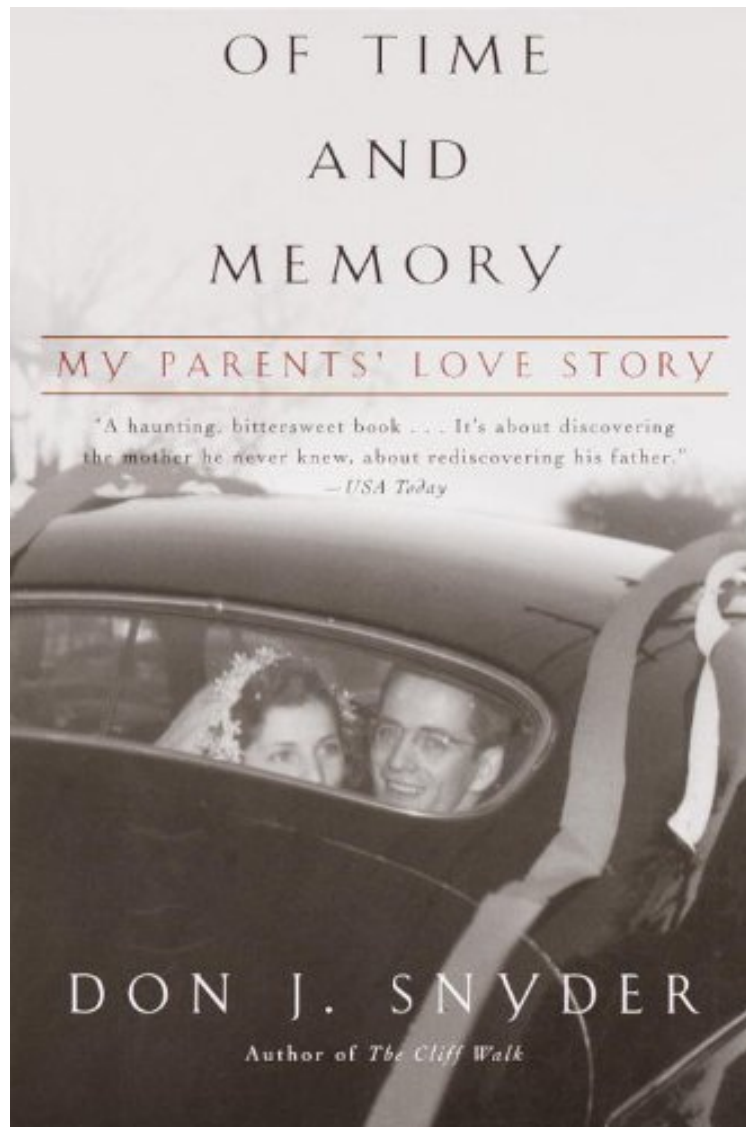


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Von Don J. Snyder

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**Von Don J. Snyder : Of Time and Memory: My Parents' Love Story** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Of Time and Memory: My Parents' Love Story:

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Excellent, sad but not sentimentalVon Laura CanonI approached this book without much expectation and to my surprise found it moving and amazing. I would recommend it to anyone very highly only be aware that it is very sad. The book is organized into the writer's search of information about and people who knew his mother, who died just

after his birth, and a recreation of the last year of her life. It is this latter part that makes the book unique. The book is almost a hybrid of fiction and memoir in this sense and yet his mother is more real than most fictional characters. The delicacy with which he creates her world is amazing. This is one of those books that I found myself "living" in as I read it. The only thing that might put people off is a certain (for lack of a better word) mysticism. I'm not big on the memoir genre but I think this is one that will stay in my mind a long time. Thanks for writing it!

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Von Maricela Mota

The advice above is well taken, believe me. I don't think I've been this affected by a book in quite a while, and as a voracious reader, that's saying a lot. I cannot say exactly what it was that touched me, but the story is a sad and tender one, with beautiful language and description. I bought it on a whim, having never heard of Don J. Snyder; I am so grateful that I did. As you read the story, you are no longer an observer but an actual participant, it puts so close. The only thing that stopped me from reading it through at one sitting was that I had to keep taking breaks to let my emotions settle down and think about it. I was even compelled to do a little research on what the mother, Peggy, died from...please, don't hesitate to read this. Almost everyone will get something from this profoundly beautiful book.

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Von Edgar Beem

Don Snyder's mother died giving birth to him and his twin brother David. In *Of Time Memory*, Snyder undertakes a literary search for the mother he never knew, in the process reconstructing his Mother and Father's love story and bringing his mother back to life, if only in the pages of a book. This is a deeply human work of art, Snyder's finest book to date. In a book world full with contrived and trite stories, *Of Time Memory* is a refreshing search for truth. In *The Cliff Walk*, Snyder spared no one, including himself, in his endeavor to come to terms with the powerful connection between identity and work. Now he tells an even more compelling story. Buy it and read it.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Don Snyder knew nothing about his mother aside from the terrible fact that she died at the age of nineteen, just sixteen days after giving birth to him and his twin brother. All his life Don had been too shy, too deeply pained to ask his father or grandparents to tell him the story of the lovely girl named Peggy Snyder--what delighted or troubled her, who her friends were, how she fell in love, what cut short her brief life. But then, nearing his fiftieth birthday and compelled by his father's failing health, Snyder embarked on a quest to find his mother. He traveled many times from his home in Maine down to his mother's small Pennsylvania town to trace her childhood and adolescence. He tracked down Peggy's high school friends, spent time with her teachers, probed the memories of the girls--now elderly women-- who had been her bridesmaids. Detail by detail, Don pieced together the harrowing story of Peggy's final year--her passionate love affair with her husband, the unexpected pregnancy, the sudden illness that consumed her, and the impossible choice she was forced to make.

A heartbreaking, overwhelmingly beautiful book, *Of Time and Memory* is a story of remembering--and reclaiming--the fragile mystery of a beloved life.

**BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Don J. Snyder's *Walking with Jack*.

**NOTE:** This edition does not include photos.

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