

Kenny Fries: BODY, REMEMBER: A MEMOIR

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Over het boek:

At 35, Kenny Fries wanted to discover what could be learned about the history of his body and the map of physical and psychic scars with which he had lived since infancy. There was no scientific name for the congenital deformities that affected the lower extremities of his body. "I know my past by knowing my scars," Fries writes. "They do not exist only on my skin, but remain inscribed on the cortex of my brain, the section where memory is stored." Just as his body had been reconstructed over countless surgeries, Fries sought to reconstruct a record of his disability. He turned to long-buried medical records, unearthed family secrets, and revisited the echoing memories of past relationships."

In this moving, remarkable memoir, we meet Fries's family and neighbors in Brooklyn; his compassionate doctor; the brother who resented his disabled sibling; the men who awakened Fries's sexuality and initiated him into a lifelong questioning of the meaning of beauty; and a community that prompted difficult questions about our world's demands on human life and physical being.

Over de auteur:

Kenny Fries is an American memoirist and poet. He is the author of *In the Province of the Gods*, *The History of My Shoes and the Evolution of Darwin's Theory*, *Body, Remember: A Memoir*, and editor of *Staring Back: The Disability Experience from the Inside Out*.