



Pretend You Dont See The Elephant The Family Secrets And Silence of Christian Science

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AuthorHouse. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 276 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 6.0in. x 0.8in. Pretend You Dont See The Elephant is a personal memoir about the authors life growing up in the 1950s. Throughout the narrative, the elephant represents the silence surrounding familial dysfunctional behavior. Christian Science provided the background of denial in a home where physical, emotional, and verbal abuse ran rampant. The severity of the abuse and the denial of it destroyed the authors desire to live and at the age of twelve, she tried to commit suicide. Failing to die, she was exiled to an alcoholic uncles home, barely escaping sexual molestation before being returned home to her parents. The Christian Science religion of her mother was responsible for the refusal of medical attention, leaving her to die after a ruptured appendix. The author was told every day of her life that she was a failure as a Christian Scientist and her illnesses were her fault. From her father she was told she was so clumsy and ugly that no one would ever marry her. Dont talk, dont tell was a way of life, and she spent a lifetime living under this code of silence. The effects of...



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