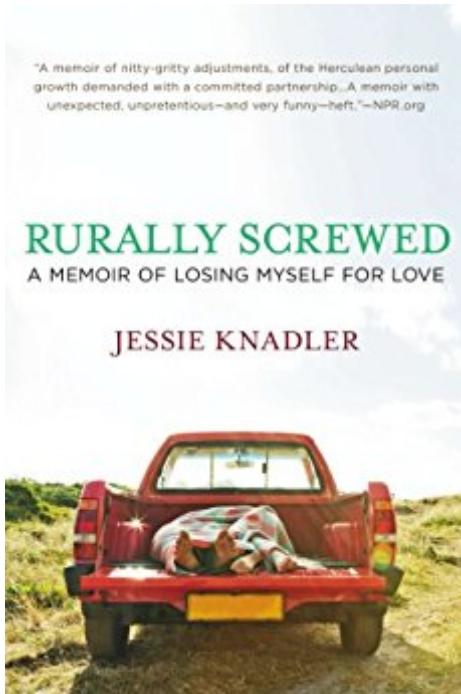


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Rurally Screwed: A Memoir Of Losing Myself For Love



Synopsis

Jessie Knadler was a New York City girl, through and through. An editor for a splashy women's magazine, she splurged on Miu Miu, partied hard, lived for Kundalini yoga, and dated a man-boy whose complexion was creamier than her own. Circling the drain both personally and professionally, Jessie definitely wouldn't have described herself as "happy"; more like caustically content. Then one day, she was assigned a story about an annual rodeo in the badlands of Eastern Montana. There, she met a twenty-five-year-old bull rider named Jake. He voted Republican and read *Truck Trader*. He listened to Garth Brooks. He owned guns. And Jessie suddenly found herself blindsided by something with which she was painfully unfamiliar: a genuinely lovable disposition. In fact, Jake radiated such optimism and old-school gentlemanliness that Jessie impulsively ditched Manhattan for an authentic existence, and an authentic man. Almost overnight, she was canning and sewing, making jerky, chopping firewood, and raising chickens. And all the while one question was ringing in the back of her head: "What the !#*\$ have I done with my life?" A hilarious true-life love story, *Rurally Screwed* reveals what happens to a woman who gives up everything she's ever known and wanted—job security, money, her professional network, access to decent Thai food—to live off the grid with her one true love (and dogs and horses and chickens), and asks, is it worth it? The answer comes amid war, Bible clubs, and moonshine.

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Customer Reviews

I made myself plow through this book till the end--no pun intended--and with every page I kept asking myself, "what's keeping me from enjoying this book?" Well, the reason became pretty clear. The author may be too hard on herself. The book is intended to try and share her perspective on her radical shift in lifestyle with her reader, I get that. Problem is that she chose everything to which she was "subjected". Her misery was completely self imposed so the book comes across as one long whine. Trying to be generous, I kept reminding myself that from the start, the author did not describe a personality type that I would find it easy to click with. Her conviction that her thoughts, attitudes and values are completely superior to anyone else's became tiresome. There is never any real explanation of WHY the author feels she is so much more enlightened than every other character, just a giant ode to ego from page to page. I just couldn't like her and I couldn't get interested in what she thought about things and why she thought that way. It stayed that way until the very last chapter, actually the last HALF of the last chapter. That's when the writer allowed us to see a person with some values, and for the first time in the entire book, she became someone interesting to read. Reading the last chapter, I became intrigued. I wanted to know how a couple of scenarios would play out, her preparations for another life-changing event were engaging and I wanted to know how she would cope with some big challenges. I LIKED her and I don't understand why she waited til the last ten pages to show the reader someone who can capture our attention.

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