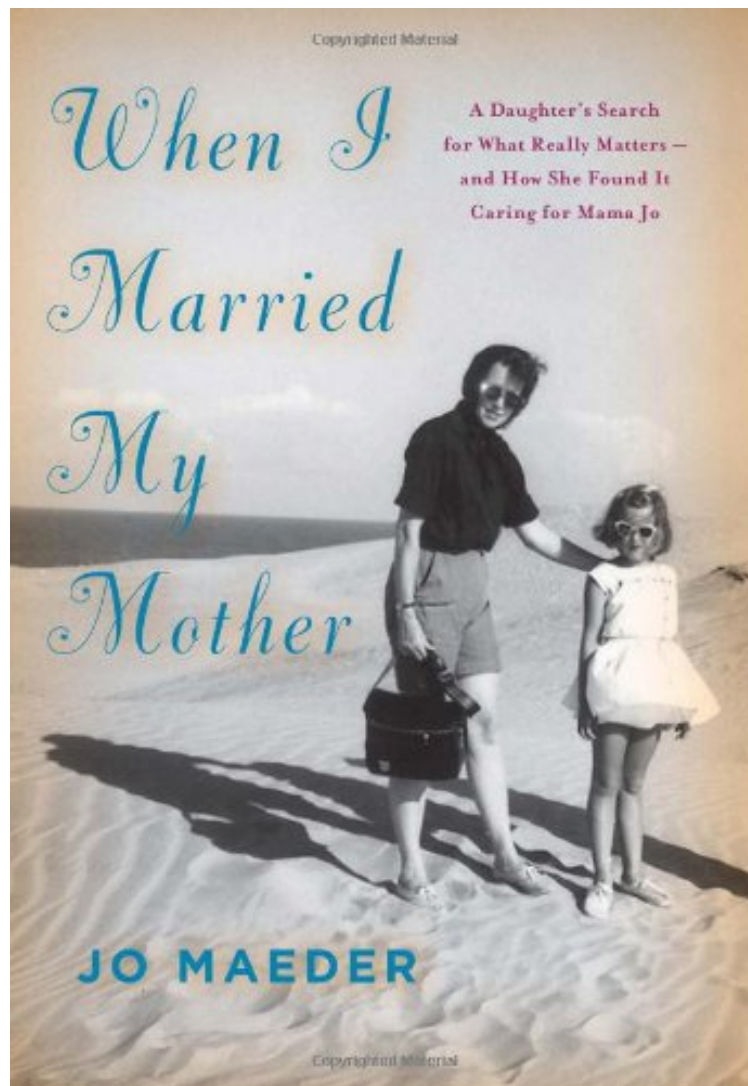


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Jo Maeder was an ambitious DJ in New York City when she did the unthinkable: she moved to the Bible Belt to look after her frail, estranged mother, who had long been a source of intense frustration. Maeder's tumultuous journey from simply living with Mama Jo to learning to truly love her not only changed Maeder's life, but also was the catalyst for pulling her long-fractured family together again. Though often rocky, their marriage was a triumph that taught her about life, faith, and what really matters. With an estimated 34 million informal caregivers in the United States today, more and more adult children are finding themselves in similar circumstances. Poignant and refreshingly funny, Maeder's story will resonate with this vast audience, providing an informative and inspirational roadmap for compassionate elder care.

Northwest Observer, 4/10/09 Takes an honest yet upbeat look at one family's experience with intergenerational living and dealing with an aging and dying parent. Its a story designed to evoke both laughter and tears.