

## Reviews/Praise for Hippy Boy

“The author’s clear-eyed prose keeps the pages turning ... well-written and heartbreaking.” – *Publishers Weekly*

“In clear, graceful prose and in a voice that is refreshingly authentic, Ricks tells an uplifting story of heartbreak, hope and self-salvation.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

“Soft-spoken yet resounding...Ricks’ voice is true.” - *Booklist*

“Fans of Haven Kimmel and Mary Karr should welcome Ricks warmly as a new, distinct voice in memoirs.” – *BookPage*

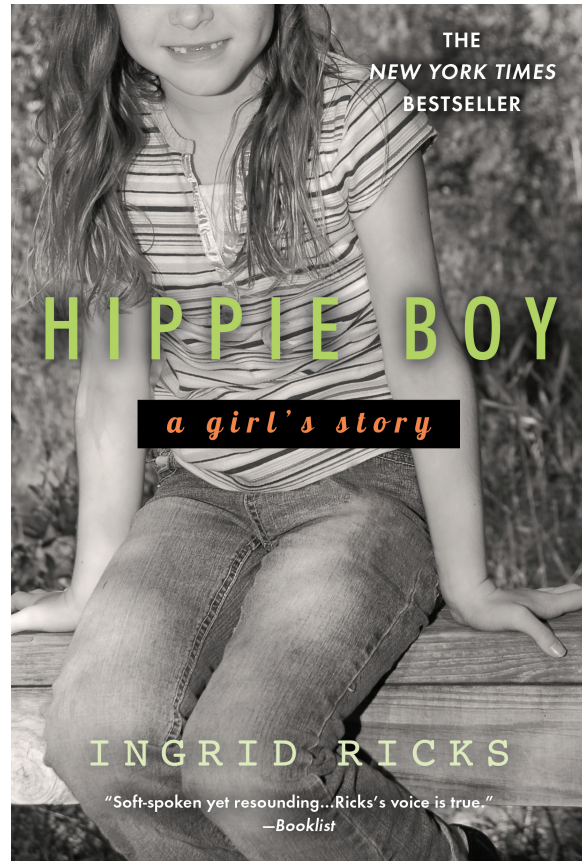
“Ricks’ writing is easy and engaging, and her details are sharp.” - *Bust Magazine*

“What sets "Hippy Boy" apart is how its stories might especially resonate with young-adult readers.” - *The Salt Lake Tribune*

“This story reads almost as a novel even though it is an autobiographical account. Ricks' strength to overcome despite desperate odds will likely inspire readers with a desire to do the same.” - *Deseret News*

“Instead of sensationalizing her Mormon-raised youth in Utah, Ricks tells her story plainly, in the very matter-of-fact way a child sees the world.” - *Seattle Weekly*

“As a young girl, Ricks was always looking for someone to save her from her hard life. Now as a writer, she’s helping youths use the power of storytelling to save themselves.” – *The Salt Lake Tribune*



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