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This exciting anthology contains stories from twenty-five women from different parts of the world. Their ages differ, as do their backgrounds and locations, but one thing they all have in common is a spirit of independence and a determination to not only succeed, but prevail. Whether their struggles are to maintain balance between motherhood and career, escape from an abusive relationship, or to step out in faith and pursue a dream, all of these women have forged their own path.

As women, one of our most powerful "gifts" is the ability to encourage one another. This book is an effort to encourage women across the world. These twenty-five women share stories that will make you laugh, inspire you, and maybe even make you cry. Their hope is that these stories will inspire YOUR independent spirit and allow you to live the life you were meant to live.

In addition, each woman has included a "sneak peek" into one of her own novels.

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From Reader Review Indie Chicks: 25 Women 25 Stories for online ebook

Anne Gallagher says

If you're a writer, a woman, a mom, a survivor, you MUST read this book. As I read the essays I kept thinking to myself, "This is SO my life." Fabulous, Brilliant, Awesome, this book is a must read for every aspiring and published female writer alike. I can't rave about it enough.

Therese says

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This is a collection of essays by 25 women, but the majority of the book consists of excerpts from books they have written. I'm only reading the essays because I don't want to start an excerpt of a book and then have to go get it.

These essays are good and interesting until a great deal about what kind of books these women write. Since I don't remember all the books I have, I have been checking some of these out to purchase and surprisingly find out I have some of them. Check out the authors featured here and then check out the books you have. You may have some of these, so while I initially thought most of these were going to be a waste of time, I was wrong.

Rachel says

As with so many anthologies that are sections you will enjoy and sections that are not quite for you. It was the same with this one. I really liked the introductory stories about how each of the authors found their talents and became published. Some of the stories show a real sense of empowerment.

All of the sections are excerpts from the authors books and I did go on to purchase the following books:
Coexist
Chasing Amanda
The Good Knight
Along Came A Demon
Damian's Oracle

So although some of the excerpts didn't interest me overly, I have been introduced to other authors through this anthology.

Albert says

If you have been following this blog for any amount of time (if not then you should), you know that I review

books and interview indie authors. I support indie authors as much as any one person can. I know that I state in the about page that I do this because of my wife (RJ Palmer) but this is not the case anymore. I started out just wanting a way to benefit her and I can admit that this was purely for greed and love of a wife, but in the time since I started this blog I have grown. I have met some incredibly talented, honest, helpful, cheerful and the adjectives could go on forever people. These authors not only pour their heart into their own baby but they work together as a community to help others in their craft get better, thus making a better experience for us readers. Show me other arenas where the stars work together to better the experience for the consumer. These authors do their all fire best to take new indie authors under their wings and cultivate the storyteller to a level that really fine tunes their craft. I have to say that at this point I am happy that I fell into this world feet first and have not looked back since and I am sure my wife feels the same.

Now how does any of the above go with a review of a book? How does this help you decide on whether or not to purchase it? Why should you care how I feel? How did you get here when you used a different search term?

I can not answer any of these questions, only you, the reader of this, can. Now on to the review. I had thought that I would review the book overall instead of per story as there are 25 stories. I feel that reviewing each story would detract from the overall meaning of the book. Also at the end of this review I will include a small note from each of the authors of this book. Please share this work with everyone you know.

There comes a time when, as a reviewer (professional or indie), that you come across a book that reaches deep within your soul and grabs your heart then refuses to relinquish either. This book is filled with pages of undiluted emotion and the baring of souls that you were not expecting. You are so touched by the story or stories that you can not or I should say will not put it down. This book makes you laugh with joy, cry with pain, shake with anger, sneer with contempt and smile with triumph. Indie Chicks is that book for me. I approached this book with some trepidation as it is an anthology and I am not particularly fond of those but it is filled with 25 of the who's who of Indie Chick authors, so I figured I would give it a go.

I then started this journey without realizing that I would be so moved. These women bared their souls in one book, for the world to see and did so without looking back. The psychologist in me says that this was part of the healing process but the man in me says they need to be held and loved and told that everything will be alright. However the overall meaning is not lost and I realize that in truth this was meant as a journey of overcoming the seemingly impossible with determination, grit and self worth. Indie Chicks teaches women to pick themselves up and overcome what is thrown at them because they are worth it and can not be held down when they chose not to be. Each story runs smoothly with the others to reach this overall expression with or without the Indie Chicks realization. The writing in each story is flawless, raw and the emotional highs will drive you from one to the next. I recommend this to every woman on the planet, especially those in situations of despair or depression. I recommend this for every man on the planet because to love a woman, respect a woman and honor a woman does not make you gay. Besides we may all learn something.

I realize that the proceeds of this book go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation but I would prefer you bought it based on the overall expression of the book. Let us ring two bells at once, buy this book because all proceeds go to the boobs and also because women are more than boobs.

Joo says

It took me ages getting into this, but then I just started reading the "Chicks'" stories rather than the samples

and it was inspiring reading.

Well done to all you chicks. You almost inspire me to write a book (except I can't write)

Bethe says

DISCLAIMER: My review is biased. As a contributor (I wrote the 'Afterword') you would think, well of course she's going to give it 5 stars. But there is another reason: this anthology showcases 25 extremely talented authors you need to be aware of, and all royalties are donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation for breast cancer research. It not only book excerpts, but personal stories of triumph...the kind where women emerge from difficult situations donning super heroes capes. So...biased? Maybe, but I think scars make us even more beautiful.

Perhaps your story whispers in the pages?

Joanne says

What a fantastic and inspirational idea! This is a brilliant way to try different authors' work and a way to find new books to read while at the same time supporting a great and worthy cause. It is also a great book for dipping in and out of in the short free spaces of a busy life. This will also help to inspire and encourage women to change their lives for the better.

Al says

Although the potential appeal of these stories seems to cater to a wannabe author or someone who is already a fan of one or more of the authors chosen, "Indie Chicks" has much more to offer. While some of the stories are better than others and they cover a broad range of tone, from humorous to heart wrenching and confessional, the overall tone is inspirational, and not just for future novelists. The value of setting goals, hard work, and perseverance comes through loud and clear. That it is possible to come back from bad decisions and bad things happening to a person is another common theme. No matter what your situation and dreams, these Indie Chicks can help show you the way to get there.

**Originally written for "Books and Pals" book blog. May have received a free review copy. **

Donna says

These twenty-five spectacular women kick some serious butt. Each story is wonderful and brave. These ladies bared their soul, giving us some funny, thrilling, and many times heartbreaking stories. Those I thought I wouldn't be interested in, wowed me. My only problem with this book was, how can I afford to buy every one of their books?

These gifted ladies are donating all sales to fight breast cancer. We all have someone going through, or have lost someone to this horrid disease. Please, buy this book, not only to fight breast cancer, but to support and get to know some fantastic new authors. I know you will be inspired by these tough, generous ladies and

their creativity.

What a wonderful Christmas present for your Mother, aunt, sister, neighbor, or all your women friends.

If you look at my reviews, I don't give five stars very often. This deserves those five lucky stars.

Snem says

There were some intriguing stories that I would consider reading more. Mostly, I was inspired by most of these women who feel so passionately about writing that when they found obstacles to traditional publishing they went independent. I did find these stories to simply be not my cup of tea and I wouldn't recommend this to others.

Karen Fowler says

A great way to discover great new books while getting a glimpse into the lives of several of the best female Indie Writers out there. And I found several books that I MUST read too!

Christel Grady says

Now there's about 7 more books I need to read. Great teaser!

Leta Gail Doerr says

This book is a wonderful blend of the women behind the words. In this open and very telling anthology we are introduced to 25 strong, courageous and down to earth women who share their journey into the literary world. I thoroughly enjoyed this candid look at the industry. Well done ladies!

Leta Gail

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Judy says

Not what I was expecting when I loaded it onto my kindle. Now I know what indi is. All works were excerpts not complete stories except the personal information about the authors. If I find the books at the library which will be doubtful, I might enjoy finishing some of them.

dragon warrior

Abigail

Forever 27

Damian's oracle

Along came a demon

The merry go round

Seeing Julia

Life is but a dream on the lake
A thousand glass flowers - read
Vestal virgin
The good knight
Food of love
Death by sarcasm
Sinner man
Dead is the new black
The fashion police
The secret diary of Alice in wonderland age 42 and three quarters
A time for change
Chasing Amanda
No way out
Night widow
Coexist
Damaged
The book of lost souls
Cloud nine

Karin Cox says

Aspiring writers are always searching for that elusive element -- the secret that sets the stars in the sky, the one thing (be it luck or talent or grit or friends in high places) that makes some writers shine and others fade to obscurity. In truth, there is no "one thing." The superstars, the blockbusters and the bestsellers have probably risen up the ranks thanks to a combination of talent, luck and very hard work. But if you're looking for that secret to success, well you could do a lot worse than look here.

These ladies are unflinchingly honest, laying bare their personal lives and their own hopes and aspirations to encourage others. Every cent made off this book is going to charity, but with their personal stories these ladies have demonstrated they not only have big hearts, they have guts. It takes real courage to leave an abusive relationship. It takes real courage to stare down depression and come out the victor. It takes real courage to be a single Mom. And it takes courage to write -- and especially to go it alone and put your writing before the world as an indie author. These brave ladies have done all that and more. Above all, it takes a heck of a lot of courage to overcome a battle with breast cancer. This book is an inspiring, illuminating read, but every book sold also helps make the life of breast cancer sufferers -- those courageous women who could be our mothers, our sisters, our daughters, ourselves -- just a little easier. Buy it today. If not for yourself, for a woman you love.
