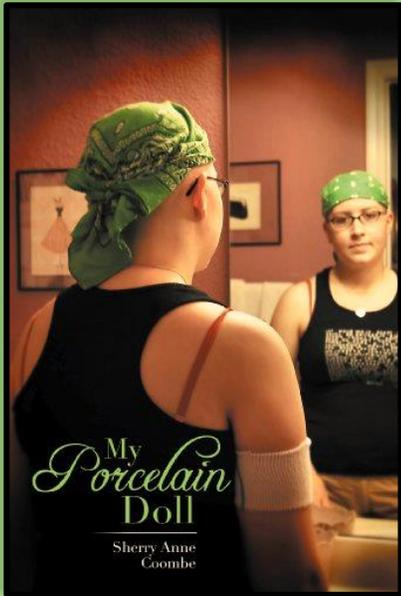


My Porcelain Doll by Sherry Anne Coombe

Book Review by Jean Johnson



"A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity. It dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path." Agatha Christy

"My Porcelain Doll" is a touching heart felt story written by Sherry Anne Coombe, as she walked side by side through her daughter's battle with blood cancer. Coombe shares the small glimmers of hope, strong faith, and triumphs, as well as sweet memories along this pain filled path. Sherry's book is a lasting tribute to her precious daughter, Heather, and to bring a truthful and honest look into the deadly beast of blood cancer.

I like how this book is filled with pictures which take a reader to a place close to this family's life. It's like being able to peer in the window of



their life and heart in a deep way that only pictures can do. Toward the end of Heather's life, when she realized that cancer's complication was to overtake her life, she said to her mother, "Then came a bunch of words like aggressive, really bad, tumor, spinal taps, and on and on. Of course it still didn't sink in how bad he thought it was until he started talking about transplant team and City Of Hope. I knew then I was a really sick lil gal. I think that was the first time I was really, truly scared that it might be too late." ~Heather Coombe

I highly recommend this book for any parent, especially mothers, who have walked through this traumatic battle of their child's life with the monster called cancer. Be sure to keep tissues nearby as you read this poignant story of unconditional love and tenacity of a mother, and a determined father who documented, through the lens of a camera, the beginning of Heather's fight with blood cancer to the end of her life.

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Jean Johnson – Jean's grief journey began in October 2006 when her daughter was murdered. Jean knows the value of self-help through reading and wants to encourage others to read as well. When she finds a book that she believes will help others, she writes a review to encourage them to seek it out and invest their time in reading as a means of healing after loss.