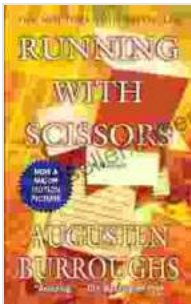


# Running With Scissors: A Memoir of Madness, Medication, and Motherhood

In this unforgettable memoir, Augusten Burroughs tells the story of his tumultuous childhood, spent amidst mental illness, addiction, and unconventional parenting. Augusten's mother, Deirdre, is a charismatic but troubled woman who suffers from bipolar disorder and alcoholism. His father, John, is a brilliant but absent figure, struggling with his own demons. From a young age, Augusten is left to fend for himself, navigating a world of instability and chaos.



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When Augusten is 12 years old, his mother checks herself into a mental hospital, leaving him and his younger sister, Beebe, in the care of their psychiatrist, Dr. Finch. Dr. Finch is a well-intentioned but eccentric man who believes in "free-range parenting." He allows Augusten and Beebe to live in his house, unsupervised and free to do whatever they want. This newfound freedom is exhilarating at first, but it soon spirals out of control.

Augusten and Beebe become addicted to drugs and alcohol. They engage in bizarre and self-destructive behavior. Dr. Finch, overwhelmed and unable to cope, eventually kicks them out of his house. Augusten and Beebe are left to fend for themselves on the streets of Boston.

Through it all, Augusten manages to maintain a sense of humor and a sharp wit. He narrates his story with a mixture of candor and self-awareness, never shying away from the darkness of his past.

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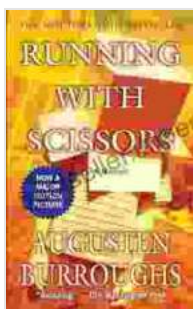
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## About the Author

Augusten Burroughs is an American author and essayist. He is best known for his memoir *Running With Scissors*, which was a New York Times bestseller and has been translated into over 20 languages. Burroughs has also written several other memoirs, including *Dry* and *Squirrels to the Nuts*.

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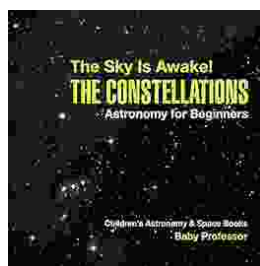
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