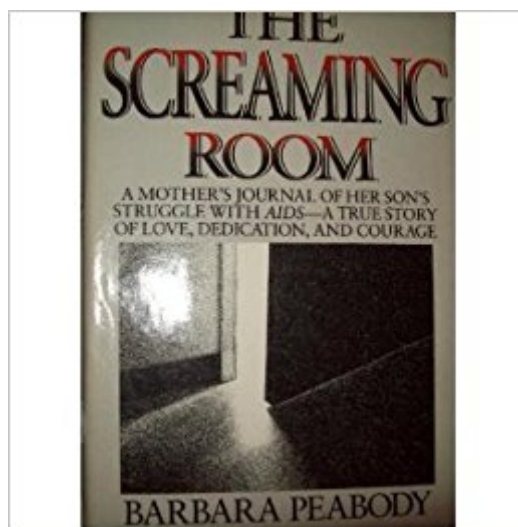




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This is an intensely emotional autobiographical narrative of a mother's love for her homosexual son and an account of her son's courageous struggle against AIDS. Peabody writes with a blunt straightforward style that hits home in our hearts, our minds, and our beliefs. She brings into sharp focus the very personal and real struggles that families, friends, and health care providers of AIDS patients undergo each day. This book is strongly recommended for all laypersons and health care workers for whom the term AIDS has a personal or professional significance. Mark L. Dembert, M.D., Navy Environmental Health Ctr., Norfolk, Va. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I read this remarkable book in 1990 and its impact upon me has never lessened. Barbara Peabody's account of her gay son Peter's agonizing death from AIDS [and her gritty determination to nurse, save and love him] is at once deeply disturbing and hugely inspiring. HIV and AIDS are surely among THE most sensational of 20th Century phenomena and yet no 'theatre' is afforded here. The diared events of Peter's illness unfold all too realistically via Barbara's frank and emotive writing. Here one reads the testimony of a mother LITERALLY fighting for her son's life...and losing. Advances in Medicine and research have massively improved the prognosis of many of those infected with HIV but this book still provides a valuable and honest insight into the misery, fear and suffering caused by AIDS and the woeful inadequacy of a modern society's initial attempts at combatting the disease and caring for its victims. Finally, my own Mother was sat next to me several years ago when a Health Counsellor in a clinic announced that I had tested positive for HIV. Mum is

my rock. Her strength inspires me as do Barbara Peabody, her son Peter and EVERY parent EVERYWHERE who knows the wealth bestowed on us all by REAL love. Sad, terrifying and amazingly evocative, *The Screaming Room* is as resonant today as it was twenty years ago.

This story is about a mother's struggle to deal with her son's disease. This isn't some fluff story with a happy ending but rather a true depiction of what this mother struggled with during her son's battle with a heinous disease. She walks you through a very tough journey while keeping the reader fully informed of every emotion and thought that she has. She has opened up her journal to us in order that we may truly understand what a parent goes through when they find that their child is stricken with AIDS. The reader will understand that this was written quite some time ago and will see how far we have come in treating the disease and the many side effects that AIDS causes, but still connects with the writer and her son as they wage war against the deadly disease. Make sure you have plenty of tissues on hand as you will step into their world and feel every ounce of emotion on every page.

This story of from a mother's point of view of her son dying of AIDS is painful to read. You can feel his pain and her grief. Even worse is knowing before you pick it up that there will be no happy ending. This book gives a little hope, but more than that it gives a face to the disease. Read it you'll love it and I'm sure you'll cry too.

This book came in pretty good condition. The actual novel inside has 0 markings or underlining but the outside cover is a little crappy, but who cares!

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