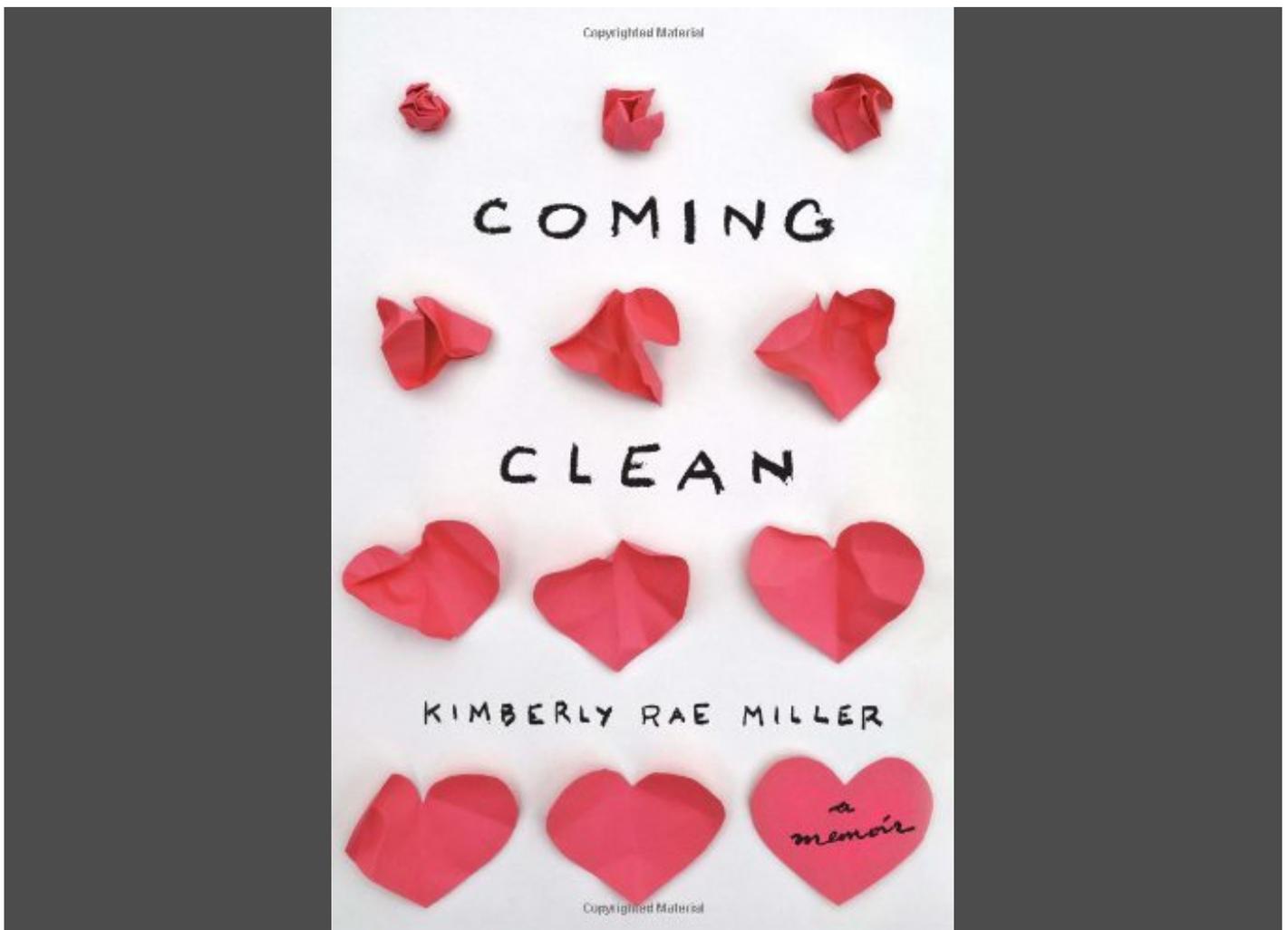


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by **Kimberly Rae Miller**



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Amazon.com Review

An Amazon Best Book of the Month, July 2013: Most children who grow up in dysfunctional families don't realize at first they're any different from anybody else—but Kimberly Rae Miller is more observant than most; from childhood, she had a growing sense that there was something wrong in her household. A brilliant guy who ended up driving a bus, Miller's father was an extreme hoarder, and the family's normal-from-the-outside (at least for a while) Long Island home was a mess (or treasure trove, depending on your point of view) of useless (or fascinating) papers

and junk (important stuff). In *Coming Clean*, Miller, an actor and writer, chronicles her weird childhood and adolescence, but what's really unusual about this buoyant, winning memoir is that for all that the author describes the familial dysfunction in heartbreaking, copious detail—and for all that she sometimes lost patience with her parents—she never stops showing that she loves them. As readers we come to love them, too—partly because, whatever else, they managed to raise such a smart and witty and generous daughter. — *Sara Nelson*

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