



Trophy Life

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Trophy Life Book

A refreshingly honest, laugh-out-loud novel about losing the life you always wanted and finding the life you were meant to have. For the last ten years, Agnes Parsons's biggest challenge has been juggling yoga classes and lunch dates. Her Santa Monica house staff takes care of everything, leaving Agnes to focus on her trophy-wife responsibilities: look perfect, adore her older husband, and wear terribly expensive (if uncomfortable) underwear. When her husband disappears, leaving Agnes and their infant daughter with no money, no home, and no staff, she is forced to move across the country, where she lands a job teaching at an all-boys boarding school in the Bronx. So long, organic quinoa bowls and sunshine-filled California life. Hello, processed food, pest-infested house, and twelve-year-old-boy humor all day, every day. But it's in this place of second chances (and giant bugs), where Agnes is unexpectedly forced to take care of herself and her daughter, where she finds out the kind of woman she can be. Ultimately, she has to decide if she prefers the woman and mother she has become or the trophy life she left behind. Authentic and sharply witty, Trophy Life is proof that granny panties and mom coats might not be the answer to everything; they're simply comfortable (if slightly unattractive) reminders of what happens when one life ends and real life begins.

Agnes is fortunate to have the dream life that most women desire. Her loving husband, Jack, is successful and generously provides for her and their infant daughter, Grace. She lives on the beach in Santa Monica and spends her days practicing yoga. She also has full-time help to run her home and care for her daughter. She has lots of flexibility to spend time with her friends and family.

This happy life comes to an abrupt halt when Jack doesn't arrive for their usual couples massage. Agnes is informed by Jack's best friend that he has business troubles and will be away for an undetermined amount of time. She also learns that her house and cars are being repossessed and there is no money to pay the staff. While their finances are in flux, a job has been secured for Agnes in New York City. She will teach at an all-boys middle school and will receive a modest housing allowance. Confused and angry about her husband's dishonesty, she is forced to move forward and make some important decisions about her life.

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This is a debut novel by Lea Geller. Trophy Life is an enjoyable story covering motherhood, friendship, and self-discovery. While reading this book, you can't help getting pulled into Agnes's

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world and all the obstacles she must overcome.

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Trophy Life Ipa

3 Stars!

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Agnes is living the good life in Santa Monica, CA. She is married to a wealthy investment manager, Jack, and they have a one year old, Grace. Agnes can have anything she wants and she can spend her time doing yoga and going to nice lunches while her nannies take care of Grace. One day, Agnes gets a call that she must leave CA and go teach middle school in the New York Bronx. She doesn't know much detail except her husband, Jack, is in big trouble with his investors. She doesn't even know where her own husband is because he's in hiding.

Agnes gets to the Bronx with little to nothing because she had to sell all her stuff. She is now teaching middle school boys English with kids who are troublemakers. They're those kids who's parents are so rich but the kids have bad behavior issues but must stay in private school due to their parents wishes. These boys are tough but Agnes is brought back to her roots as she did not grow up rich. All this time she just wants to go home but Jack is barely communicating with her and she is sacrificing everything for him. So what do you do if your own husband asks you to do something illegal? Does how much you love someone make a difference in your decision?

This was a cute story overall however I found myself getting frustrated with the main character the entire time. Maybe it's because our lives don't run parallel at all but there's something about a weak female character that drives me nuts. The entire story the husband clearly had control and she basically dropped everything and everyone for this man who treated her terribly. For being her husband I felt that he was very aggressive at times both with physical gestures and the way he spoke to her. He spoke down to her a lot. I was waiting for the moment in the middle of the story when she was going to tell him off but I never got that satisfaction.

I think that this story could be relatable to people who are in similar situations. My own marriage is

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extremely 50/50 and I just could not relate to Agnes. The parts I did love about this were 1. When she stood up and got close with her boys. She was the only one who tried to understand them and help them and I loved that. 2. When she bonded with Grace. Since before Agnes had to move, she had a nanny and never spent as much time with Grace. Losing everything made her focus more on her child and she got to experience things with Grace that she may never have with a nanny. Those were truly bright spots in the book.

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The biggest issue I had with Trophy Life is that Agnes really didn't get a backbone until the last few pages of the book. She went along with everything her husband said even though there were a ton of obvious red flags that everything was NOT on the up and up. I just can't connect to a character that would move across the country without question, just because her husband (who has gone MIA) tells her to. Plus she just seemed really dense which drove me nuts.

I also thought this book wasn't near as funny as it was made out to be. There is definitely humor don't get me wrong, but I was expecting to be laughing a lot when reality was more of a few chuckles every

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now and then. It had a lot of potential but just feel flat for me.

Final Thought: I really think that if I could have made some sort of connection to Agnes I would have liked this book a whole lot more. Every time she whined about her new life in New York I wanted to tell her to put on her big girl panties and deal with it, she isn't a child. Overall, I did really like the story though and would definitely read more by Geller. This is a debut novel and I hope I will like her second much better. I will say that I would still recommend this book to people that like lighter reads and anyone that likes the sounds of the synopsis. I have seen a lot of people that love this one, but just not me.

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Trophy Life Meaning

I thought that this was a cute story, and it did have more to it than just the tale of a trophy wife. I liked that we got to see Agnes in a different light from where she started, and found myself really pulling for her. She was a likable character, and there were some sweet moments, especially seeing the relationships form between Agnes and her middle school students that she ends up teaching to support herself and her daughter. .

This was a fantastic read with much heart and more depth than I expected from its description. It will be relatable for any woman who has ever had to "go it alone" and forge a new path when life doesn't turn out as she'd expected. We might think that the story of a "trophy wife" would be vacuous, but the character of Agnes learned much about herself and others as she reinvents herself within a life she didn't ask for and makes tough choices about love and rightness. Highly recommended!

Trophy Life Youtube

Agnes has a Trophy Life and doesn't want for anything. When her husband disappears, her life changes dramatically. Agnes moves across the country with her baby girl and gets a job teaching at a middle school. Trophy Life is a refreshing and sometimes humorous story of starting over and discovering self worth and the resilience of the human spirit. Lea Geller has written a solid debut novel. I can't wait to read her next book! I received an advance review copy. All opinions are my own.

Agnes is a California trophy wife whose life as she knows it comes to an abrupt stop when her husband fails to show up to their weekly massage date. Agnes is told by her husband's confidante that she has to move to the Bronx to teach middle schoolers at a boarding school and wait to hear from her husband. Agnes goes from her gilded life to a mice infested condo at the school. Her life turns completely upside down. The story of Agnes's journey of awakening is told with humor and authenticity and I loved every minute of it. I was laughing out loud throughout the book. Trophy Life is the author's debut book and I look forward to many more from her.

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Trophy Life Is Strange

What happens when your Trophy Life becomes nothing but strife? This is the situation Agnes Parson is facing when her husband Jack gets himself into financial troubles and goes into hiding - WITHOUT her! Jack sends Agnes to The Bronx to teach in a middle school that his friends runs.

Watching Agnes learn to rely on herself again, something she hadn't done since meeting Jack, is an interesting story, however, the highlight of Trophy Life for me was the relationship Agnes formed with her middle school students and learning not only to rely on herself but to be someone others could rely on too.

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Don't let the fun and bright cover fool you, this book had more depth than I anticipated from first glance. Sure, it's light and has plenty of laugh old loud moments, but it's also brutally honest and feels refreshingly authentic.

Agnes is living the dream, she has a gorgeous house in Santa Monica, an adoring husband and a sweet baby daughter. Her only job is to look good for her husband, their hired help takes care of the rest and when her entire world gets flipped upside down and she is forced to get a real job, teaching unruly middle school boys no less, she gets a rude awakening, and fast. To start with I didn't think much of Agnes, she seemed vapid and self absorbed but there is much more than meets the eye with this woman. Over the course of the book she undergoes quite the transformation and I was rooting for her hardcore by the end.

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This is told over the course of one year as she navigates life as a single mom who's future is in limbo as she struggles to figure out what her next steps are. While I did like her quite a bit, her boys, (the students she teaches) stole my heart. They're a group of misfits that have been labeled as

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troublemakers by the adults in their lives and she seems to be the only person who truly cares about these kids. They were also rotten little stinkers who cause mischief at every opportunity making for some hilarious scenarios.

Recommended when you want a read with that great balance of light hearted fun and subtle depth, especially for anyone that has ever had to start over in their own life!

Trophy Life in three words: Refreshing, Genuine and Funny ...more

Trophy Life Is Strange Before The Storm

3 1/2 stars

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But when everything with her husband finally comes to a tipping point, Agnes must decide whether to continue this life that she now knows or go back to the trophy life she left behind in Santa Monica.â• £

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I liked the main character, Agnes, when it came to her students. Yes, there were times when I wanted to shake her and scream "Be mad! Be angry! Be pissed!" because she had every right to be but still I enjoyed watching her find her own way. Trophy Life is a fun read!â• £

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Jack vanishes along with his money. It appears he got into some trouble and had to go dark. Agnes is left with none of her financial or material comforts as she must figure out how to care for her and Grace. She ends up moving and teaching at a boys school in the Bronx. Her entire world is turned upside down as she tries to figure out what kind of woman she really is as she adapts to her new normal.

I loved this one. Itâ€™s a nice light read that you can fly through. Though I found myself frustrated with Agnes at times for some of the decisions she was making, I recognize it was all part of her overarching journey. Overall I really enjoyed watching Agnes transform into her new life and youâ€™ll feel all the things right along with her. If you want a quick story to make you laugh, cry and love - this ones for you! // âˆ•âˆ•âˆ•âˆ•âˆ•

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Agnes is hurt, confused and angry. Itâ€™s a long fall from the life of privilege in sunny Santa Monica to teaching troubled boys. One life is over for Agnes and Grace and another begins. I liked Agnes. She came from a rough childhood to marry a wealthy man to have it all taken away from her. She is tough, resilient and she finds the inner strength to face being alone and to take care of herself and her daughter. She finds the courage to deal with her new circumstances. She reconnects with her best friend, Beeks, and meets a colorful bunch of characters as she tries to connect with a class full of rowdy middle school boys whose rich parents have plopped into boarding school in the hopes of preparing them for high school.

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I found this book to be funny, sad, and heart-warming. I do much of my reading on Sundays and I finished this book in no time. It was a really enjoyable read!

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I swear, expectations are half a book. Looking at the bright cover & reading the synopsis, I'm expecting a Shopaholic type read. I'm ready to meet a rich girl/mom & ready to see her fall on her face after her money is ripped away from her. Even more, I'm ready to see her get back up again after falling.

With Trophy Life, Lea Geller writes an original second chance type of novel. This story is much deeper and more inspiring than I ever thought it would or could be. Yes, there are times I want to scream at Agnes. But that's what happens when we watch someone find his/her way, correct? As we see Agnes struggle, we see her grow as a person. Stripped from her luxury lifestyle, she's able to re-evaluate every single thing in her life. As I think about that now, it's freeing in many ways. She's able to start completely over & create a life she is proud of.

THE VERDICT

I am Really Into This book! Lea Geller writes an inspiring read that may make you rethink your own life & decisions. Trophy Life is fun, insightful & enjoyable.

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Trophy Life Fantasy Football

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Everything in Agnesâ€™s trophy life fell apart within the opening chapters. The rest of the book is the story of coming into her own, as a single mother, educator and friend. I loved her wit, growth and resilience through the book. After tremendous trauma and loss in her youth, finding a stable home and family was a comfort and relief. Having that stripped away in an instant, she was devastated but kept moving forward, for herself and her daughter - complete with puffs, store bought baby purÃ©es and comfortable panties! Highly recommended for fans of womenâ€™s fiction who enjoy a story with depth. 4.5/5 stars.

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There is so many interesting characters, I donâ€™t even know where to start! Agnes, our main character shows us some of the hardest time and Geller goes above and beyond to show us not only her

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struggles but also how she lives as a mom, teacher and lover. I found this story to be inspiration and to use a loose word, beautiful as our main character wasn't completely flawed but still had some aspects to her where we could see ourselves in her shoes and really connect with her on a personal level.

There is plot twists, character development and above all, a great story to be told from Trophy Life. I would definitely recommend you get your hands on this book because it will be a bestseller. This book will be available April 9th so mark your calendars!

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