

Elizabeth Grant: My Life - My Story

by Carol Krenz and Marion Suzenne Witz



About the Book

Elizabeth Grant has stood at the helm of her beauty empire for more than 60 years. This first hand account spans nine decades, hundreds of thousands of miles, and delves into deep hardships. Yet ultimately, this memoir leads to a story of success that is often only found in movies and storybooks. Elizabeth's tale is the true story of beating the odds, a woman's determination, and the ability to keep soldiering on to achieve her dreams and goals.

Discussion Guide

1. What historical facts throughout the book were you surprised to learn? Anything about WWII and England at that time? About way of life and trends?
2. What are your impressions of Elizabeth's mother? Do you think she handled her family well given her circumstances?
3. Do you agree with Elizabeth's choice to leave home at such a young age? Do you think many of the difficult decisions that Elizabeth was forced to make at a young age gave her the tools to become the successful woman she is today?
4. Elizabeth worked a few jobs at the same time. Have you ever had to push yourself almost beyond your limits to achieve a dream?
5. What do you think of Elizabeth's 5 principles that are her foundation for living? Do you have a list of plans that you choose to live by?

6. Elizabeth was a kindred spirit in Charles' life and vice versa. What do you make of their friendship and how do they help each other?
7. What was it like to read a first hand account from Elizabeth on her life? Did it enhance the story? Does it make her story more realistic? Could you empathize with her experiences more?
8. Much of Elizabeth's story takes place in the mid 1900's when it was more difficult for women to make it in business on their own. Women were constricted by their family, social conventions, economy --- do you think some of these issues still affect women in business today? Are there other issues at play now?
9. Due to some poor accounting on Sydney's behalf, Elizabeth had to declare bankruptcy. How did Elizabeth find it within herself to handle this situation and not play the blame game? What got her through this period?
10. What do you think is the most important advice/ life lesson that Elizabeth offers to us in this book?

Author Bio

Carol Krenz is a beauty, fashion, and entertainment writer. Her non-fiction books include **Audrey: A Life in Pictures** (a biography of Audrey Hepburn and **100 Years of Hollywood: A Century of Movie Magic**. She lives in Montreal and is currently at work on fiction. Carol is a long time admirer of Elizabeth Grant.

Critical Praise

"Grant's story is inspirational to women the world over. My only complaint about this book, and it is a major one, is that it is not twice its size! Left wanting more, I read **My Life ? My Story** in a day, used a couple of hankies to wipe the tears away paired with many outbursts of laughter, and enthusiastically passed it on to my mother for her to read as well. **My Life ? My Story** is as inspiring a read as Elizabeth Grant is to watch. Perhaps it is time to make my face look as good as Grant's!"

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