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Can a tubby girl take on all of life's obstacles and slay them in victory?!?! Probably not, but she does have fun trying in Hooray for Me: a Foggy Memoir by self-proclaimed-brilliant author, Ello Black.

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Ginny McMath says

When I started reading this book I instantly connected with the writer! Her memoir is page turning and heartfelt and a bit sarcastic. I loved every chapter. I really connected with the Jello chapter. Too many times in life a person of authority abuses their power. And it shows the hurt that comes from it but also the overcoming of that hurt. Each story made me feel exactly what the author had been through. The author's father was obviously a huge influence on her and his humor and love penetrated through the sadness. I am a big fan of this book and this author and I hope to see more of her. She is genuine and truthful in her writing, something I haven't seen in a long time. I will be saying Hooray a lot from now on :) You will love this book. It will make you think :)

Christal says

Very engaging, in a normal spoken language. I immediately related with the author and was entertained by her story telling and very normal yet very unique personality that forms almost immediately in this book.

Debbie White says

I really enjoyed this freebie that I got from Goodreads- thank you Goodreads! Ello Black is a very talented writer! It was a very funny yet bittersweet memoir of Ello's life growing up as a chubby only child born to very smart parents. It definitely got me remembering all of the times I felt picked on as a kid or left out as I was- and still am- chubby or fat, as-you-will, and the struggles I have gone through. I felt like crying along with Ello as-well-as laughing with her sense of humor at herself! Not a long little book, but definitely a fun, interesting book to read! She hand-signed my copy, which made it even more special to me that a writer would take the time to hand-sign a copy of her book. Would love to read another book by Ello- also I see she is a screen writer, so would love to see what she is writing at the moment!! Thank you Ello and Goodreads!

Nicole says

Ultimately, the author Ello (I so wish that she had explained her name a bit) is writing a memoir to her father. This author has her own voice, and I think this book is a good starting point to finding her way. I didn't find an actual theme to the book (homage to Dad) until somewhere around the middle... and I may be off the authors intentions. However, the description didn't give anything away, and I struggled to figure out what kind of a life Ello lived (she's educated, she's smart, she's caring, but what makes her *her*? And I wanted MORE; if I read a memoir I want the dirt! Is she mean to Valley Girls? Does she check the date on every penny she ever spends? Is she a lady lovin' lady? *woot*woot* Does she hold a grudge, whats her motivation, whats she hiding?) I honestly thought this book would be about someone who had an emotional problem, due to the stalking and therapist quotes provided, so I had a hard time following along. I think that

is why this book is only a 3 for me. But I also think that this is just the authors humor, and if a full description was provided and *then* included the random quotes, it would be funny. After completing the book, and then reviewing the “Woot to You” acknowledgements, there were a lot of ironic and witty notes made. This book is one of the hardest books I have ever reviewed. I feel like the author really put a lot of herself into it, and that always makes it harder to rate. How do you rate someone’s life? With a good editing, and a clearer focus, this book could impact people who have also experienced loss, bullying, living in a more privileged lifestyle--observing a generous father, and coming of age. Ello would have to give more of herself, but I feel like she would find the experience rewarding. And maybe I am presumptuous, but I feel like she *wants* to get something back. Being a smart mouth, sarcastic person myself I understand her reluctance, but some of what we say in joking-- aren’t we really serious about? And writing a book for anyone to read and judge isn’t exactly easy. So, Hooray For You Ello-- for your efforts. Keep going, and see where this takes you.

Asuka Etsu says

Very touching. It's a great read! Very funny AND ENGAGING at the first sentence. You really learn to appreciate relationships while they are available. Reminds you of what life can be and compels you to take advantage of opportunities!! Ello Black has created a memoir both funny and poignant. Hooray for Me is an easy read that resonates both the painful and the positive in all our lives. Ello Black has chosen to be a winner.

Megan says

[DISCLAIMER: I RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS FROM THE GOODREADS GIVEAWAYS IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW]

I *really* wanted to enjoy this book, because it sounded so funny and interesting. Unfortunately, it just didn't live up to expectations. I read the little introduction, explaining that the spelling and grammar wasn't going to be standard because it's just the way she writes, which is fine, but I couldn't really get past it.

This book is a series of vignettes about Ello Black's life. It was too short to have any depth to it, and none of the stories related to each other except for the fact that they all had at least something to do with her dad (some more than others). Yes it was funny, and yes the stories were biographical, but at some point there needs to be cohesion and that cohesion just never came.

It was also difficult to read because of the voice. It was as if she was speaking the book to me instead of writing it, but that's not really how I enjoy to read. Dialect is one thing, but there should have at least been some proofreading done to make it grammatically correct. I know that she said in the intro that she isn't grammatically correct and that's just the way it is, but there's only so much of it that I can take before I start getting out my red pen.

I wish this had been more of a cohesive story and less of separate essays on various parts of her life that, frankly, weren't all that extraordinary in the first place. The chapter on her father's death was certainly heartbreakingly sad and the chapter in which she recounts being bullied struck a chord with me. But the rest felt like filler.

Ello, you seem like a cool person and I hope you keep on being your bad self. And thanks for the book. It just didn't do it for me.

Viviana says

I received a copy of this book thanks to the Goodreads giveaway.

I honestly wasn't expecting much from this book, but as soon as I started reading it I changed my mind. I really enjoyed it. In this book you can find funny anecdotes, material for reflection and recollection of sad events, all in less than 100 pages.
