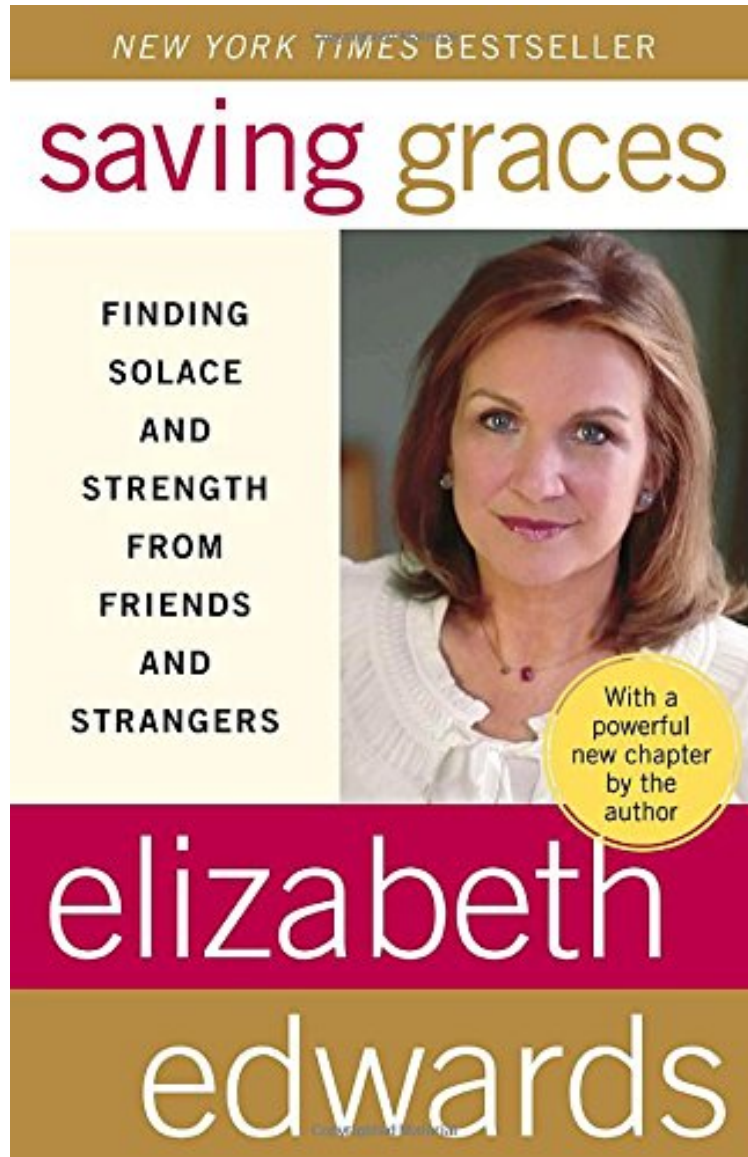


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review helpful. Changed Opinion
By Still Cooking
From the interviews and articles about Elizabeth Edwards, I formed a very positive opinion about her. While I do admire her courage in dealing with cancer, I felt she whined about things that many of us have to deal with daily without any of the financial and social support that she had. Definitely changed my opinion of her and the way she created drama in dealing with problems.
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By Giraffenut
I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I got a whole new insight into the Edwards family. Elizabeth didn't shy away from the pain caused by the untimely death of their wonderful son, Wade, or her initial experience of her breast cancer treatment. There is also an additional chapter in this paperback book regarding the return of her cancer. Her humor cracked me up several times, and I was so inspired by the whole family. They are certainly a strong family, both Elizabeth and John come from strong stock, and it shows. I for one, given the chance, will vote for John Edwards for President. I think he's the one we need to lead this country ahead and away from our current administration's bogging.

She charmed America with her smart, likable, down-to-earth personality as she campaigned for her husband, then vice-presidential candidate John Edwards. She inspired millions as she valiantly fought advanced breast cancer after being diagnosed only days before the 2004 election. She touched hundreds of similarly grieving families when her own son, Wade, died tragically at age sixteen in 1996. Now she shares her experiences in *Saving Graces*, an incandescent memoir of Edwards trials, tragedies, and triumphs, and of how various communities celebrated her joys and lent her steady strength and quiet hope in darker times. Edwards writes about growing up in a military family, where she learned how to make friends easily in dozens of new schools and neighborhoods around the world and came to appreciate the unstinting help and comfort naval families shared. Edwards reminisces of her years as a mother focus on the support she and other parents offered one another, from everyday favors to the ultimate test of her own community's strength—their compassionate response to the death of the Edwards teenage son, Wade, in 1996. Her descriptions of her husband's campaigns for Senate, president, and vice president offer a fascinating perspective on the groups, great and small, that sustain our democracy. Her fight with breast cancer, which stirred an outpouring of support from women across the country, has once again affirmed Edwards' belief in the power of community to make our lives better and richer.

From Publishers Weekly
The breast cancer diagnosis Edwards received on November 3, 2004, is dismayingly common. Uncommon, however, is the timing and the circumstances surrounding it. Wife of the vice presidential candidate John Edwards, Edwards's discovery of the lump on her breast came the day after the election and subsequent defeat of the Kerry-Edwards ticket. This mixture of the common and the uncommon, of the everyday and the extraordinary, defines Edwards and her life. A lawyer, mother of a grown daughter and two young children, and the wife of a politician, Edwards is both an optimist and a realist with the ability to laugh at herself. Yet she has had to endure a parent's worst nightmare—the death of her teenage son, Wade, in a car accident. In the end, however, Edwards's memoir is not about cancer, politics or even unbearable loss (though the description of her grief is heart-wrenching). It's about the value of people coming together to support each other. You'll find no celebrity gossip here. But like the kiss on the forehead her husband gave her at the end of their first date, this memoir is disarmingly moving. First serial to *People*, second serial to *Ladies' Home Journal*; feature in *Good Housekeeping*; national author tour; October 2 appearances on *The Today Show* and *NBC Nightly News*. (Sept. 26) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Reader Praise for *Saving Graces*
I feel as if I've just had a long heart-to-heart with a wonderful new friend. Your writing is so open and engaging, truly. Louisa Dykstra, Des Moines, IA
I admire your continued courage, wisdom, and generosity. You are truly an inspiration. Peggy Abrams, Raleigh, NC
I wept when I read about your son Wade, and I can't even imagine how you felt when you discovered your breast cancer. But you are a survivor. Your strength is an inspiration to me. Thank you. Amy Manata, Skokie, IL
I have taken so much wisdom from your words and those of your husband. Life is full of heartache. But life is such a wonderful tapestry of colors, grays and oranges, sad ones, happy ones. . . Priscilla Harcourt, Tewksbury, MA
You are an inspiration and not simply because of your own courage but because you lead us to other heroes. You show me the hero that is your son and the hero that is my mother. Carina Ost, Los Angeles, CA
It is you who deserves our graces. You showed the world how to be strong, courageous, and most of all determined. Eddie Alexander, San Mateo, CA
You have been an inspiration to me because of your grace and consideration to all of us who support your battle against breast cancer as well as your obvious humanity and ability to speak to us as though we were in your living room. Ellen E. Schaefer, Eugene, OR
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