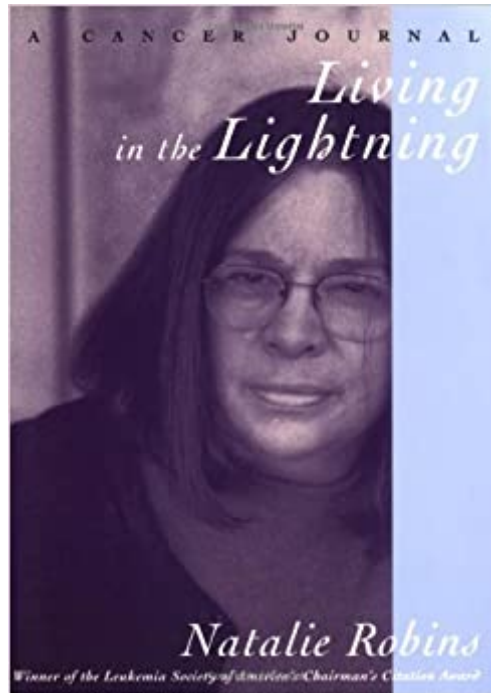




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the millions more who love them.

Natalie Robins is the author of eight books, including "Savage Grace (cowritten with Steven M. L. Aronson)," for which she received the Edgar Allan Poe Award; "Alien Ink: The FBI's War on Freedom of Expression, winner of the Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award; and "The Girl Who Died Twice: The Libby Zion Case and the Hidden Hazards of Hospitals. She lives in New York City with her husband, Christopher Lehmann-Haupt.

I read this book a few days after my doctor told me he was "very concerned" I may have a very rare and aggressive form of cancer. I found the easy style of the book was something I definitely needed while my mind was racing in a million directions. I loved that I could identify with the author on silly things like what to wear to my next doctor's appointment. The lightness yet meaningful style of the book helps in a time when so much is going on around you.

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