Designated Daughter: The Bonus Years with Mom by Phyllis Greene

Fall In Love With Life Again!

Funny, poignant, and wise, Designated Daughter: The Bonus Years with Mom is D.G. Fulfords uplifting story of how, after her fathers death, she returned home to become her mothers closest companion--a move that brought her more in return than she could ever have expected.

D.G. recalls how she and her mother--a pair who are opposites in almost every way, including how they unload the dishwasher--came together to learn what it means to be best friends, and to need each other in the truest sense. Sharing her experience of the lessons, expectations, and surprises involved with caregiving, D.G. also reveals her unique perspective as daughter, mother, and grandmother--and the wonderful ways to honor four generations of family. D.G.s eighty-eight-year-old mother, Phyllis Greene, adds her own remarkable voice, contributing her point of view at the end of each chapter.

With humor and grace, D.G. and her mom talk about keeping in touch with D.G.s two brothers as the entire family copes with the challenges and pleasures of change and transition. Woven throughout are the stories of other mothers and daughters who, despite many hardships and sacrifices, manage to draw from their mutual love and support and embrace these bonus years together as an opportunity to celebrate each others insight.

This is a heartwarming, refreshing, and inspiring mother-daughter story about sharing the very best years. Moving, sensitive, and above all, honest, Designated Daughter speaks to the joys and privileges of bringing generations together toward the end of life--a hopeful message for mothers and their children everywhere.

...shed be DG Fulford and Phyllis Greene. This book warmed my heart and filled my soul with hope and love. I got Designated Daughter last night and read it straight through so I m writing this before I start re-reading it again today! To see a mother and daughter grow so close at a time when so
many families grow apart renewed my faith in everything from God to Early Bird Specials. This is a funny, illuminating, heart-breakingly beautiful look at aging from both sides of the spectrum. The Big Issues seem so much smaller and the Little Stuff seems so much more important now that Ive read Designated Daughter.

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