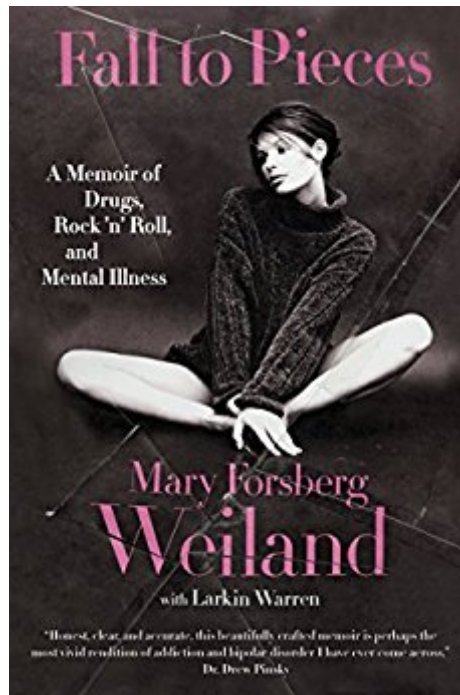




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# Fall To Pieces: A Memoir Of Drugs, Rock 'n' Roll, And Mental Illness



## Synopsis

Fall to Pieces is a beautifully written, visceral, roller coaster ride inside bipolar disorder, rock & roll, celebrity culture, and the world of modeling. Mary Forsberg Weiland, ex-wife of the late Scott Weiland, front man for Stone Temple Pilots and Velvet Revolver, tells a harrowing true story of depression, drug addiction, and mental illness with candor and, often, humor. Co-written with a veteran journalist Larkin Warren, Fall to Pieces is a blistering, eye-opening memoir of Hollywood meltdown in the bestselling vein of Tatum O'Neal's A Paper Life and Valerie Bertinelli's Losing It.

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## Customer Reviews

I could not put it down!!! That is quite a statement for my lifestyle. I usually listen to audible books because I read so much at work that drive-time is personal time. Mary's story is worth the late night/early morning read (but audible would be really nice too *if it were available*) As a wife (26 yrs now) to a wonderful man who is on the much lighter end of bipolar, but bipolar none the less, I could readily relate to Mary's emotional roller coaster ride. As a mother, I wanted to hug her. As a

woman, reading her book was like breaking bread with a friend (of whom I would want to help). As a "normy" I was empathetic to her "dark cloud," but inspired by her strength& conviction to being a healthy person. God bless this strong, wonderful woman for mustering the strength & courage to learn & grow beyond her comfort zone for the sake of her children & herself. Thank you Mary, for your openness, honesty (as best you can recall/gather), and wit. It's not often one can learn so much important information while giggling with the teacher. Thank you for your candor .... I can't speak for your quick wit "back in the day," but you should know that from this side of the book/stage today, you rock it, and I am confident you always will!! ãfÂ ã Å,Ã ÆœÃ â . Best always to you & ours!

This was really interesting to read, and I loved every bit of it. I read it in 2 sittings. I don't know anything about the band but the book tells really great and shocking stories. Crazy how some other people live their lives. Loved it!

What an amazing book! First of all, if your reading my review, Mary, I want to thank you for telling your story. It's not always easy to talk about personal struggles but in doing so I think you'll be helpful to others dealing with the same issues. This book made me smile and laugh but it also brought tears to my eyes at times. You see, I lost my big brother and my only brother to heroin. Bipolar runs in my family so I truly understand how addiction and bipolar can affect one's life. The author explained addiction in a way that is easy to understand. She also wrote about bipolar and how it affects ones thoughts, actions and life. I am a huge fan of Scott Weiland and it was so interesting to read about their life together. One of my favorite songs of his, with Velvet Revolver, is Fall to Pieces and now it has even more meaning to me. If you have had drug addiction and/or bipolar affect your family and want to understand it, this is one of the best books I've read on the subject. I highly recommend it!

I didn't want to put this book down. I got a little confused w dates & the timeline of things, but that doesn't matter. I subscribed to seventeen & growing up I wanted to be those girls. In college I loved STP. I found this shocking, interesting, sad and educational. It's really sad Scott didn't make it through his addiction.

for various reasons I really identified with this book and Marys struggle. She is an EXCELLENT writer who shows what its like to be day by day trying to find heroin. Also why anyone would do it in

the first place. It also pulls back the curtain on what its like to be part of a rock stars entourage - I saw STP several times in the 90s Scott was electrifying. I have given two copies or this book to friends but always end up getting another copy for my collection. If you like addiction memoirs this is one of the best I've ever read - really inspiring.

Honestly, I have never been more pleased with a memoir than I have been with Mary's...Very honest, open and tell-all...She was somewhat "normal" growing up and by normal I mean not your typical hollywood model....but she did go through hardships like the rest of us...and was surprised by what she had gone through...who she had met...and everything she has dealt with....I read this book in one shift at work and I would read again....don't waste your time reading Scott's book....her's is fantastic and very truthful and honest of drug abuse and mental illness....I almost felt like I was listening to a story from a friend...I kept wishing there was more....I found myself smiling at some of her memories as well :)

Well there is no bigger rock God than Scott Weiland and I had been meaning to read this book for awhile. I downloaded it on my kindle this morning and finished it tonight. It's fun to live vicariously through others and while a glamorous love between a rock god and a model sounds fabulous - the reality was not so wonderful. I thought her writing was incredibly fresh as she wrote about her crushing poverty as a little girl, the girls that ostracized her at school and how that shaped her, her success as a model, and the love that started out as a sweet innocent destiny but devolved into chaos and addiction. Somehow throughout the entire book I still heard Mary's voice. I have never done heavy drugs but her descriptions of the high from heroin made me feel like I had. My nephew died as a result from years of heroin use and depression (I think he was bipolar too) and I never understood the pull he had towards heroin and the hold it had on him and I thought we could love him better. This book made me understand just a little bit more about his addiction and illness.Thanks Mary!! deducted one star because sometimes the writing rambled and sometimes her stories never went anywhere.... But it didn't make me enjoy her or this book any less. And i have always loved the video fall to pieces....

I absolutely love how direct and honest this book felt. I was moved by the love story and saddened by the diseases and what they do to really sweet and sensitive people. Thank you Mary for shining the light on the disorders that most addicts are actually self-medicating from and don't even know it. We need so much compassion around mental disorders and drug addiction and I believe this book

contributes to that compassion and understanding. As a recovering addict myself with nine years clean and sober I really related to so much. Twelve-step recovery was a Godsend and saved my life . I hope that others struggling will read this book and see that it's not hopeless that people can and do recover.

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