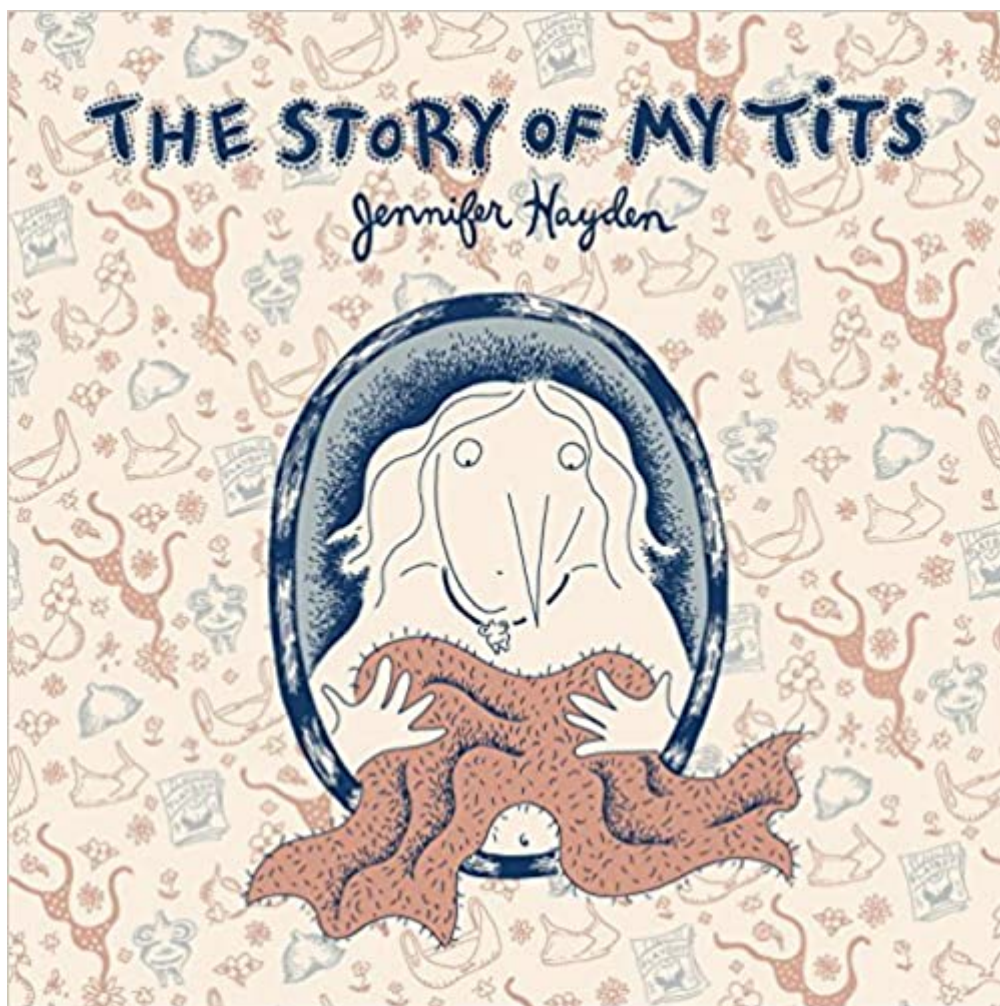


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# The Story Of My Tits



## Synopsis

"Truly moving. Hayden has created a heartfelt and often hilarious tribute to her life-and to the resilience of women everywhere." - Publishers Weekly (starred review)"Heartbreaking and riveting, Jennifer Hayden's caustic, sarcastic wit streams through her quirky drawings, unfolding a survivor's tale and so much more. The Story of My Tits takes us from her flat-chested adolescence to small-boobed acceptance, then loss - until the dramatic reconstruction of Jennifer herself." - Marisa Acocella Marchetto, author of Cancer Vixen and Ann Tenna"The pacing of her storytelling is seamless... Hayden's memoir will resonate with anyone who has suffered loss and gone on to tell the tale." -- BooklistNamed one of Library Journal's BEST BOOKS OF 2015! A landmark work of graphic memoir and a cancer narrative that Gabrielle Bell (Lucky and Cecil & Jordan in New York) calls, "comforting, straightforward and strongly connected to life." When Jennifer Hayden was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 43, she realized that her tits told a story. Across a lifetime, they'd held so many meanings: hope and fear, pride and embarrassment, life and death. And then they were gone. Now, their story has become a way of understanding her story. For everyone who's faced cancer personally, or watched a loved one fight that battle, Hayden's story is a much-needed breath of fresh air, an irresistible blend of sweetness and skepticism. Rich with both symbolism and humor, The Story of My Tits will leave you laughing, weeping, and feeling grateful for every day.

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## Customer Reviews

It's a fantastically written and paced story. The fact that Ms. Hayden did all the artwork adds to the intimacy of the story. The story starts when the protagonist is 10 years old. She longs for boobs, but they don't even hint at popping out until she is 15. This is also the story of her relationship with her parents, siblings, husband, children, and herself. The relationships with her mother and mother-in-law are particularly well detailed and interesting. Eventually, the protagonist is diagnosed with breast cancer. It is handled exceptionally well. Having dealt with this in my own family, I can say that her presentation of this issue and the emotions around it is spot on. Thank you Ms. Hayden.

I'm not one to emote while reading, but Ms. Hayden's graphic novel made me laugh out loud, quietly weep, and thoroughly engrossed me. I read it straight through, and then started over to appreciate the art work. The incredibly detailed and clever art work. From the magazines on the table, to the toys on the floor, to the titles of books on the shelves, every ink stroke is purposeful and frivolous at the same time. How does she do that?

The story itself was interesting. A woman's relationship with her body image. The story of waiting to grow up and have breasts, the story of how those breasts sustain life when breastfeeding and the pain of losing them to cancer. This is the story of Jennifer's struggle both with her own cancer and her mother's cancer years before. The story of how a family deals with cancer the relationship between a husband and wife and a mother and her daughter around breast cancer. The drawings were crude and the lettering was difficult to read in some of the panels.

Tears. Heartache. Perspective. Connection. Understanding. Relief. Release. I felt all these things and more as I read *The Story of My Tits*. My book club chose it in conjunction with my experience with breast cancer and honestly, I didn't want to read it. But, boy, am I glad I did. Jennifer Hayden captured it all, perfectly.

Very moving story about life and death. Though we are all mortal and destined to suffer - there is strength and hope through acceptance and love. Jennifer is an "alternative" cartoonist, so traditionalists may not enjoy her style - but her artwork more than adequately told the story for me, and her writing is superlative.

Gave this to a friend undergoing treatment for breast cancer, and she loved it.

I really enjoyed the love within this family. A good mixture of humour and serious content. Very hopeful ending. Bravo

One of my top five of graphic novels. Can't recommend it high enough, as literature and as art.

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