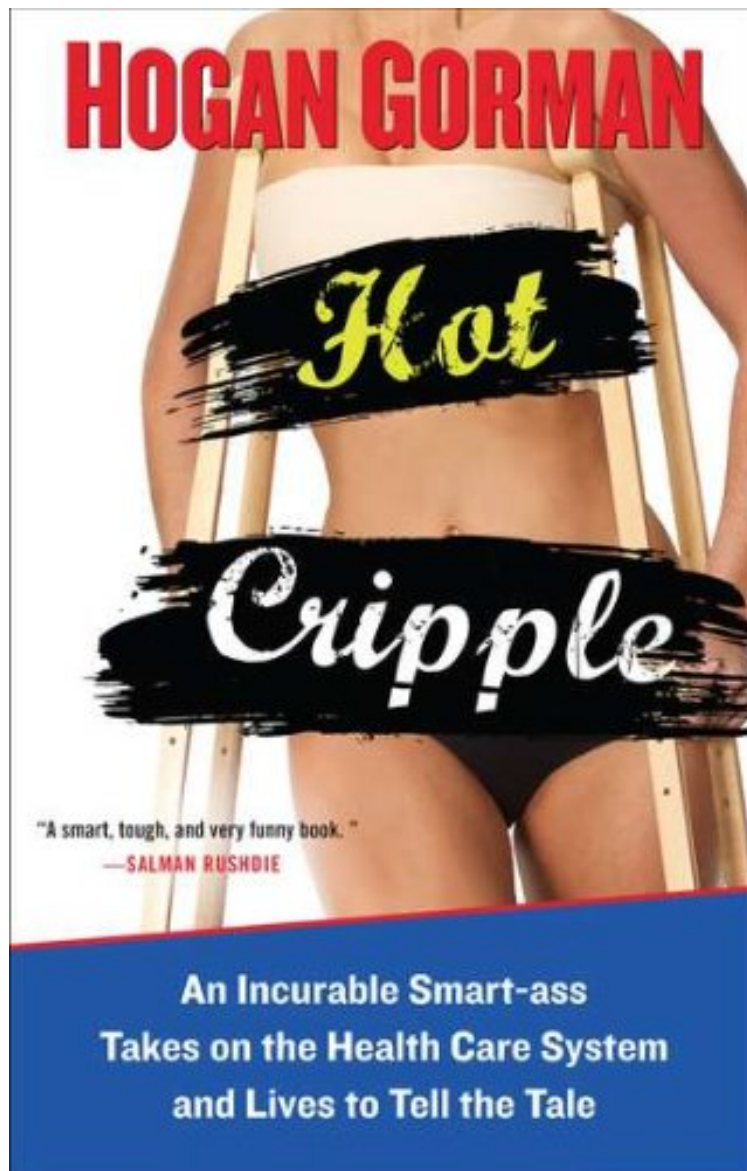


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By CustomerMs. Gorman is a talented, funny and extremely entertaining writer. Her excellent sense of humor is quite amazing when you consider this book is about her struggles to navigate through the bureaucracy of the medical, government and legal professions to receive help after a near-fatal car accident. Many times my blood pressure rose (that's what good writing can do) as I read her description of the roadblocks and terrible people (Judge Lush) she encountered. There is at least one good laugh on every page and her word choices are very entertaining (again good writing). Ms. Hogan should consider selling the film rights to a studio and be cast as herself. Mark N Teresa P.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing Eye Opener!
By Yana ChupenkoI bought the book and read it twice. Yes it was that good. You see I am also one of the millions of un-insured Americans. You will laugh, cry, and get really pissed...but most of all you will be better informed about the sad state of affairs regarding our broken Health Care System, Social Services System, and Judicial System. Heck the whole Gov't or the 'SYSTEM' needs a major facelift, who are we kidding!!!Hogan G. is a wonderful writer and a storyteller, who engages the reader completely.I felt like I lived the horror of it all with her. She takes you on the roller coaster ride of emotions, but you will mostly laugh your ass off through the tears.I also had to deal with Social Services at one point a few years back. Trust me it was a hideous experience- but I was also not an invalid in abominable pain to add insult to injury, as they say. So the frustration and anger of dealing with it all, is too familiar. You have to go through it yourself, and see the process first hand, to fully understand how awful it is. The maddening red tape you have to go through, along with the Gov't employees with 'attitude' problems, who add to the nightmare at hand, is frustrating as hell. Finding a decent one in those dank offices is like finding a diamond in the rough. Mind you, your tax dollars pay their salaries. People go through hell, while the faceless half witted bureaucrats decide their fate.Hogan's journey is remarkable and so inspiring on many levels. Talk about a survivor and human spirit.Ahh then we have the Judicial System. May I just say pray to the God's you never have to get yourself in that clusterflip. I couldn't believe the Trial, and particularly the Judge. I think public shaming should come into vogue as well as tar and feathering. Now that made my head explode.If anything, this book will make you want to get more politically involved and informed. How do these politicians and Judges even get to their posts or seats?!!!!!! People really need to educate themselves about politics and how our Gov't really works, especially the Judicial System. Most are ignorant, and that is why we are spiraling into the abyss from all angles.I can't wait to see Hogan's one woman show. She is one hell of a talent, who dealt with such enormous adversity with complete grace and style.What I really want to see is a FILM!!! I have a feeling it will be.Kudos to you girl!!!!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Buy this book!
By pschBuy Hogan's book.Where she was, we, you - will be. Let's hope that our own situation is not as bad as what Hogan had to experience.If we'd all read this book, and join together (via Hogan's website and following her lead to make our voices heard) we CAN MAKE CHANGES IN THE LEGISLATION IN THIS COUNTRY.Our healthcare is in desperate shape. It is an absolute fact that we are all going to go through our own health nightmare, if we haven't yet, or suffered with a family member who has.The book is an excellent, fast read. But when you are done, you will not want to put it on the shelf. Take your highlighter and post-it flags out as you read. You will be left with a realization and a treasure of information at the end.The author's experience, and the fact that she was able to write about it, have moved me out of my inertia.Buy the book. Even if it is only to increase your compassion for others! We can all make a profound difference in our lives and those of others.

From Prada to poverty-one woman's harrowing and hilarious journey Ex-model Hogan Gorman was living the typical New York working actor's life-auditions and classes by day, waitressing and fending off handsy customers by night-when a wise (or just crazy) friend convinced her to ask the universe for a change. And she got one-coming at her at forty miles per hour. Hit by a car and suffering debilitating injuries, and with no health insurance, the fashionista attempts to bounce back into her (thrift store-purchased) Jimmy Choos even as she deals with short-term memory loss, stalker ambulance drivers, trying to stay vegan on food stamps, crazy judges, hot doctors, and unsympathetic government workers.Inspired by her acclaimed one-woman show, this is a biting funny and keenly observed account of the cracks in our medical and social welfare system and how one woman's resilience combined with a generous dollop of humor helped her fight her way to recovery.

"Hogan Gorman has written a smart, tough, and very funny book about serious injury, immense pain, and her war against the American medical system. Oh, and did I mention that it's VERY FUNNY?"---Salman Rushdie"Hogan Gorman's story will make you furious, it will make you incredulous, and it will also make you laugh your ass off."---Rachel Dratch, author of Girl Walks into a Bar . . . : Comedy Calamities, Dating Disasters, and a Midlife Miracle"Equal parts hilarity and humiliation, funny and frustrating, bone breaks and head shakes, Hot Cripple will force you to look more closely at our health care, legal and social welfare systems, as well as your own life and the lives of those we ignore every day."Wade Rouse, author of Its All Relative and Im Not the Biggest Bitch in This Relationship"The funny, moving story of the blue-eyed, blond model/actress who became the unlikely poster girl for the plight of the poor and uninsured in America after she was struck by a car in New York City street in 2004. Though

Gorman admits that she's not the kind of woman who typically elicits sympathy from most folks, the author's tale of woe following her near-death experience is so tragic and compelling, it doesn't matter one bit that she never once lets her coarse, sarcastic armor slip. She may be the furthest thing from Snow White (more like the "witch-bitch"), but her harrowing experience grappling with a twisted spine, disinterested welfare hacks and outrageous court officers rendered her so broken and vulnerable, readers will root for this unrepentantly bitchy, foul-mouthed fighter. In fact, Gorman's obvious toughness in dealing with her suddenly penniless situation following her accident only underscores the bleakness of the whole affair. Even amid the desperation, love pulsates just as powerfully as the pain in this candid account of one out-of-work woman's season in uninsured hell. It's a saccharine-free yarn, yet Gorman's relationships with her mother (an ex-nun) and her former modeling partner are both touching and profound. As is often the case, the author only discovered who her true friends were after she suffered her accident and resulting health-care nightmare. Ultimately, Gorman succeeds in not only telling her own triumphant story, but also illuminating the countless problems with the broken American health-care and justice systems. The outcome of her slam-dunk court case is nothing less than astounding, and so is her resurrection. A remarkable, emotional journey through unrelenting pain-and laughter."---Kirkus s (starred review)"(3 1/2 stars)...Hot Cripple is a sometimes funny, often harrowing look at a fear many of us share: getting seriously injured without the means to pay for it."---People"[Gorman is]...a sexy smart-ass who thankfully doesn't let red tape - or anything else - get in her way. There's nothing sappy about this book, and Gorman's don't-mess-with-me attitude will surely fire up even the most broken down spirit, injured or not."---Penthouse

In her sassy, spirited memoir, *Hot Cripple*, Gorman straps on a back brace over her Prada and leads us through one soulless waiting room after another in search of financial, surgical, and legal help...But as she sells off her label-filled wardrobe to pay the rent and tries to eat vegan on about \$4 a day, we glimpse the scary truth about how close many of us are to falling off the tightrope."---Elle

Gorman's brutally honest descriptions of her experiences are sharp and detailed, written in a down-to-earth style...An essential read for those seeking a personal perspective on healthcare."---Library Journal

About the Author Hogan Gorman is an actress and writer living in Manhattan. She received the 2008 FringeNYC Overall Excellence Award for her one-woman stage production of *Hot Cripple*. Visit her website at www.hotcripple.com.