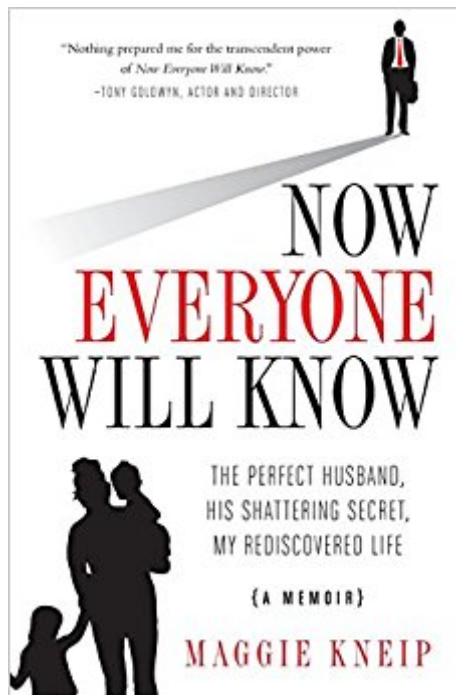


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Synopsis

After a fairy-tale courtship in 1980s New York City, Maggie's young marriage shatters when her "perfect" husband--a star editor at The Wall Street Journal--is diagnosed with and dies of AIDS, leaving her with two young children in a city electrified by paranoia about the new epidemic. Devastated by his betrayal, Maggie struggles to protect herself and her children from stigma, keeping the circumstances of her husband's death a secret for nearly twenty-five years. It is only when a journey of self-discovery aligns with her children's coming of age and a new world of sexual tolerance that she can finally embrace the truth and set herself free. With a foreword by Laura Landro, an editor at The Wall Street Journal, and an afterword by Today show psychologist Dr. Dale Atkins, *Now Everyone Will Know* is an honest, unflinching memoir about the damaging nature of family secrets and an inspiring call to embrace every truth--the good, the bad, the ugly--that makes us who we are.

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Maggie Kneip fell in love with John Andrew almost at first sight. She describes so well that heady feeling that comes from knowing that someone you find especially rarified falls for YOU. Andrew seemed to have it all: a distinguished family, two Ivy degrees, a flair for presenting himself, an accomplished journalist, witty and clever, sexually attractive, and acceptable to her parents. And although she was an attractive blonde with her own solid credentials, she didn't always feel that way. No wonder that she was devastated when after the birth of their second child and John's big promotion at the Wall Street Journal, he started acting strangely. One night in a familiar tony

restaurant, he fell apart, unable to recognize a catsup bottle or express a thought. Could he be having a nervous breakdown? At home, he had a blazing fever. Still, she called his psychiatrist rather than rush him to a hospital, in part because there was no one to stay with their infant and their toddler. Within 24 hours, he was hospitalized, and not long after that diagnosed with full-blown AIDS. In hip New York City, AIDS was in full epidemic, and gay men everywhere were dying in large numbers. But Maggie and John lived in Hoboken, NJ, among a group of young families who thought of themselves as much hipper than they were in practice. Even though she and the children were uninfected, she was advised not to reveal John's diagnosis. She shares the unfolding of this ugly disease and the demise of their love story with enormous power and compassion, never rushing to deny of her own deep anger and sense of betrayal. Just as difficult is the reaction of acquaintances, especially the parents of her children's classmates. One reports her to child welfare authorities.

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