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An inspiring and heartfelt memoir about the friendship between eight women forged over two decades.

The eight Drummond Girls first met in 1991 at Peegeo's Food & Spirits in northern Michigan where, at the time, they were all waitresses, bartenders, or regular customers. When one of them got engaged, they celebrated with a trip to Drummond Island--their first trip together to the remote 36-mile chunk of rock, dive bars, dirt roads, and beautiful forests--and it's where they became bonded forever. They've made this voyage every year since then as a way to retain a piece of their wild youth, despite the taming influence of marriage, motherhood, and management. This year, their focus is Beverly, oldest of the Drummond Girls at 65, whose memory is beginning to lapse. Undaunted, the other women intend to help Beverly remember all they've shared--every campfire, every late night talk, every secret confided.

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Peggy Eckhold says

Rather disappointing book. No real character development and even though these women spent a weekend together every year, they only drank and were silly. They never really got to know one another in depth. Pretty shallow friendships.

Michael K. says

We should all be so lucky to have a group of friends like the “The Drummond Girls.” The story is about partying and letting your hair down with people you trust, but it doesn’t miss the point that life isn’t a Hollywood movie. Just as crossing the Mackinac Bridge was like crossing the border from reality, Link shows plenty of real life in the struggles these “girls” supported each other through. This author knows a good story when she sees one, and she certainly knows how to tell it a way that keeps the pages turning – quickly.

Marilee Steffen says

The Drummond Girls are a group of 8 female waitresses who began their yearly October weekend retreat in 1993. They travel from Traverse City, Michigan north across the Mackinac Bridge to a remote northern Michigan island situated in Lake Huron to spend a weekend together. When the tradition started, they were young and wild and partied hard. Over the years they shared what life brought their way; marriages that started and finished, births, deaths and financial woes. Yet every year they left their jobs, families, husbands and boyfriends behind to be together for their Drummond Island adventure. Now the women have matured and aged and they wanted to tell the story of their enduring friendship. Mardi Jo Link, one of the Drummond Girls, writes the tale beautifully.

Aphra Behn says

Someone once said that a good memoir makes you nostalgic for experiences you never had. After reading Mardi Jo Link’s “The Drummond Girls” I pined to be a Drummond Girl myself, a member of an all-girl club made up of women who seem to be as different as they are dedicated to each other and who, for over 20 years, have made an annual weekend trip to Drummond Island, Michigan where they party, laugh and bond. This is the story of a particular group of eight very different women who are there for each other no matter what. While Drummond Girl Mardi Jo Link writes this memoir you will feel as though the Drummond Girls speak as one as they ride over the Mackinac bridge towards three days of belly laughs and beer. You may turn a page and stop to remember your own girlfriends, past and present, who may have been older than you, younger than you, from completely different backgrounds, but understand you in a way no one else can and have been there through thick and thin. “The Drummond Girls” is a true tribute to female friendship and women who need nothing but a weekend a year in each others company to make it through the often lonely

and trying times we all share as mothers, daughters and wives.

Sherry says

I want to be a Drummond Girl! I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I found myself eagerly waiting for their next year's adventures and am going to miss reading about them.

Mary L says

This is about a group of girls who have met every year at Drummond Island for a number of years. Love the area so I'm excited to read it.

Dawn says

This book came to me at a crossroads in my life. I recently moved away from a group of friends that I knit with every Wednesday night for, the last 10 years. Finding new friends is hard and I could so relate to the dilemma of fitting in. Loved this book!

Allison says

I really loved this story of these women and their friendship. I was sorry when it ended because I wanted to spend more time with the Drummond Girls.

Tricia says

This book was recommended to me because we're going to Drummond Island later this summer. I was told it was funny and thought it would give me ideas about what to do on our vacation. Sad to say that I didn't enjoy it as much as I'd hoped. Basic synopsis: a group of 8 women save up money all year so they can go party on the island for a weekend every October, and we get to read about their partying. Okay, it's a bit deeper than that - we do learn about their relationships, some of their unique qualities, a bit of how they change and grow over the years. It's okay, but not compelling.

Delissca says

This was written like a poorly done Diary. Notice I didn't say journal, but diary. I did not connect with any of the characters and there were no real adventures. Even when the usual tragedies struck, I didn't feel much.

Being as I am from the Traverse City area, and was raised in the U.P., I had very high hopes for this book. It

just didn't work for me.

Irene says

Eight women with no other connection than a particular Michigan bar, go on a weekend camping trip every October during which they drink heavily, flirt outrageously and act like irresponsible 19 year olds. Over two decades, they experience marriage and divorce, births and deaths, job loss and career changes and they grow in their friendship. I struggled to give this 2 stars. The writing was flat and overdone. Information about each woman, especially the narrator, was repeated so frequently I had to wonder if the author had a word minimum to meet. Every metaphor, every allusion, was over explained. We were told about the crazy things they did on their weekends and about the changes they experienced during the year, we were assured that these women became close friends as a result of this get-away, but any reader knows that being told is a poor stand in for being shown. Further, the plot was predictable. I could have written the book jacket summary after reading the first 20 pages.

Charlotte says

Maybe an interesting story for the Drummond Girls. I found the story boring and not that interesting for me. The only part I enjoyed was learning about the island. Didn't appreciate hearing about the drinking and partying by the women.

Katey Schultz says

[I had the honor of introducing this author after studying her work.]

In reviews, book summaries, and in responses to her work, Mardi Jo Link has been called a powderpuff, an anti-heroine, anti-Greek and maybe, even, a sissy-la-la. She's also been called honest, hilarious, tenacious, and dynamic. As I pondered her writing and career, and the hell-yes-heart she brings to both, I couldn't help but think that if Mardi should be called anything, she should be called DETERMINED.

Most of us know the gist of her first memoir, *Bootstrapper: From Broke to Badass on a Northern Michigan Farm*. This yearlong glance into a tumultuous 12 months in Mardi's life is a delight to read, if not also a bit hard-hitting. Many of us have also experienced deeply personal uncertainty—though perhaps not as many have done so with three kids, 6 acres, and our self-worth on the line.

Last year, Interlochen College of Creative Arts had the honor of welcoming Mardi as our Keynote Speaker for the Practicum just a few weeks before her second memoir, *The Drummond Girls*, launched. Listening to her speak, it was clear to me that Mardi is one of those rare and savvy and authors who refuses to be waylaid by the array of obstacles and paths all levels of the publishing industry throw at her. That's when the idea of determination first occurred to me.

But there's more to be said here, and I suspect Mardi is too humble to describe the arc of her own life's work in these terms, so I'll go ahead and give it a shot: It's not just determination and keen, writerly instincts that have lead to 5 books and more awards than I can count on both hands. It's also the fact that she insists on

doing things you're not supposed to do.

You're not supposed to be able to work multiple day jobs, raise kids, and write a true crime book—on a whim and a prayer—without the promise that you'll ever get published, let alone paid...then become a bestseller. You're not supposed to be able to go from broke to badass via Alfred A. Knopf, one of the most highly-regarded trade publishing houses in the nation. And above all else, you're not supposed to write a tell-all memoir about your best friends.

I mean, come on...only a sissy-la-la would think she could pull that off without hurting feelings or burning bridges.

And yet...if you've read *The Drummond Girls*, you know Mardi does indeed pull it off. As Kirkus Reviews describes, "With humor, honesty, and a deep love for each individual, Link describes the steady buildup of friendship and loyalty as [the Drummond girls] ate, drank, played pool at the local bars, wandered in the dead of night through the thick woods to find bears, and bonded in ways many women may never experience in their lifetimes."

When you get to the last page of this book, you won't be disappointed. You'll know that the book you hold in your hands was made possible by a life well-lived. You'll know what determination looks like—whether big or small, bold or quiet. And you'll know that, like the rest of her fans, whatever Mardi writes next will no doubt be made possible by her hell-yes-heart.

Ann Fisher says

A wonderful tale of women's friendships over the years. But although I've visited Drummond Island, I've never done so when the main activity seems to be getting drunk and then driving on two tracks through the woods, neither of which has any appeal for me. If either, or both, appeal to you, then you'll probably enjoy this book more than I did.

Mary Jo says

Loved this memoir! What fun it would be to have a group of friends and adventures like this.
