

boyfriend she'd hope would support her. His inability to do so in any meaningful way left Mallette a teen mom who beat the odds, thanks to love for and commitment to her son; the support of family, friends, and employers; and her belief that God was directing her life. Mallette (with cowriter Gregory) does a solid job of weaving her faith, and its ups and downs, into a respectable narrative. And, of course, there's a lot about Justin, though primarily his early career. How she uses her notoriety to help girls in similar circumstances to her young self adds an uplifting note. There will be many who'll find meaning in this familiar story. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Mallette is Justin Bieber's mother. Enough said. --Ilene Cooper

From the Inside Flap "When you hit rock bottom, you have nowhere to go but up."

In *Nowhere but Up*, Pattie Mallette shares for the first time in detail about the pain and abandonment she experienced as a child, the sexual abuse she suffered for years, the severe depression she wrestled with as a teen, the deep struggles she faced as a single mom, and the faith she's learned to cling to through dark times. With raw honesty, she spills the truth about a lifetime of moments that were punctuated by pain yet permeated with grace--and the journey that's brought her to where she is today.

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