



APPENDIX

SUMMARY

Hope Donahue seemed to have everything: beauty, wealth, social status. She was an only child who grew up with the best private schools, debutante balls, and a home in Hancock Park. However Hope hid some truths, such as a mother increasingly jealous of her daughter's good looks and a father who cowed to the demands of his wife and coolly reserved parents. Hope's mother always treats her like a Barbie. Because of this situation, Hope always thinks that she is ugly. She wants to be a beautiful woman without her perfect make up and best dress. She thinks plastic surgery is the answer to her wishes.

Hope became addicted to plastic surgery and by the age of twenty-seven, she had undergone seven plastic surgeries. However, none of those surgeries gives her a satisfaction. After a surgery, she will play the part of body, which experience surgery for a while. She tries to decide what cosmetic suit her new surgery, then she feel nothing.

Deep in her heart, Hope feel ashamed with her surgeries. That is why, sometimes Hope acts like someone who experiences agoraphobia. She is afraid to go to a market place. She imagines drivers staring at her, mocking her from their safe cars. She uses her desire to buy a magazine to force her self to do her grocery shopping. Sometimes she imagines something unreasonable like the gravity would suddenly stop working and she would topple to the vast emptiness of the universe.

Hope is afraid that she is gone; she is afraid that there is no Hope in this world. Therefore, she cannot help herself to stop check her reflection in the mirror. However, every time she looks in the mirror, she always notices the imperfectness in her face. This situation leads her to another plastic surgery. She conscious with her abnormal obsession, but she have no idea to stop it.

Hope recounts her downward spiral that alienated her family and friends, and led her to theft, bankruptcy, and a sadistic relationship before she began her recovery.

Hope's experience is a powerful response to a culture obsessed with extreme makeovers and risky procedures that promise flawlessness. Her story will inspire the countless women and men like her who struggle every day in a culture that feeds us dangerous images of unattainable perfection.

