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She was a virgin one minute, a wanton the next. She became pregnant as one woman and gave birth as another. She moved in seconds from vibrant youth to trembling old age. She changed in her husband's arms from a loving wife to a savage shrew. And, finally, she desperately tried and failed and tried again with the aid of doctors, family and loved ones to find her own true face behind the tortured masks. From Chris Costner Sizemore's own memories, her torment and hard-won triumph, comes the most remarkable true story that any woman ever lived.

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### Jess Zerr says

Fascinating sorry but it suffers from being written by the patient. It blames and weedles it's way through the facts in a manner I found to be supremely exhausting.

That being said, professionally, the tale that emerges through the whining is interesting.

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### Sorrythankyou79 says

I could not put this book down. Fascinating account of multiple personalities, and having seen *The Three Faces of Eve*, I was thrilled to find this book. It's just so interesting to read about how life really was for Chris. I highly recommend it.

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### Cheka Firefly says

I used to be a completionist but not after this. Sorry.

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### Brooke says

Interesting. I prefer Chris' story to her doctors' exploitation, but I become impatient with her illness myself. Most other material I've read concerning dissociative disorders has been in the context of the criminal system, erupting from trauma(s) early in life. This story is an anomaly to me because the only known possible traumas would not be considered overtly traumatic and Chris' personalities began multiplying at such a young age. It is amazing, however, what the functioning brain is capable of concocting in an effort to survive what it perceives as danger.

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### Maureen says

Chris Costner Sizemore's account of her struggle with multiple personalities is much more interesting than *The Three Faces of Eve*, which was written by two of her psychotherapists. Sizemore goes into depth about how the fracture of her personality occurred. Rather than being based on one or two traumatic experiences, the splits happened over a period of years. Rather than having three personalities, she had approximately twenty. Rather than being cured, Chris still wrestled with imultiples at the end of her book.

One of the most interesting parts in a consistently fascinating story is Chris' treatment at the hands of the infamous Dr. Corbett H. Thigpen who administered shock therapy to his patients. Thigpen and another psychotherapist who worked with Chris, Hervey M. Cleckley, wrote the three faces book, and sold the rights to Chris' life story to Twentieth Century Fox without her knowledge or permission. She took the two doctors to court on that one, and won.

Unlike many ghostwritten books, in this one, the co-author assumes an active role, particularly at the end of the story. Multiple personality disorder is probably the rarest psychological condition in the DSM-IV, contrary to what the media presents. This book is a valuable contribution to psychiatric literature because it is an honest portrayal of one woman's devolvement into a frightening panoply of personalities, and her heroic efforts to reintegrate those personalities into one healthy whole.

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### **Angela says**

I'd heard a lot about this book so I picked it up. It didn't disappoint; I liked it and would recommend it...especially to women.

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### **Alejandra Wundram says**

I think this is one of the worse books I have ever read. What could be a compelling story is lost between endless pages of terrible prose. Although I respect the author for sharing her experiences, I would not recommend it.

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### **Mary Weas says**

Fascinating book. Tells the story much better than *The Three Faces of Eve* because it was written by the woman who lived the story. It also has 20 additional years of her experiences and her life whereas the doctor's book stops in the mid 1950's.

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### **Rachelcurran\_ says**

After studying Thigpen & Cleckley's case of MPD, I became sceptical when I began reading this book because of the discrepancies between the two. I found it odd to read at first, as it is written like a novel, descriptive and detailed, so detailed in fact I found it hard to believe such things could be remembered. However, this book truly is a wonderful insight into Christine's life, and even though it does not have the psychological jargon and theories of Thigpen & Cleckley, it seems to me a more genuine, truthful, reliable account of Christine, not just an MPD sufferer. Even though I was never sceptical about the existence of MPD/dissociative disorder after studying Thigpen & Cleckley and their abundance of qualitative and quantitative data which supports this as truth (I find it difficult to believe someone could manipulate their brainwaves to fool an EEG as an actress), I am most certainly sceptical about the professionalism of Dr Thigpen in particular, and his apparent exploitation of "Eve". Overall this is a fascinating account, a much more detailed insight into the life of "Eve" herself and her life prior to, and after, treatment.

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### **Tracy says**

Fantastic book! What Chris has gone through over the course of her life - she's much braver than I.

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### **Fishface says**

Autobiography of the patient described in "the Three Faces Of Eve," the author had a drastically more complex and troubled life than her own analysts appeared to realize. I don't know if Sizemore was actively trying to make her previous biographers look like schmucks, but she did a good job.

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### **Hannekeverhorst says**

Sadly, this can be real life. Itz a real eye opener, although it may seem unrealistic. This book made me sit in awe of the human mind, and all the tricks it can play...

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### **Tamara A says**

This book is okay but lacks a sense of accuracy. While I do not doubt her diagnosis and problems, her past seems a little embellished. When it got towards the end and dealt more with the troubles of writing her own book I quit reading, as I lost interest.

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### **Bri Fidelity says**

[*I'm Eve* provides us with the following possibilities:

1. **Our Heroine:** Experiences her first dissociative states at age two; disappea
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### **Robin says**

As others have said, I liked this book better than The 3 Faces of Eve. I liked hearing her story from her perspective. I find true life stories have the added interest of knowing that it really happened. I enjoyed the book.

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