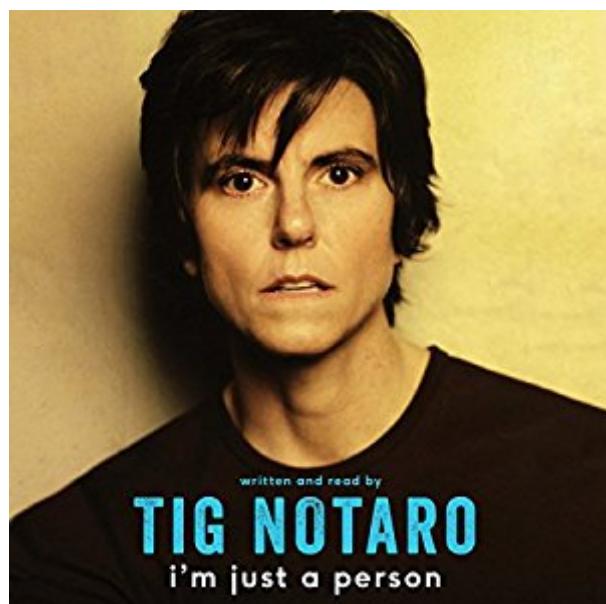


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# I'm Just A Person



## Synopsis

One of America's most original comedic voices delivers a darkly funny, wryly observed, and emotionally raw account of her year of death, cancer, and epiphany. In the span of four months in 2012, Tig Notaro was hospitalized for a debilitating intestinal disease called C. diff, her mother unexpectedly died, she went through a breakup, and then she was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer. Hit with this devastating barrage, Tig took her grief onstage. Days after receiving her cancer diagnosis, she broke new comedic ground, opening an unvarnished set with the words, "Good evening. Hello. I have cancer. How are you? Hi, how are you? Is everybody having a good time? I have cancer." The set went viral instantly and was ultimately released as Tig's sophomore album, *Live*, which sold 100,000 units in just six weeks and was later nominated for a Grammy. Now the wildly popular star takes stock of that no good, very bad year - a difficult yet astonishing period in which tragedy turned into absurdity and despair transformed into joy. An inspired combination of the deadpan silliness of her comedy and the openhearted vulnerability that has emerged in the wake of that dire time, *I'm Just a Person* is a moving and often hilarious look at this very brave, very funny woman's journey into the darkness and her thrilling return from it.

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## Customer Reviews

In 2012, stand up comic Tig Notaro made headlines when she began one of her performances with "Good evening, hello. I have cancer. How are you? Hi, how are you? Is everyone having a good time? I have cancer." The video clip of that performance went viral and the world soon knew of

Notaro's situation. But that wasn't all. In the space of four months, Notaro nearly died of a C-Diff infection, her mother died in a freak accident, and she was diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer. Her memoir *I'm Just A Person* shares Notaro's journey of those months. The book opens as Notaro is taking a cab ride from the hospital back to her mother's house in Texas after her mother died. Tig had recently been discharged from a hospital in Los Angeles after a harrowing infection which resulted in her being unable to keep any food down. She was weak as a kitten when she got the call from her stepfather about her mother. Notaro shares stories about her unconventional mother, a woman for whom "drinking with friends by the pool was (her) nine-to-five job and she took it very seriously." Notaro was a poor student, held back twice in the eighth grade. She eventually dropped out of school and ended up in Los Angeles with some friends where she became a working standup comic. *I'm Just A Person* deals mainly with her four month ordeal. She writes matter-of-factly about her illnesses and fears, but it is her relationship with her free spirit mother and how Notaro came to terms with it after her mother's death that truly resonates here. Her description of going into her mother's home and looking at photos and her mother's belongings, and the memories that conjures up is moving. You'll read *I'm Just A Person* in a few hours, it is a slim book, but Notaro's story will stay with you a lot longer and maybe give you pause to reflect on your own mortality and relationships. She packs a big punch in a few words. I recommend it.

My girlfriend and I had planned on going out on this beautiful, sunny Saturday but, after I read her the first chapter, we couldn't stop. We ended up reading the book cover to cover, crying and laughing, and, ultimately, finding great inspiration from Tig's story...not forced inspiration but inspiration that comes from someone who speaks about their experiences with raw honesty and comedic acuity.

Tig is the awesome-est person ever!!! I watched 'Tig' on Netflix so I already know the story, and yet I bought the book. That's how awesome Tig is. Buy this book, buy the audiobook, and then watch 'Tig' on Netflix. Just binge in the Word of Tig!!!

Very interesting and insightful glance into the life of one my favorite comedians. Really enjoyed learning about her childhood and all the details of those infamously rough few months she experienced. Highly recommend especially to any Tig fans, but also any fan of comedy and/or biographies.

I bought this book because I was curious to know who Tig Notaro is. So happy I did - I found that her story really resonates with me for a gazillion reasons. This book has everything - laughter, tears, sweetness. Definitely recommended!

I bought this book because I'm a fan of Tig and her stand up. She has a dry sense of humor, which I love like crazy. If you've seen the documentary on her life with cancer and the happy aftermath, you won't be surprised by much in the book. I still found it comforting to read, like a long letter from an old friend. I wish Tig years of health, happiness and humor.

I love Tig. I first discovered her when I watch the pilot of "One Mississippi" ( I keep hoping continues this show ). She is easy to listen to; I mean when she talks, it just makes me smile. It's seems as if you know her and at the same time wish you could have a friend like her. She is dead brilliant.

Tig is a great writer. She kept your interest and the book NEVER got boring. Great read!! I identified here and there. I'm sure lots did... I unless you led a Pollyanna life! Thank you Tig for fighting to survive and making it!! Keep the faith:-)

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