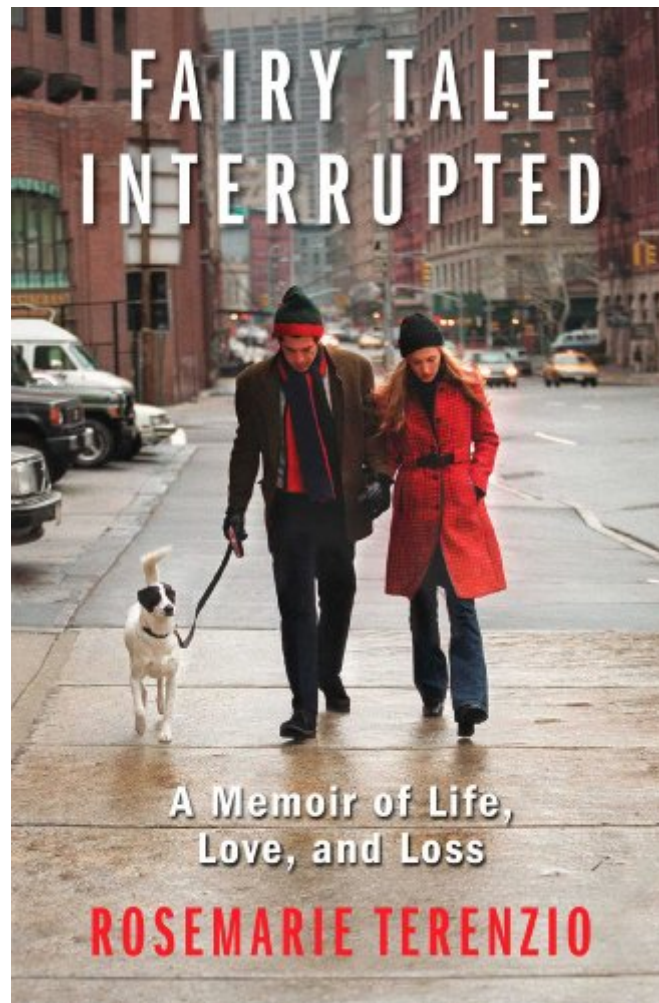


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Fairy Tale Interrupted: A Memoir Of Life, Love, And Loss



Synopsis

Working Girl meets What Remains, this is the behind-the-scenes story of an unlikely friendship between America's favorite First Son, John F. Kennedy, Jr. and his personal assistant, a blue-collar girl from the Bronx. The Kennedys have captured the American imagination for fifty years, and the public's enduring fascination with Camelot continues to this day. Now, former personal assistant and dear friend of JFK, Jr. and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, RoseMarie Terenzio has waited for more than a decade to share her unique, intimate, and extraordinary perspective of life behind the Kennedy curtain. Upon first meeting, RoseMarie was not immediately impressed with JFK, Jr. In an awkward yet comedic encounter, she walked into her office to find that John had begun dismissively boxing up her personal belongings and moving them to a smaller office, including her prized, autographed Howard Stern photo. As she gave him a piece of her mind, people stood around gaping that she would dare speak to JFK, Jr. that way. But John loved her moxie and eventually asked her to become his personal assistant and publicist—and years later she would become one of his closest confidantes, as well as Carolyn's. For five years RoseMarie witnessed John's dating, politics, his marriage to Carolyn, and his untimely death. In her memoir, she blends her own story of a young woman who rose from an embattled childhood to follow her dream with amazing revelations about the man who has been the subject of unparalleled attention, sensationalism, adoration, and speculation. Offering readers a rare access to the epicenter of American royalty, this funny, moving, and truthful work is a breath of fresh air in the legacy of writing about the Kennedys.

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Customer Reviews

The Prologue to "Fairy Tale Interrupted" almost caused me to abandon the book before I even read it. It is poorly constructed and does not do the book justice. Some of the sentences are fractured and awkward to read. The sentences do not flow. I found myself rereading the paragraphs just to grasp their meaning, rather than rereading the paragraphs so that I could remember a poignant concept. Take for example this convoluted sentence from page 4 of the book: "And working for John opened doors to places I never imagined I'd ever enter, like the hottest clubs in town, the most coveted events, exclusive restaurants, even his house in Hyannis, which he lent me for a week every summer." (Try to outline that sentence!) The fact that the author, Rosemarie Terenzio referred to John Kennedy, Jr. as a "Dick", even in her head, in the Prologue cheapened the narrative in its infancy. I suspected that I would struggle through the book and did not really expect to finish it. I anticipated a fairly shallow account, probably somewhat salacious, not unlike leafing through a People magazine. Boy, was I proven wrong! While Terenzio's relationship with John Kennedy Jr. is adeptly woven into every Chapter, the book remains a memoir. The reader is always aware of what else is going on in the author's life, especially her relationship with her Mother and her best friend, Frank. The book begins with Terenzio's first association with John Kennedy, Jr. in 1994 in a work environment and chronicles their relationship through his death in 1999. Terenzio became Kennedy's personal assistant as he developed "George" magazine. The story also provides an in depth description of the author's relationship with Carolyn Bassette before and after Carolyn became Kennedy's wife.

When I read excerpts of "Fairytale Interrupted," in People Magazine last week I made a note to check it out. But when I went to Amazon earlier this week and read the only six reviews left so far I wasn't too thrilled with what I saw. Almost half were one star reviews, with reasons why the readers didn't like the book. The rest were rave reviews that sounded way too trite for my taste in memoir. So I almost went against all the advice I give to readers about vetting reviews and books and passed on "Fairytale Interrupted." I usually check out the information on Amazon, but then go to Kobo to order the digital version because I have two Kobo reading devices and a Nextbook tablet. Part of the reason I

almost passed was because of the questionable reviews, and part was because of the price...\$11.99...which crossed my line when it comes to digital books. I stopped short and decided to read the free digital excerpt on . The reviews kept bothering me; they didn't sound right compared to the great excerpts I'd read in People Magazine. I also figured that I'd never pay that price for an erotic anthology edited by someone who isn't an editor and written by people who are new authors. But I would pay full digital price for memoirs that revolved around names like John Kennedy Jr., depending on what I find while vetting the book. So I opened the excerpt and started reading the prologue. I should also admit that I'm not a huge fan of prologues...anywhere...and usually skip right over them. This time, however, the minute I started reading I couldn't stop. After the prologue, I read part of the first chapter. And after that, I went over to Kobo and bought the book.

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