionated about my "role" as a military spouse I was ready to be enraged by the typical "you need to abide by the rules" speech I’ve heard so many times. While I do not agree with all the stances that Mollie takes on certian issues, overall I am very pleased with this book. Ms. Gross takes the formal military attitude and turns it upside down with crude humor (which I totally

appreciate) and a critical look at how rediculous our experiences in the military can be, espeically as spouses. I could totally relate to what she said and appreciated the advice that she gave in between belly laughs. This book made me laugh, out loud, many times and has helped me remember to be who I am, no matter who or what I am married to. THis book is amazing and you should read it, spouse or not! Thanks Mollie!!!

Mollie Gross is HILARIOUS! Our husbands were in different branches but I could still identify well. My husband is enlisted and I could also still identify. My friend and I both bought the book during our husbands' last deployment and were constantly discussing it and laughing. I don't know how many times we laughed saying, "We did that too!" We LOVE Mollie! Ready for new reading material from her!

While a certain amount of what Ms. Gross writes as her experiences were not at all anything remotely resembling those of my own; so much of what she did write about was spot on! Being a Military Wife requires a certain amount of backbone, thick skin, resourcefulness and great portion of humility. Being able to look at your life with her level of frivolity is the way to go. This book is a must read for new military spouses!

As a military wife, I can relate to this book. Mollie Gross tells it like it is. Yes, she gets into detail and uses words like fart, but I can see the humor in it. I definitely had plenty of laughs and I even cried at one point. She is a comedian and that shines through this book, but she also gets into detail on what being a military spouse is all about. I am so glad I found this it is completely worth my money and time!

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