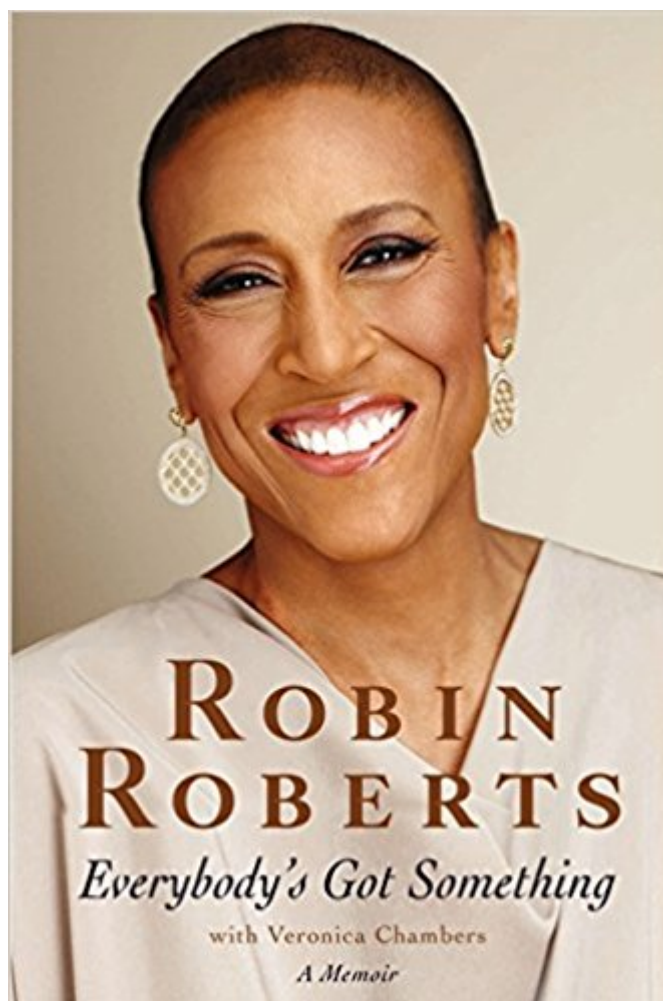


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# Everybody's Got Something



## Synopsis

"Regardless of how much money you have, your race, where you live, what religion you follow, you are going through something. Or you already have or you will. As momma always said, "Everybody's got something." So begins beloved Good Morning America anchor Robin Roberts's new memoir in which she recounts the incredible journey that's been her life so far, and the lessons she's learned along the way. With grace, heart, and humor, she writes about overcoming breast cancer only to learn five years later that she will need a bone marrow transplant to combat a rare blood disorder, the grief and heartbreak she suffered when her mother passed away, her triumphant return to GMA after her medical leave, and the tremendous support and love of her family and friends that saw her through her difficult times. Following her mother's advice to "make your mess your message," Robin taught a nation of viewers that while it is true that we've all got something -- a medical crisis to face, aging parents to care for, heartbreak in all its many forms --- we've also all got something to give: hope, encouragement, a life-saving transplant or a spirit-saving embrace. As Robin has learned, and what readers of her remarkable story will come to believe as well, it's all about faith, family and friends. And finding out that you are stronger, much stronger, than you think.

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When Good Morning America cohost Roberts was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007, she mounted a very public battle. Five years after completing treatment, she faced a rare bone-marrow disorder, likely caused by the cancer treatment, that again tested her strength and resolve, again in

public. Following her mother's time-honored advice to "make your mess your message," Roberts offers an inspiring memoir of her life, from her home base in Mississippi to her home in New York and the glamorous though grueling life of a television reporter. Roberts prevailed through a painful bone-marrow transplant, with her sister as donor; the death of her mother; and her triumphant return to GMA after her medical leave, proudly wearing her bald head on air. With the infectious personality for which she's known, Roberts details the support of family and friends and the people she's met in her life and career who've inspired her by overcoming their own challenges with the "something" that everybody inevitably faces. Photos enhance this inspiring memoir. --Vanessa Bush

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Everybody's got something. Being from the Pass watching Robin excel! You can't help but say ' it's possible'. And the things she's come through and now decided to share with us! Girl you can hide some stuff. Watching you grow encourages all of us. Reach for Mars! The Moon has already been reached!

This is a beautiful memoir of a life well lived, chronicling Robin's fight against MDS, a dreadful disease. Her words of wisdom and those of her dear mother and her family are deeply inspiring. I don't know when I've highlighted a book so often. I advise everyone to read this wonderful, true story of love, courage and friendship.

This is a fairly short book covering a very specific time in her life, dealing with a second cancer. It may be more meaningful to those who are personally dealing with their own serious illness. I think there are some things she was able to experience that the average person just won't be able to relate to but I think the common take-aways from her experience are the importance of being an assertive advocate for your own care, the critical importance of a strong support system, and taking the opportunity to tell those who are important in your life that they ARE important every chance you

get. I don't criticize her story or her telling it her way. The 4 stars merely reflects that I was hoping for a bit more expansive memoir and this is not that story.

Robin Roberts outdid herself on this book. This was such an inspirational and inspiring story of the trials and tribulations that Robin has gone through over the last few years. The one constant that I took away from the book was the gratitude and appreciation she has/had for her family and especially her parents. Through it all her family, friends and colleagues fought her battle right beside her which gave her the strength, determination and motivation to keep going even on her darkest days. One other thing I thought was very nice was how Robin continually mentioned the fact that it saddens her that many people have gone through or are going through the same thing she did but they don't have the resources that she does to get the best medical care, have the best doctors, etc. She was really blessed that her sister was a perfect match. This was an easy read and I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is going through something in their life, not necessarily the same thing as Robin.

I really like Robin Roberts and Good Morning America so wanted to hear the "behind the scenes" take. Robin is pretty honest about her journey and even fessed up to some issues she had while on her journey. As a nurse who has worked in bone marrow transplant she left out a lot of the really grueling stuff that she went through.....probably so as not to discourage others from being afraid to go through a transplant. She does talk about her "girlfriend" openly but never refers to her as a "partner". I still don't understand why they live apart. Her journey is remarkable and the love and support of her family and her now deceased mom makes us all wish we'd had that kind of wonderful foundation. She also relates very well to readers lives and understands that we think we "know them" because we invite them into our "bedrooms" every morning. Well I know her a little better now.

I just finished this book and I have tears in my eyes. My husband was just diagnosed with MDS and Acute Myeloid Leukemia and he is currently in the hospital preparing for a bone marrow transplant. Reading this book about Robin's journey through her MDS diagnosis and her bone marrow transplant was so important to me since me and my husband are going through the exact same thing right now. It is such a scary life or death life changing situation and it is so comforting to read about someone else's experience when they have gone through exactly what you are going through. Robin's story is truly inspiring and it has helped me cope with my husband's situation so

much. Thank you for baring your soul Robin and sharing your life with the world. There are no words to describe how important this book has been to me. I love you Robin Roberts. I hope my husband makes it through okay like you have. :)

As a 15-year breast cancer survivor (now Thriver!) I can relate to many of the feelings and fears. However, like you, Robin, I had a strong mom who taught me early on that I was strong, bright, capable, and competent. I told myself early on in the treatment process that I was going to be in control of the disease, not the disease in control of me. I recognize the same mindset in your journey. The other thing my mom told me as a young child was, "You can stand on one foot that long." She believed that my sister and I could handle anything and be stronger for it! I am about to be 62 years old, and I will finish my dissertation in the next year. My partner, Martha, was right there with me the whole way. She is a rock and she makes me a better person every day. Thanks for sharing so much of you with the world! Pam Campbell

This is purchased for a friend who is going through chemo! I thought it might inspire her ! Hopefully it will!

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