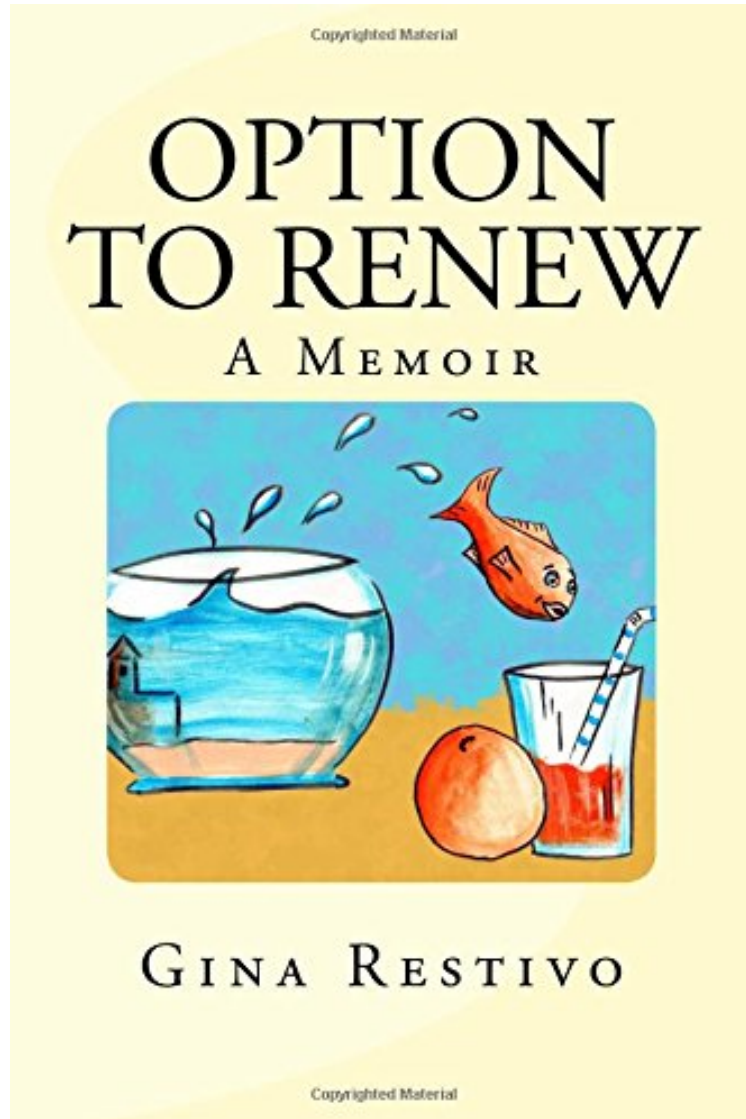


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**Gina Restivo : Option to Renew** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Option to Renew:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. As magical as promisedBy Daniel K. KinkadeFirst, there's the cover, which immediately forces you to flip the book over and then you read the back cover and chuckle at the genius back and forth nature of it. I think I read the back cover three times before I opened the book at all because it already had me intrigued and laughing.For those of you who like to skip to the last page of the book and figure out the ending, you'll be totally lost and frustrated and you'll also be the biggest loser on the planet. Restivo's book requires one to

buckle up for a fierce ride, and be ready for non-linear and hilarious trains of thought going in several directions that somehow by the end of each chapter wind up at the right stations. You wonder how you got there and love being there. Like she assures on the back cover, she is magical. As the previous reviewer said, I also have pages dog-eared and passages highlighted. I CAN'T WAIT to use some of the lines from this book as status updates or something. Maybe the author should have some of the best ones printed on t-shirts! I want "Sarcasm is my teddy bear" on a coffee mug now! Restivo is funny, but she's also super sharp, and she knows that word choice and the combination of words in careful placement is a craft, each word being chosen so wisely for a particular reason and it's evident in her writing. Nothing is by accident. She's also incredibly vulnerable, open and it's easy to see how cathartic this memoir must have been for her to write. I did get weepy when she tells stories about her granny and also totally related to the need for creative validation from those we look up to as we are growing up. She also writes about needing to perform (my way of putting it, not hers..don't want to put words in her mouth) for friends on occasion and be all up and on and cheerful and how sometimes you just want to be down, have a glass of wine, chill, cry, be down and have your friends come over and hang while you do that. I relate to that and it takes a girl with her big girl pants on like Restivo to admit something so personal so publicly. I'll be buying copies as gifts for friends for upcoming birthdays and so on. It's sure to lift spirits and there's something in this book for everyone. Hell, I read it while recovering from Zika virus (no joke) and it made me feel better!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Gina is "that woman" you see at the coffee shop, your best friend, every woman, you. By Elizabeth Rossi Come for the cheerful, curious cover, get hooked by the cheeky back blurb, and settle in for the plucky, poignant prose of breakout author Gina Restivo. This delightful read flies by as you follow the ups and downs (and downs...and ups...and sidewayses...) of Gina's marvelous and yes, magical, mind as she explores her journey through life- which somehow is YOUR journey through life, no matter how your particular circumstances may have mirrored or defected from hers. Peppered with a mix of sarcasm, stream of conscious and subtle but striking truths, you'll find yourself alternating between shaking with giggles and emotion, and sometimes even shaking your head at her triumphs, failures, revelations, embarrassments, and through it all, her indomitable spirit and sparkling sense of humor and wit. Gina is "that woman" you see at the coffee shop, your best friend, every woman, you. You're going to want to follow Gina's- I mean Goldie's- lead and take a dive- into "Option to Renew" (and a giant cup of coffee...or champagne...or heck, both) and you're guaranteed to come away with full mind and a full heart, both cursing and thanking Gina for her captivating story and lingering lessons (yes, lessons, Gina! You ARE that magical!...and funny...and beautiful!). As if you needed reassurance- but of course you do. See? Already I feel like we're bosom buddies and find myself chatting to her and with her as friends. I defy you to come away not doing the same. Read, read, read "Option to Renew." If this review doesn't convince you to do so, then you don't deserve this delight. But of course you do. Cheers.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Buying more for gifts!!! By Laura I bought this book because I know Gina... only to find out I didn't really know Gina. Gina's warm, witty and happy-go-lucky personality make her the perfect person to tell this story. Yes, of course, it's HER story; but in so many ways it is all of ours. When Gina describes being injured, recovered, hurt again, lonely, afraid or in love she does so with such profound simplicity that I found myself nodding and saying, "Yes, me too!" So often authors' expressions of love end up sounding trite or hyper-emotional. Gina's expression of the love of her children is nothing short of perfection. Her raw reality, her faults and failings and successes make you cheer along not only for her and the characters in her life (and some are really characters) but she makes you cheer for yourself, as you see pieces of "everywoman" in her. I feel better - yet sad - and thrilled and pleased and also a bit lonely when I read and re-read this book. Maybe that's why it's so great - it makes me feel everything more - and better - and real. It takes a real talent to do that. I'll be buying several of these for gifts for other women friends in my life.

Option to Renew is the memoir of one woman's humorous search for self-acceptance, understanding, and peace. With her 'wacky' stream of consciousness as our tour guide, she takes us through her early years and some of her most memorable moments. Through her gift for self-expression, readers get an intimate look into the mind and heart of a sensitive child, turned adult, and then mother. Nothing is off limits in this unfiltered confessional from a woman in a 'complicated relationship' with life. Fast-paced, and ridiculously random, we don't have any idea what the next chapter will bring, which is both refreshing and curious. With deliberate sarcasm and endearing thankfulness thrown in for balance, most will see themselves in her words though not directed or encouraged to do so. We cheer for this woman's happiness like we would a dear friend. That alone makes this memoir worth a read. Charming silliness aside, this book explores some grand life concepts. When all is 'read and done', readers are inclined to consider the power in owning choice and perhaps strive for an indiscriminate forgiveness of self, and of others too. Language, insight and unique use of conversational writing, make this an easy and enjoyable read.