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SYNOPSIS:

Have you ever experienced a crazy mishap?

How about a series of them?

If so, then you'll appreciate Gina Ramsey's life, where outrageous blunders and misadventures happen all the time. From renegade turkeys to an escape artist dog who enjoys an occasional poo-poo platter, the stories in this book will not only crack you up, they'll have you appreciating the "normal" moments in your own life and embracing the funny in life's quirky circumstances.

Burnt Gloveboxes: Embracing Life When It Goes Up in Flames is a cross between Murphy's Law and Chicken Soup for the Soul. If you love to laugh when things go sideways, this book is for you!

ABOUT AUTHOR GINA RAMSEY



Short Bio

Gina Ramsey, author and humorist, is known for her ondemand singing impersonations of Ethel Merman and Tommy Boy tunes. She lives in Superior, Wisconsin, with her husband Paul, a former poultry whisperer a.k.a. King of the Flock. Together, they have become gurus of finding the funny while navigating life's ongoing crazy mishaps and blunders.

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Long Bio

Gina Ramsey has been a lifelong student at Murphy's Law School. Her major? Bachelor of Arts in Victim of Circumstance. Some of her tales of crazy and humorous mishaps will be published in her upcoming book, Burnt Gloveboxes: Embracing Life When It Goes Up in Flames, being released on May 9, 2023.

In her free time, Gina entertains family and friends with her witty comments, silly dances, funny faces, and impersonations of Ethel Merman, Yogi Bear, and Tommy Boy.

Gina lives in Superior, Wisconsin, with her husband Paul, where they have assumed servanthood to their three cats, Moe, Jack, and Rippy, and their wiener dog, Frankie. When they are not catering to their pets, the couple spends time with their three adult children and grandchild.

Gina, a licensed clinical social worker, has worked in the helping professions for over twenty years. She facilitated numerous wellness groups and trainings, teaching others stress reduction tools to improve health and wellbeing.

In 2021, she found a passion for humor writing. Since, her mission is to use humor and laughter to promote wellness in our world and encourage others to "find the funny" in life's challenges.

A selection of headshots for Gina can be found at this link.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Author Gina Ramsey

Q: What was your motivation to write this book?

A: I have been saying for twenty-plus years, "One day, I'm going to write a book." Family and friends also encouraged me to put my funny tales of misfortune into a book and kept asking, "When are you going to write that book, Gina?"

In 2021, a friend who is an author told me about NaNoWriMo (National November Writing Month). She informed me the goal is to write a book in November. I thought, "What the heck? I've wanted to write my book for a long time. I'm going for it." Though it took me over a month to complete my book, many stories were completed that November. And the rest is history.

Q: I understand you have future editions already in the works. Tell us what to expect.

A: Through the years, as I told my stories to others, they would share their funny mishap stories with me. This sparked my creative mind. So from the beginning, I envisioned *Burnt Gloveboxes* as a series similar to the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* franchise.

I plan to release the second *Burnt Gloveboxes* book in 2024, which will include the second half of my stories and also several submitted by a few of my friends. I call this "The Burnt Glovebox Community." Afterward, we will offer submission periods with specific themes: Pets, Vehicles, Holidays, etc. So, each book will have a theme to the title.

Q: What do you hope readers will take away from your book?

- A: The importance of finding the funny, the silver lining, when life goes awry.
- Q: Why is now the right time for this book?
- A: I'm not getting any younger, so it's now or never. Also, the stars aligned perfectly. I was introduced to a networking group of outstanding women

entrepreneurs, many of whom have written books. My publisher also happens to be a part of this group. These women have been highly influential and helped me to gain the knowledge and confidence I needed to be successful. I would not have known where to begin if I had tried to do this twenty-plus years ago. It just wasn't the right time.

Q: What do you hope will be the impact of this series on families and communities?

A: Laughter is so beneficial to health and wellness. I am hoping my books will promote giggles and laughter, causing ripple effects of joy and happiness. I also hope others will be encouraged to find the funny in life's bizarre circumstances. I consider this book a huge success if I can make a difference for one person. But ideally, it would be fantastic to make a difference for a few more people.

Q: How did your life prepare you to write this book?

A: Each mishap life has thrown at me has prepared me for this book. First, life gave me the material I needed to write. Then, the transcript I submitted to my publisher included enough stories to create my first two books.

Q: What did you learn about yourself as you wrote this book?

A: I learned how much I enjoy the art of writing and publishing. I have enjoyed every step of the process. I have also learned the importance of having self-confidence; this is a work in progress.

Q: What was the most challenging part of writing and publishing this book?

A: Having the time available to clean my house.

The most challenging part was providing a sample of my transcript to my publisher for review. It felt very vulnerable. My family and I think the stories are funny, but we endured the mishaps. My friends think the stories are hilarious as well. Everyone encouraged me to write this book for years. But...I was worried

that a trained professional might think differently, as I hadn't received formal writing training. I imagined being told, "Don't quit your day job." Or "Don't ever pick up a pen again." Her response was quite the opposite. From then on, it has been smooth sailing.

What are three things people would be surprised to know about you? Q.

- 1. I learned how to impersonate Ethel Merman in eighth grade. A:
 - 2. I love hardware stores, the gadgets, the smell of the lumber-all of it.
 - 3. I act like a little kid when the Ice Cream truck comes down our street in the summertime.

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