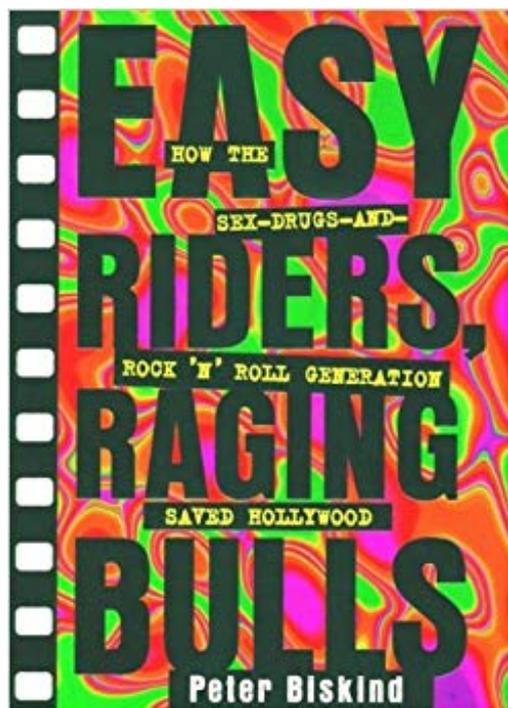


## Happens Every Day



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Isabel Gillies had a wonderful life a handsome, intelligent, loving husband who was a professor; two glorious toddlers; a beautiful house in their Midwestern college town; the time and place to express all her ebullience and affection and optimism. Suddenly, the life Isabel had made crumbled. Her husband, Josiah, announced that he was leaving her and their two young sons. "Happens every day," said a friend. Far from a self-pitying diatribe, Happens Every Day reads like an intimate conversation between friends. It is a dizzyingly can-did, compulsively readable, ultimately redemptive story about love, marriage, family, heartbreak, and the unexpected turns of a life. On the one hand, reading this book is like watching a train wreck. On the other hand, as Gillies herself says, it is about trying to light a candle instead of cursing the darkness, and loving your life even if it has slipped away.



## Reviews of the Happens Every Day

**Lanadrta**

Amazing book. Honest & heartbreaking account of how your whole life can be flipped upside down and it's completely out of your control. Some have called the book 'self-pitying'. I didn't think so, but even if it was, so what? After going through a crushing betrayal, one has the right to lick one's wounds. I believe this book was a necessary and cathartic part of the author's recovery from this event. As for the ex-husband.... wow, just wow. Good luck with wife #3, and I wouldn't want to be

him or her when karma comes knocking.

### **Drelalen**

At first I couldn't get into this book because I was having a hard time relating to the main character but after she moved to Ohio and confessed that they weren't really rich WASP's anymore I started to like her more. Then when she wears her mom coat with pockets for Cheerios and sippy cups I liked her even more. Some professional review I read described this as a train wreck waiting to happen but I didn't get that sense. You know what is happening and Isabel was more honest than most in writing about how she was still in love with her husband after everything and tried her hardest to keep her little family intact. Really good and I finished in two days.

### **Xtintisha**

I've finished the book. It took me three days. I had to pause now and then because there was too much to take in at certain emotional points along the way.

Although worthy of many pages, I've decided a multiple page review won't work.

Critics I think are missing the point. Isabel would probably agree with you that she was too "this," or too "that," and she shouldn't have been such a doormat. (Perhaps her ex-husband can use that line in his next poetry class.) This book was all about the bare honest truth, and how much she loves her family.

I am from Isabel's tribe. Episcopalian. Summer place in New England. People in my family say "humdinger." My father used to rake leaves, even though he could have paid someone to do it. Readers have no idea, given the WASP value for privacy and fabricating cool exteriors, how much writing this book must have cost Isabel.

From Isabel's view of the world, it should be enough to work hard, make commitments and keep them, trust the people close to you, love, tell the truth, and do your best. I happen to agree with her, and I admire her for her for this and what she is willing to pay to try and make it so.

A powerful example is when Isabel gets on her knees in the snow in front of the woman taking her family, and begs her to stop. Isabel's values don't allow for the existence of someone so utterly heartless as to put her own needs before those of a young woman, her family, her children, and her marriage. Surely if this other woman understood what is going on, she would back away. Alas, for the second time in a very powerful five minute span toward the end of the story, she finally comes to realize neither her husband, nor the target of her husband's fantasy are able to care about anyone else but themselves.

Isabel Gillies is a remarkable woman. She is beautiful in every way that could ever be important, and a few more that aren't. Her parents and extended family, her friends, her students, and most of all her boys; they are all very fortunate to share her life and her love.

PS: You will enjoy Isabel's sense of humor, much of it self-deprecating.

She is very kind to the two people who inflicted so much pain (a la Daisy and Tom?). Me, I imagine the two lovers (months after Isabel has moved back to New York), sharing a calm Ohio breakfast, newspaper, and coffee... until the news of another new faculty member coming to the Oberlin English department, brings a hint of unanticipated excitement - and not just a little fear - into the otherwise bucolic scene...

## **Kanal**

I read this book a few months after my own spouse walked out on me and our two young kids. Soon afterward he began cluelessly gushing at me about having finally found true love, etc. Ugh. Very timely read. Its a shocker to have the status quo rocked abruptly and w/o warning by the spouse who's been professing true love to you non-stop for years. You're left to explain something you don't understand yourself to family and friends knowing it doesn't make much sense. But... it does happen every day... and friends and family loose interest and support dwindles away. You still gotta move forward...taking care of your kids ("Where's daddy?") all the while trying to figure out what just happened to you, unable to trust the person you once trusted with you life. Having to admit with and deal with the fact that your faith, trust, and love were all given to someone who may not have ever deserved it. And now you get to parent with them for the rest of your life. Awesome.

Loved Gillies light style that did nothing to hide the pain she was feeling underneath it all. Loved the lack of over-sentimentality. Thanks Gillies :)

## **Priotian**

I truly enjoyed this book. It reads like a play. I, too, have studied acting with Bill Esper (in the 1970s), have a family, still married, and an actress so I was curious about her life story. She does write very well, light and full of images, very imaginative. But after I finished it I had to laugh out loud. Never underestimate the power of a woman scorned. She has entered her ex-husband's and his current wife's territory-writing- something she possibly felt she was too ditzy and incapable of doing and now has probably written a best seller, ready to be made into a movie. College professors must publish on a regular basis and probably some dry writing at that, only colleagues who are interested would bother to read. A lot more people will be reading this book! Congratulations.

## **Akisame**

I read this book a year ago - enjoyed it - and now a year into my first marriage I read it again. She is incredibly honest about her experience & her observations about her marriage, her husband, herself and of what she believed her marriage to be. Perhaps they would have been happy if he hadn't met "Sylvia" - but as the fly on the wall reader - you can't help but feel that his cheating is saving her from a life of having to try too hard.

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