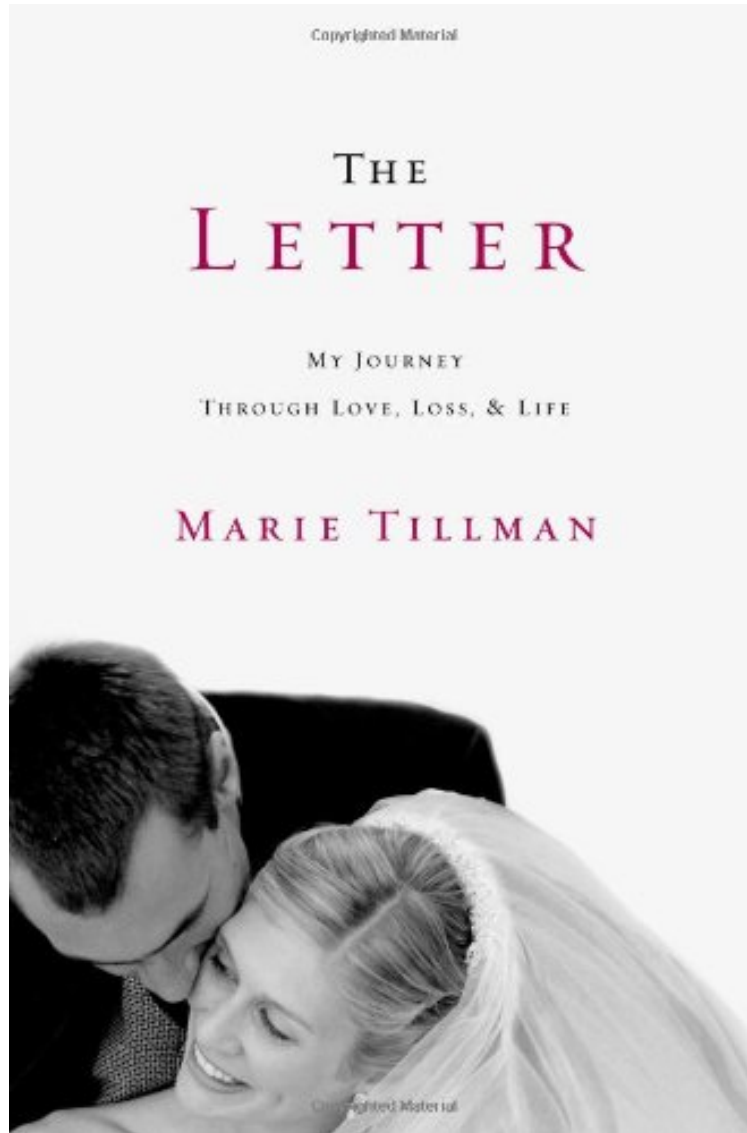


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wonderful tribute and raw account of life. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well written, heartfelt, tough read. By BarbZI read Krakauer's book and watched the documentary about Pat Tillman. This book draws the reader in, and appears to hold little back. The insights into Pat Tillman as a person and husband are deep. It takes guts to expose a relationship in this way. Part of the way through the book, I researched Marie Tillman, and was glad that I did. (Without being specific, she appears to have a new, fulfilling life.) I'm not sure I could have finished the book if I hadn't. It was simply too upsetting from so many perspectives. The book is well written, and a quick read, but emotionally trying so be prepared if you decide to purchase it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By AM Beautiful story, heartbreaking yet uplifting

In 2003, Pat Tillman, serving in the US Army, hastily wrote a "just in case" letter to his wife, Marie. When he returned on leave before his departure to Afghanistan, he placed the letter on top of their bedroom dresser. For months it sat there, sealed and ever-present, like a black hole through which Marie knew her stable life would be pulled if she ever had reason to open it. Then, in April 2004, Marie's worst nightmare came true. In the days following his death, it was Pat's letter that kept her going and, more than that, it was his words that would help her learn to navigate a world she could no longer share with her husband. In *THE LETTER*, Marie talks for the first time about her journey to remake her life after Pat's death. In it, she recalls meeting and falling in love with Pat when they were kids, his harrowing decision to join the army after 9/11, and the devastating day when she learned he'd been killed. She describes how she withdrew from the public spotlight to grieve, learning along the way the value of solitude, self-awareness and integrity in the healing process. And, finally, Marie recounts her work to rebuild her life, including founding The Pat Tillman Foundation, an organization established to carry forth Pat's legacy of leadership, and her decision to step back into the public eye in order to inspire people to live with meaning and purpose. Filled with the lessons Marie learned and the wisdom she gained since Pat's death, *THE LETTER* is both a heartrending love story and an inspiring tale for anyone, young or old, whose life has taken an unexpected hard turn -- and who struggles to get back on the right path.

"Marie Tillman's elegantly written memoir weaves together a love story with the life affirming lesson that grief's tributaries can flow toward healing and acceptance. This book reminds us that it's possible to move past trauma without forgetting or letting loss define you. This is a must read for anyone who has worked to overcome life's sorrows and embrace its triumphs with grace." Lee Woodruff, New York Times bestselling author of *In An Instant and Perfectly Imperfect* "Marie Tillman's gentle memoir of love and loss is an important reminder to all that life isn't measured by its length, but by its depth." Regina Brett, New York Times bestselling author of *God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours* "The Letter is a candid, eloquent account of unthinkable loss, its incapacitating aftermath, and Marie Tillman's long, lonely journey back to daylight. Graced with illuminating vignettes of her marriage to Pat Tillman, the ambivalent Army Ranger who was killed in Afghanistan by his comrades, *The Letter* is both a heart-rending elegy for an extraordinary man and an indispensable road map through the wilderness of bereavement. It's a brave and wonderful book." Jon Krakauer, author of *Into the Wild* and *Where Men Win Glory* "Marie Tillman's moving memoir, *The Letter*, is a story of profound courage. It takes courage to walk out into the unknown to reclaim one's life after a tragedy. It takes courage to live in a public way with such private pain. And it takes courage to share one's journey with an open heart knowing that it will bring comfort and connection to others. Marie's courageous example will inspire so many to recognize their own power to be architects of change." Maria Shriver, Journalist, Author, Activist "In this moving debut memoir, the author describes her struggle to deal with grief and to come to terms with the cynical abuse of his sacrifice...An inspiring account of the author's difficult decision to become a public advocate for military families." Kirkus "In this thoughtful memoir...[Marie Tillman] successfully honors her husband's legacy while offering solace and hope for those in anguish." Publishers Weekly About the Author Marie Tillman is the founder of the Pat Tillman Foundation which inspires others to create positive social change through its leadership programs and scholarships for veterans, active servicemembers, their families, and college students across the country. She lives in California.