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Family, and Their Battle for His Soul (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. VERY IMPORTANT WORK, BUT A BIT DECEIVING!Von Ein KundeThis is a story that many Gay and Lesbian people can relate too and unfortunately it happens all too often. But there were some things that really bothered me. I am a Christian Lesbian and am currently in Seminary. My goal is too reach out to my community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I feel Mr.Miller's book hurt my cause more than helped. I am not one to judge another person's walk with the Lord, but based on the facts of the book Mr. Miller seems to think that being a Christian only means being a good person who tries to do the right things. Well, Mr. Miller that is not what a Christian is. I think it's a horrible what your family has done to you. But Mr. Miller, a Christian believes on Jesus Christ and that Jesus is the ONLY WAY for salvation,what does the Bible say Mr. Miller?. Being a nice guy has nothing to do with it! I am happy you are a nice, clean, honest young man Mr. Miller, but are you a Christian? Again, please I am not judging you, only God and you can answer that. It's time in this country for a book to be written by the many gays and lesbians out there who are Christians who love the Lord Jesus Christ with all the hearts who have suffered endlessly and needlessly at the hands of the Heterosexual Christian world. The ones who want to serve the Lord with their whole hearts and souls and believe He is the only way, but have been kicked out of their churches and Bible schools. WE NEED TO READ THEIR STORIES if we are going to make an impact on on hate and discrimination that happens in the name of God. Born again Christian gay and lesbians are really out there!!!! And I am one! We need to show the world that we gay and lesbians can and do know the Lord we are not under a delusion.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "Then you really might know what it's like" -- EverlastVon Ein KundeThere aren't many books by gay and lesbian people who grew up in fundamentalist Christian families.Most people have no idea of the level of fear and loss involved with coming out in these families. This book made me feel heard and sane. One thing this book talked about that I have not seen acknowledged elsewhere is that most non-fundamentalists who have come out will say, "Your parents will come around."We even start to believe that this must be true, although we know on some level our families are different. Real different.Our parents cannot "get there" for the most part. My parents finally have a relationship with me, just barely.The other thing I especially appreciated about this book was that it dealt with the "forces of evil" focus of these churches. [The only other book I've seen that addressed this was Jeanette Winterson's "Oranges are not the Only Fruit," a classic.]For all the talk of love, conservative churches put a lot of energy into fear of evil. Some churches say being gay is demon possession. Others literally believe God may strike us dead.Mr. Miller endured numerous veiled threats to his life from Christians. It's bizarre and if you've been there, it's frightening, because you know these people will do anything they truly believe is God's will. But it was good to read someone else's story acknowledging that this goes on.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Didn't fool me....Von Barbara MillerAs the sister-in-law of the author, and after reading the other reviews, I feel I must have my say about this book. From the moment the book arrived in the mail from Stuart, I began reading it. Almost from page one, I found so many inconsistencies and half truths I had a hard time giving the book the benefit of the doubt. I feel that I have an advantage over the other readers, in that I was there when all this was happening. Basically the book chronicles the author's unhappiness, alcohol and cocaine abuse, and promiscuity ad nauseum. Much more than I wanted to know about someone's personal life, anyone's personal life. He is bitter, it seems, because his parents had the gall to actually pray for him. These were not prayers and letters of condemnation. OK, maybe they did not want to accept his lifestyle , that is their right. Just as it is his right, he says, to chose his own lifestyle. These people, who I deal with everyday, never once banished him from their life. That was his choice. I cannot feel sorry for someone whose parents are concerned about a son's reckless choice of living, as the book so chronicles. I, as others seem to have been~ was not fooled for one minute.

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