

PREFACE

Nancy began writing this memoir in early 2020, soon after she was diagnosed with Huntington's disease. A month later, the world was diagnosed with COVID. Although we were already collaborating on her project, our work became more difficult. As New York City shut down, Nancy, at age 75 and living with HD, learned to use and love Zoom. When the mRNA vaccines proved effective and shutdowns lifted, more than a year had gone by. Some months later, Nancy decided to invite her sister, Alice, an experienced writer, to join in helping her tell her story. The three of us then worked together, partly in person, partly by Zoom, and partly by email and phone. With Nancy's speech somewhat compromised, although not her memory nor her intellect, it fell to Alice and me to put her words on the page. But dictating memories, providing correspondence and interview transcripts, correcting errors, and revising interpretations, Nancy has remained throughout the teller of her own story, the author of her own extraordinary life.

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