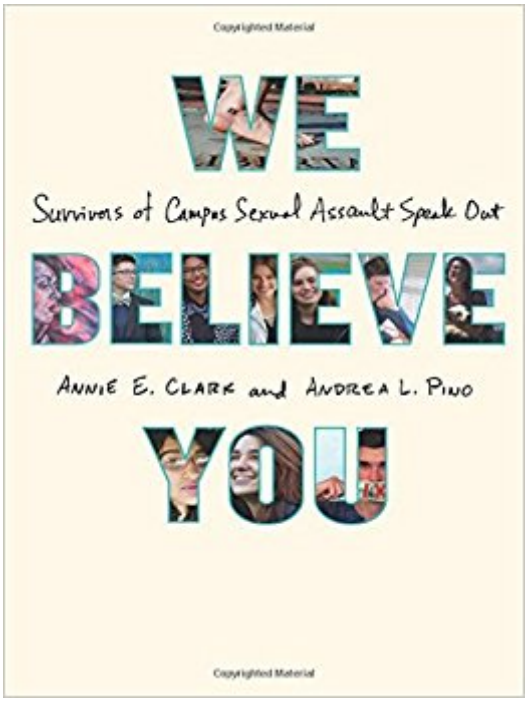
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We Believe You: Survivors Of Campus Sexual Assault Speak Out



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Synopsis

"Me too. It happened to me too." More than one in five women and 5 percent of men are sexually assaulted while at college. Some survivors are coming forward; others are not. In We Believe You, students from every kind of college and universityÃ¢â ¬â ¢large and small, public and private, highly selective and less soÃ¢â ¬â ¢share experiences of trauma, healing, and everyday activism, representing a diversity of races, economic and family backgrounds, gender identities, immigration statuses, interests, capacities, and loves. Theirs is a bold, irrefutable sampling of voices and stories that should speak to all.

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Praise for We Believe YouÃ¢â ¬Å“One of the most important books of the year, written by two brave and fierce young activists against on-campus rape and sexual violence. . . . I want everyone to read this book.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Elizabeth Gilbert, author of Eat, Pray, Love and Big MagicÃ¢â ¬Å“Brave, unforgettable and incredibly important . . . . the statistics are dramatic, but the stories of the sexual assault survivors, told in their own words, are even more powerful.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢News and ObserverÃ¢â ¬Å“Stunning and heart-wrenching . . . . It should be read by parents, high-school seniors, college personnel, and law-enforcement (both police and prosecutors).Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Huffington PostÃ¢â ¬Å“Should be required reading for everyone. . . . A crucial reminder.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Read It ForwardÃ¢â ¬Å“Changing the conversation forever . . . [a] monumental exposÃƒÂ©.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Elissa Schappell, Vanity

Fair Ã¢â ¬Å“An incredible compilation of survivor stories. And itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s quite heartbreaking . . . but itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s one of the most inspiring books IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve ever read.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, speaking on the floor of the United States SenateÃ¢â ¬Å“Powerful, tragic and gripping . . . shatters stereotypes about sexual assault.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Prachi Gupta, Cosmopolitan.comÃ¢â ¬Å“#WeBelieveYou is a powerful book giving voice to survivors of sexual assault. Buy it, read it, stand with us.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Brie Larson, Academy Award winner, Best Actress for RoomÃ¢â ¬Å“Incredible.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Amy PoehlerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Smart GirlsÃ¢â ¬Å“Moving, difficult, and entirely necessary. There is a multiplicity of voices in these pages: women and men, musicians and journalists, activists and professionals. The politics of different races, genders, ages, and sexualities are explored, showing that in our current culture no one is immune to the perils of sexual assault. While some of the contributors are named, many are anonymous, but the voices of all are treated with respect.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Read It ForwardÃ¢â ¬Å“A multifaceted act of solidarityÃ¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢ Daily Collegian (UMass)Ã¢â ¬Å“Undeniably important . . . . [H]as shown how diverse and unique each experience of sexual assault is . . . . By telling accounts of their assault and their recovery, these survivors create the possibility of educating others, as well as the possibility of recovery for those who have not, cannot, or do not yet feel ready to claim their stories.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Fem Magazine (UCLA)Ã¢â ¬Å“Heartbreaking and heartwarming, We Believe You is not a story of hate, itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a story of hope...A great resource for those who wish to learn more about sexual assault on college campuses. More importantly, it is a lifeline for the survivors of sexual assault.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â ¢Daily Trojan (University of Southern California)on Twitter Ã¢â ¬Å“Excited to read #WeBelieveYou, a powerful collection of 36 survivor narratives.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â œ Laverne Cox Ã¢â ¬Å“Happy pub date to #WeBelieveYou, a collection of survivorship & activismÃ¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â œ Janet Mock

In 2013, Annie E. Clark and Andrea L. Pino, along with others, filed a federal complaint against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for mishandling sexual assault reports; since then, students across the nation have filed similar complaints and the government has opened more than 200 investigations. Clark and Pino are two of the founders of End Rape of Campus, an organization providing support for survivors and working to end campus sexual assault. Their stories are prominently featured in the award-winning documentary The Hunting Ground. They are two among many, tirelessly seeking justice on behalf of survivors.

This book is so, so important. These stories help validate the experiences of all survivors of trauma, letting us all know that we are not alone. I will gladly pay to help publicize these beautiful, courageous people's stories and to fight the stigma that surrounds sexual assault. Thank you to all who contributed to this deeply moving and emotional book. Y'all have done so much to help others, and I thank you.

An important read for everyone.

Important book

A must for parents and grandparents of young women and men in college

This book is a real eye-opener. It gives accounts of men and women who were assaulted on campus and what happened afterwards. Some of them go into great detail so you can read what really happened in those instances, where what many other sources may censor or omit.The only gripe I have is that towards the end, the last few chapters, get a little redundant. They follow a "what happened afterward, what I've done, advice for recovery, how I've healed, etc." and kind of say the same things over and over.

Really thought provoking. I had no idea assult was so pervasive on campus.

Truthful, honest and real.

To say this book is heartbreaking understates itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s impact. That rape is so pervasive, denied or trivialized, and covered up is utterly evil. My nieceÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s story is told in WE BELIEVE YOU. I honor her and the other voices who speak out.

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