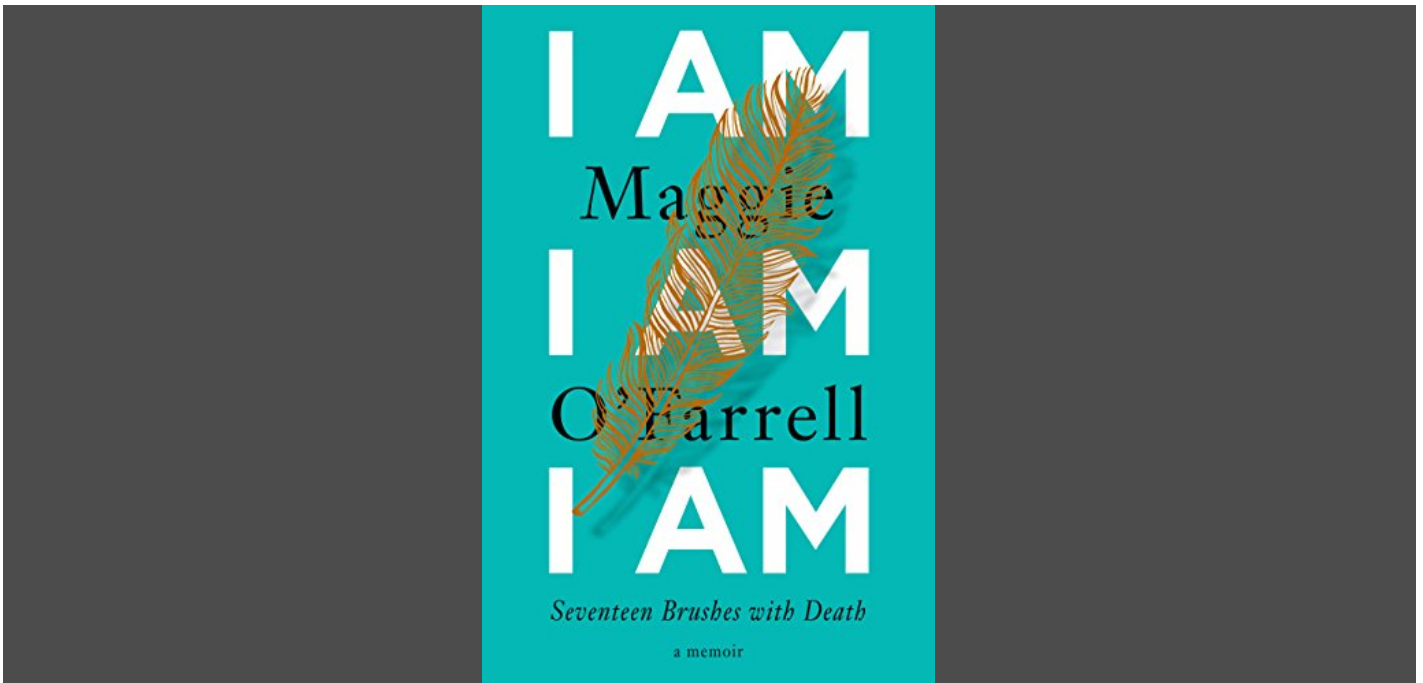


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**An Amazon Best Book of February 2018:** I'll be honest: When I first started this book, I almost put it straight back down. The opening scene of the author's teenage encounter

with a stranger on an isolated hiking trail made me want to look away from the page itself, unwilling to read farther...but O'Farrell's writing coaxed me on. And I'm so glad I continued. Because this is a book not about the life-or-death moments balanced on a knife's edge (sometimes literally) but about the keen awareness of being alive that goes hand-in-hand with terror. The smell of cinnamon, the sound of agitated elephants on a beach, the soft belly fur of newborn kittens, and O'Farrell's own restlessness that urges her to keep moving, keep exploring, keep pushing forward, embrace and enhance the bitter seeds of fear from which these events are born. As she relates her stories in a nonlinear fashion, glimpses of O'Farrell's biography snap into place like puzzle pieces. The end of the book brings no full picture, however, for hers is an existence still creating its own destiny. Readers who were moved by *The Last Lecture* or *When Breath Comes Air* will find similar moments of affirmation here by a writer who has chosen to embrace the calamities that come with a life lived with curiosity and passion. —*Adrian Liang, Amazon Book Review*

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