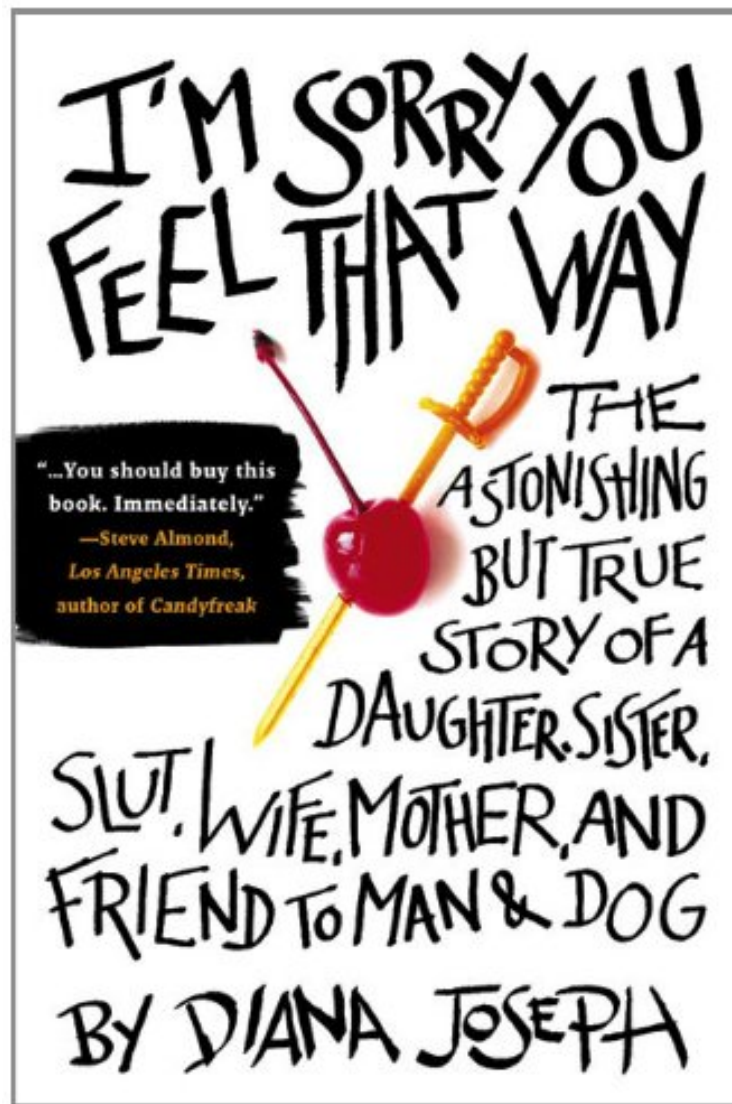


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From BooklistA rite of passage for many teens is the sex talk. For debut memoirist Joseph, it was the slut talk administered by her hard-edged father. See, what happens is sometimes a girl will go with this one, and then shell go with that one, and then she thinks, what the hell, that one there doesnt look so bad, why not go with that one, too, hed opine as he pulled on an unfiltered Lucky. In the years that followed, Josephs life was peppered with prickly relationships with the opposite sex, from boyfriends so icky they became woeful stories recounted over strawberry margaritas to an ex-husband who broke her heart (but still fixes her brakes). She buys her son a doll to put him in touch with his feminine side but later decides shed rather groom him to be the next Bruce Springsteen. Josephs mordant sense of humor helps her make hay from harrowing life experiences. But there are poignant moments here, too, where emotional pain is played for more than just laughs. --Allison Block aMs. Josephas sense of the apt detail, of the rapid-fire of human commerce, of the way the important gets hidden in the flippant, the hilarity of it all, the sadness, too, the sympathy she emits and provokes for the complexity of just livinga all that makes this book irresistible to me.a aRichard Ford aSomehow hard-boiled and warmhearted all at once, Josephas stories have an unflinching honesty and a wry appreciation for the absurdities of masculinity and motherhood.a aSarah Vowell, author of "Assassination Vacation"About the AuthorDiana Joseph has worked as a waitress, a short-order cook, a typist, and a teacher. Her essay "The Boy" won the Kentucky Women Writers Prize for Creative Nonfiction. Joseph currently teaches in the MFA program at Minnesota State University, Mankato.