



“With disarming frankness, Summers invites readers into a life that has often been unsettled, recounting her experiences facing addiction, abuse, grief, and incarceration. That she does, in the face of great personal tragedy, is a testament to the same spirit and resilience that never allows this book to become too dark. Summers’ storytelling is crisp and vivid, honest about her choices, and distinguished by extraordinary care for others” — *BookLife Review*

“In *OFF MY KNEES, From Skid Row To Sunset Boulevard*, Julie D. Summers discloses her life story, presenting the extent of human anguish and rage with phenomenal brutality. Both a rousing cautionary tale and a haunting confession, the memoir serves as a soothing word uttered to all those enduring the ache of existence.”  
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“Summers manages to pack a lot into this brief remembrance. She memorably presents details of her early years, including a wonderful variety of home-cooked meals, and paints clear pictures of more difficult times, including her later experience in prison.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

## ***OFF MY KNEES*** ***From Skid Row To Sunset Boulevard***

**By Julie D. Summers**

**“Nobody told me I can’t.”**

### **A story of resiliency**

From an idyllic childhood in Pennsylvania to the crumbling of her American dream in Florida, *Off My Knees* takes a journey with a voice reminiscent of Jeannette Walls (*The Glass Castle*). A fast-paced writing style engrosses the reader from the first life-altering moment when her father loses his job and they move across the country to the unimaginable tragedy that follows—changing the family and how it survives.

Julie’s life is a series of heartbreaking moments, triumphant notes, and how relationships shape us for good and evil. A teenage trauma pushed her into prostitution and drug addiction. She escaped Florida and drove alone to land in Los Angeles. With the help of others, Julie becomes a thriving antique broker, only to self-destruct and end up in prison. After release, she started over as the manager of a large apartment building and began an amazing multi-decade political and philanthropic work with the unhoused in West Hollywood. Julie preserved through countless trials, often doubting herself but never giving up.

*Off My Knees* is a story of the Phoenix, rising out of the ashes repeatedly, one person’s journey through the hardships life throws and overcoming them.

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