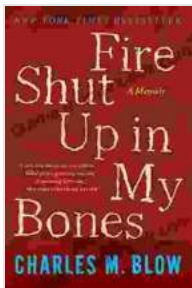


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A Childhood in Mississippi

Ward was born in DeLisle, Mississippi, in 1977. Her parents were both sharecroppers, and the family lived in poverty. Ward's father was an alcoholic, and her mother was often sick. Ward and her siblings were often left to fend for themselves.

Despite her difficult circumstances, Ward was a bright and curious child. She loved to read and write, and she dreamt of becoming a writer. She

attended Mississippi State University, where she majored in English. After graduating, she worked as a waitress and a teacher before publishing her first novel, *Where the Line Bleeds*, in 2006.

Family Struggles

Ward's family struggled with poverty and addiction throughout her childhood. Her father was an alcoholic, and her mother was often sick. Ward and her siblings were often left to fend for themselves.

In 2000, Ward's brother, Joshua, was killed in Hurricane Katrina. Joshua was a talented musician and a loving brother. His death was a devastating loss for Ward and her family.

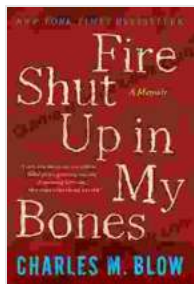
Resilience

Despite the challenges she faced, Ward never gave up on her dreams. She became a successful writer and has won numerous awards for her work. She is also a vocal advocate for social justice and has spoken out about the importance of education and opportunity.

Ward's story is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. Even in the face of adversity, she never gave up on her dreams. She is an inspiration to all who have faced challenges in their own lives.

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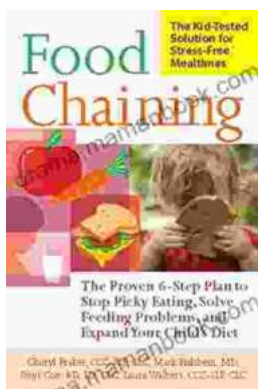
Ward's story is an important reminder that even in the face of adversity, we can overcome challenges and achieve our dreams. Her memoir is a must-read for anyone who is interested in social justice, the power of education, and the resilience of the human spirit.



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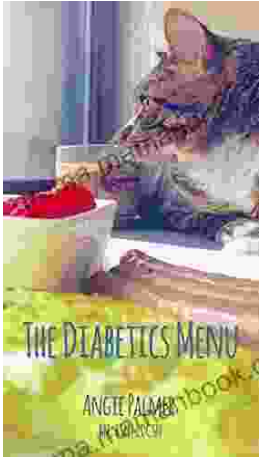
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