

DON'T LOOK BACK, WE'RE NOT GOING THAT WAY

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"Don't Look Back, We're Not Going That Way" is the autobiography of the popular television actress Marcia Wallace. Wallace titled the book after one of her father's favorite phrases. It is a story about a young girl growing up in Creston, Iowa during the 1950's. She copes with a hardhearted mother and a physically abusive father. Her "rocky childhood" leaves her feeling unloved and lonely and left a mark on her life forever.

The book tells of her struggle to make an acting career in New York. By chance, she lands the role of Carol Kester on "The Bob Newhart Show," which makes her famous. Despite acquiring fame and success, she suffers from a nervous breakdown. However owing to her undying passion for life, she recovers and emerges triumphant. Her life takes a new turn when she falls in love with Dennis Hawley. Together, they share a rare bond of love, friendship and passion. Just when life is getting back on track, she is diagnosed with breast cancer. She fights hard against the disease and beats the cancer.

After a few years, she and her husband adopt their son Mikey who becomes the light of their lives. However, the largest misfortune in her life is still to come. Her husband dies from pancreatic cancer. Her life is a roller coaster ride of personal tragedies, yet she weathers all the storms and lives her life to the fullest. During this inspiring account of her astounding life, she makes the reader smile and cry at the same time. Her openness and ability to take each obstacle in stride are truly admirable.

Marcia Wallace is also known for her award-winning role of Mrs. Krabappel on "The Simpsons" and her part in "Steel Magnolias." Her life story stresses upon the importance of humor during crises and will inspire the reader to overcome life's setbacks.

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