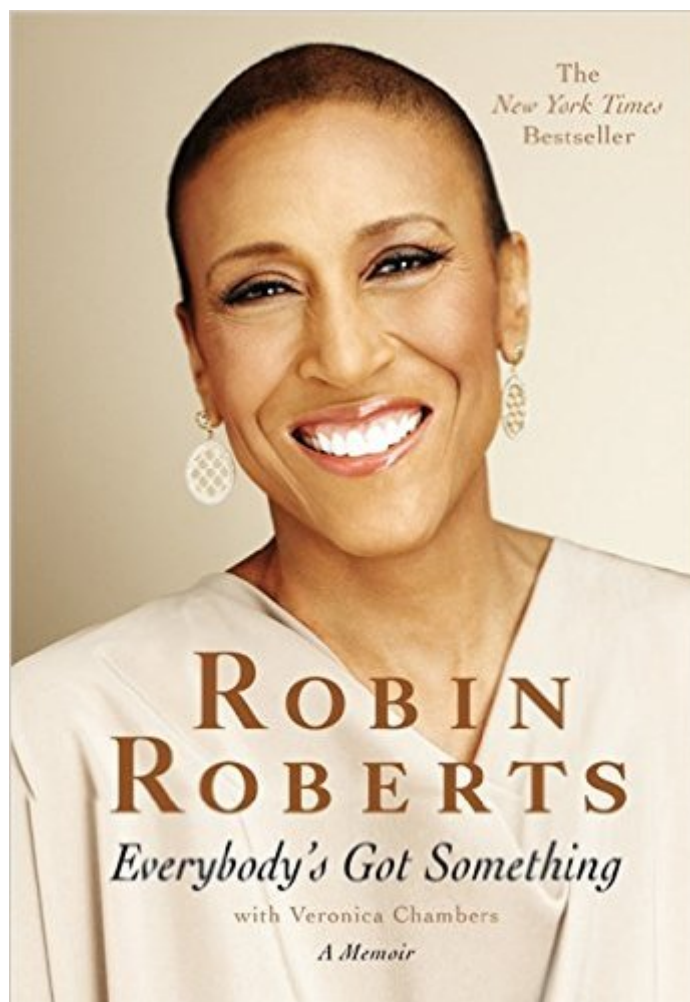


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# Everybody's Got Something



## Synopsis

"Regardless of how much money you have, your race, where you live, what religion you follow, you are going through something. Or you already have or you will. As momma always said, "Everybody's got something." So begins beloved Good Morning America anchor Robin Roberts's new memoir in which she recounts the incredible journey that's been her life so far, and the lessons she's learned along the way. With grace, heart, and humor, she writes about overcoming breast cancer only to learn five years later that she will need a bone marrow transplant to combat a rare blood disorder, the grief and heartbreak she suffered when her mother passed away, her triumphant return to GMA after her medical leave, and the tremendous support and love of her family and friends that saw her through her difficult times. Following her mother's advice to "make your mess your message," Robin taught a nation of viewers that while it is true that we've all got something -- a medical crisis to face, aging parents to care for, heartbreak in all its many forms --- we've also all got something to give: hope, encouragement, a life-saving transplant or a spirit-saving embrace. As Robin has learned, and what readers of her remarkable story will come to believe as well, it's all about faith, family and friends. And finding out that you are stronger, much stronger, than you think.

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## Customer Reviews

Robin Roberts --- former college basketball player and current TV co-host, pilot and author --- has written her newest book with the help of Veronica Chambers. EVERYBODY'S GOT SOMETHING is devoted to detailing Roberts's journey with her most recent health crisis ---

the diagnosis, treatment and recovery from myelodysplastic syndrome, otherwise known as MDS. In 2012, Roberts discovered a lump on her neck. A few weeks later, after her appearance at the Oscars, she received her devastating diagnosis. The illness would have been tough, no matter what, but it came just five years after her diagnosis of and subsequent battle with breast cancer. The MDS was caused by chemotherapy treatments she received to destroy the breast cancer cells. To make matters worse, during the treatment and recovery process for MDS, her mother passed away. As with her battle with breast cancer, Roberts didn't hide her struggles with MDS. Rather, she made a public announcement on "Good Morning America" (which she co-hosts) and documented her journey through journaling, video broadcasts, and now this book. The memoir's title was inspired by Roberts's mother, who emphasized that hard times don't discriminate. She used to say, "Everybody's got something," meaning that no matter what you are going through, you can know that everybody has had something they've had to deal with or are dealing with now. I'm a huge fan of Robin Roberts. She is a wonderful lady with a big smile, a huge heart, and courage almost beyond measure. So it's only natural that I jumped at the chance to read and review her book, and I'm so glad I did. As expected, it is filled with grace, humor, love and insight. You will alternate between laughing, crying and praying as you read her inspirational story. Reviewed by Christine M. Irvin

Robin Roberts has a way with words as she does with people. I'm so glad she shared her story. Being a huge Team Robin supporter and fan through the years, I felt she did an excellent job as she described and walked us through her journey. A must read for anyone who has gone through it, going through it, or will go through it. Love to Robin!

I am, of course, happy to know she fought a hard battle and won, but I guess I had envisioned more depth and less name-dropping. It felt as if she were writing just a complimentary thank you to her friends and didn't want to leave any name out. I had hoped that "everybody" could relate to the majority of us, but only the top 1% of the world can fly private jets, take their friends to islands to celebrate, etc. I wanted her to relate to "everybody", as we all have "something" and don't all have money to get us through it.

Should be subtitled "...but mine is more fabulous than yours". I get that the story is supposed to be inspiring but with all the name dropping it comes off as very egotistical. Millions go through the same

struggles without the support of famous friends and without the life and job flexibility that Roberts enjoys. An interesting story, but that's all.

While sharing the gritty details of being diagnosed with MDS and beating it, Robin shares the wisdoms that she received that helped her get through it. The wisdom and incites shared can help you too, whether your battles are small but many or your a battle for your life. As a caregiver, I was also impressed that the book had great incites on words, actions, and thoughtful gift ideas that can help you if you are trying to decide how to best help someone going thru a significant challenge.

I really like and respect Robin Roberts and anxiously looked forward to this book. Instead all I really got was a strong dose of how wonderful everyone in her life is and how much she loves them. What I didn't get was her mindset and what was it like to go through chemo and what's it like to be told you've got cancer repeated times. I really wanted Robin to take the reader through her thought process. I really admire Robin's courage to deal with the hand she's been dealt, I just wish I knew how she did/does it. Best Wishes Robin.

I loved this book, it makes you know how strong you can be with the help of friends and family. Robin knows that God is always watching out for her. Amber is such a special person and you can feel the love they have for each other. We all should have sisters and FriGod bless Robin for sharing a very private part of her life with us. May God keep you strong and healthy for the rest of your life. I would tell everyone that this is a story worth reading because you never know when it could relate to you.

Let's get one thing clear. I love, admire, and have long been a fan of Robin Roberts. From her first days on ESPN I fell in love with her talent and ability to "hang with the guys" on the clearly male-dominated cast of "talking heads." Not being a fan of "Morning Shows" I was incredibly proud of her clear accomplishments with GMA, and hold her in the highest esteem in her devastating bravery in documenting her dual battles with cancer. I put her in the same category with Katie Couric and her "Crusade" to make the world aware of Colon Cancer. That being said, Robin's writing leaves much to be desired. After seeing her well up with tears watching Stuart Scott ravaged with cancer at the ESPYs I was moved to download this book. Unfortunately (or maybe fortunately) Ms. Roberts seems to have written this book for Elementary School readers. If Robin's goal was to instill a sense of bravery in children, than...well done. If this was meant as a page-turner for those of us

who have loved her, and her strength looking for more insight into her plight.....not so much. I still love you Robin.

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