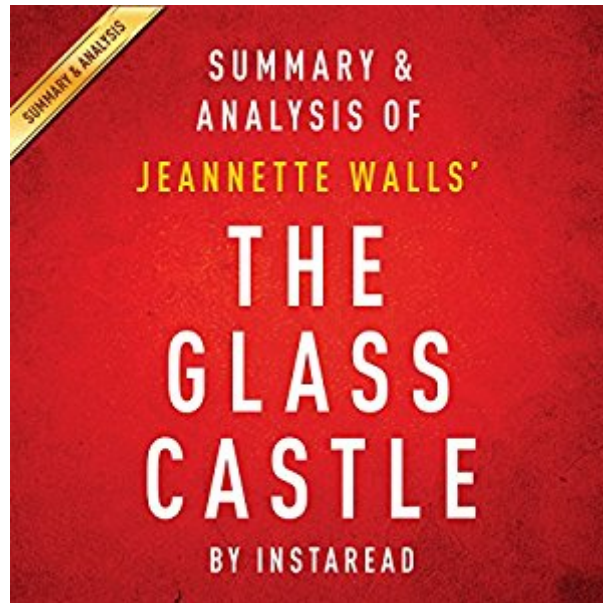


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# The Glass Castle, A Memoir By Jeannette Walls: Summary & Analysis



## Synopsis

Please note: this is a summary and analysis of *The Glass Castle* and not the original book. Preview: Jeannette Walls chronicles all the heartbreak, deprivation, humor, and love of her childhood in *The Glass Castle*, a memoir of growing up dirt-poor on a cross-country odyssey with her charismatic, but alcoholic, father and her codependent mother. Jeannette began thinking of her childhood after spotting her mother, Rose Mary, rummaging through trash in New York City. Her parents were basically living on the street, but offers of help were always rejected. Jeannette went home to her husband's apartment on Park Avenue. She arranged to have lunch with her mom, who advised her to stop feeling guilty, accept her parents as they were, and stop hiding the truth about them. Taking this advice, Jeannette started writing her story. Her first memory went back to a trailer park in Arizona. At the age of three, she spent six weeks in a hospital after her pink tutu caught fire while she was boiling hot dogs with no supervision.... Inside this Instaread summary and analysis of *The Glass Castle*: Summary of book Introduction to the important people in the book Analysis of the themes and author's style

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What is life like as a child living with an alcoholic father and codependent mother? Like many of us, Jeanette Walls earliest memory is one that was traumatic. Cooking hotdogs by herself, at the age of 3, her clothes caught on fire resulting in her spending the next six weeks in hospital. This may seem like a long time but her treatment should have been longer. Her father snatched her from the hospital resulting in Jeanette being left with permanent scars. Fleeing was a way of life for her

parents, Jeanette and her siblings. Where does the title Glass Castle come from? Rex, Jeanette's father, carried the plans for a grand glass castle around with them. Reading the analysis and theme sections of this detailed Instaread review gives the reader a greater glimpse into what life was like for Jeanette and her family. How did the children's childhood affect their adulthood? The original book, told by Jeanette who is now a reporter, is described as being an easy read whilst also being gut wrenching. My review is based on the quality of this Instaread review and NOT the original book. I have read many Instaread books and have to say that I was a little disappointed with this one. Although the reader is provided a fantastic summary, the writing quality is not up to scratch. Grammatically speaking, there are several errors in this book. It is primarily written in the past tense which makes sense as Instaread is reviewing a memoir but the author mixes up the tenses several times. Here is an example: "The potentially dangerous cheetah was soft to the touch and licks her hand." (It should be "licked".) Maybe you do not have time to read the original? Maybe you have read the original and just want to refresh your memory? This book is still worth reading despite the noted errors above. Book provided in exchange for an honest review. Thanks, Liz

I received this book in exchange for a review. This is a summary and analysis of Jeanette Walls' "The Glass Castle" and is not the actual book. I really loved this summary. It is a memoir of Jeanette's life growing up with her dysfunctional parents. I was entertained the entire time that I read this summary, and I am now interested in reading the original book. This review summarizes what the book is about, and analyzes the book's characters and themes. It was really interesting to read about Jeanette's relationship with her father Rex. He was violent and careless, but also very loving. I also enjoyed reading about how Jeanette was able to turn her life around despite being born into such unfavorable circumstances. I highly recommend this summary!

A really compelling review and summary of the memoir "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. Walls's childhood was filled with heartbreak, deprivation, humor, and love. She grew up destitute, and traveled across the country with her charismatic, but alcoholic, father and codependent mother. This Instaread review outlines the story, but adds greater depth to their analysis of the characters and their relationships. I especially loved the section that described the themes and motifs of the memoir. The portion about codependency was gripping, how on the surface Rex and Rose Mary seemed to be opposites, but both fed the unobtainable dreams of the other. I highly recommend this review. It's a steal of a deal, for what you get!

Jeannette Walls grew up with a severely alcoholic father and an equally delusional mother who saw their children as mere objects. The author pens a tale of depravity and abuse, the highs and lows of loving an alcoholic and being raised by a mentally unstable maternal figure. I think this shorter version did a good job of relaying the main points of the story and it actually made me interested in reading the book in its entirety. Something about the author's abrasive and witty honesty drew me in and kept me there. I received this ebook in return for my unbiased opinion.

Many people can and will relate to this summary of events in Jeannette Walls, 'The Glass Castle.' Alcoholism is such a misunderstood disease which affects the life's of everyone around it. Especially that of a little girl such as Jeannette. This is a summary of her memoirs growing up with her dysfunctional parents and how she was able to turn a negative to a positive later in her life. This review summarizes what the book is about detailing characters and plots. It has me hooked and now I want to read the whole thing.

This is a waste of \$. It is a mere 27 pages long. In my case, pages are even missing. It is written at a (perhaps) fifth or sixth grade level. There is no real analysis here, only the most literal and simplified summary.

All I should really say is... poor woman. This isn't normally a read I would be drawn to, but I had it recommended to me by a friend. The summary was short, to the point, and worth the read. I felt like Instaread did a great job at capturing the essence of the memoir, without getting lost in the minutia of the detail. Jeannette certainly did not win the genetic lottery with her situation in life, but it was interesting to learn what she made of it. In addition to a clear summary, this short synopsis included a more in-depth analysis of key characters and themes of the actual book. I especially liked the insight on what the "Glass House" represented for Jeannette. I highly recommend this short analysis for those strapped for time, or seeking a companion to the actual book.

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