

Chapter Summaries of *A Tatterdemalion's Testimony* by Sarah Vigue

These concise chapter-by-chapter summaries do contain spoilers. Read at your own risk.

Before We Get Started

This introductory section sets the memoir's tone, drawing from Sarah Vigue's raw journey of faith amid trauma. Vigue shares her childhood in Georgia, marked by abuse from stepfather John Herrin, including physical beatings and sexual assault. Relocated to Maine under state custody, she endured further instability with grandmother Peggy's manipulation. Now in her thirties, Vigue confronts her past through writing, revealing how her "tatterdemalion" (ragged, forsaken) spirit finds redemption in Christ.

She critiques church failures in addressing abuse and occult influences, emphasizing vulnerability's role in spiritual healing.

Spoiler: This foreshadows her 2012 born-again conversion, angelic encounters, and a two-year "pilgrimage" inspired by Tim Tebow's example, transforming her from survivor to warrior.

Chapter 0: Your Story Is Unique, like Everyone Else's

Sarah recounts her reluctant entry into faith, contrasting her gritty past with church expectations. At 33, a cloud-gazing moment sparks her testimony, blending childhood wonder with adult disillusionment. She describes abuse by stepfather John, hot pans, knife games, and sexual violation, and family dysfunction, including her mother's denial.

Relocated to Maine, she faces Peggy's volatility and church hypocrisy.

Spoiler: This chapter reveals Sarah's occult dabbling post-college, triggered by chronic pain and isolation, leading to demonic attacks. Her plea for direction culminates in a 2012 divine encounter, igniting her authentic Christian conversion and a two-year mission of biblical study and spiritual warfare, redefining her as a "new zealot."

Chapter 1: The Foundation

Sarah traces her abuse origins in Georgia, where stepfather John's sadism goes unchecked by her mother. At six, family intervention exposes the abuse, leading to John's AWOL arrest and custody loss. In Maine with abusive grandmother Peggy, Sarah

endures further trauma, including a near-strangulation. Reuniting with her mother brings poverty but stability.

Spoiler: John's 15-year sentence for desertion and abuse brings temporary relief, but Vigue's undiagnosed ADHD and depression emerge. By 19, a back injury cripples her, symbolizing life's burdens. Her occult exploration begins as a desperate bid for healing, escalating to demonic oppression until a 2012 vision of Jesus marks her salvation and two-year discipleship under Tebow's unwitting example.

Chapter 2: Pangs

Sarah details the physical and emotional toll of abuse, from bloody stools and malnutrition to her sister's bipolar diagnosis and suicide attempt. Living with stepdad Mark in rural Maine isolates her further, exacerbating depression and identity struggles.

Spoiler: At 12, Vigue enters therapy, grappling with predatory instincts from trauma. Puberty brings harassment, fueling escapism through books and clarinet. By 16, family moves to Massachusetts expose class divides and more abuse. College brings back injury and surgery complications, including a burn scar. Despair peaks in occult pursuits for pain relief, leading to demonic attacks. Her 2012 conversion brings healing glimpses, but unresolved pain prompts a two-year Tebow-inspired pilgrimage of faith and resilience.

Chapter 3: A Life on Layaway

Vigue exposes John's predatory cycle, from animal killings to family rapes, enabled by silence. Living with Peggy post-divorce amplifies trauma through theft of gifts and emotional manipulation. Biological dad remains distant, mocking John's fate.

Spoiler: Sarah testifies against John at age seven, securing his sentence but feeling guilt over her sister's role. Custody battles and poverty persist; Becky's bipolar leads to suicide attempt. Vigue escapes into books, hiding in fantasy. At 16, family relocates to Massachusetts; Mark's abuse continues. College herniates her discs, sparking occult interest. By 2012, demonic oppression peaks until conversion and Tebow's example guide her pilgrimage, fostering discernment and hope amid scars.

Chapter 4: People Are a Lesson or a Blessing

Sarah navigates custody chaos with Peggy's hypocrisy and church gossip. Reunions with bio-dad disappoint; toys are stolen, amplifying worthlessness. Testifying against John traumatizes her, but she confronts family enabling.

Spoiler: John's prison sentence offers relief, but Peggy's greed and church judgment linger. Sarah's family relocates to Massachusetts; stepdad Mark's flatulence and verbal abuse grate, yet she bonds with stepsiblings. Becky's bipolar and suicide attempt strain the family. Sarah escapes into books, yearning for belonging. College back injury deepens despair, leading to occult experimentation for healing. Demonic attacks ensue until 2012 salvation; Tebow's disciplined faith inspires her two-year mission of biblical study and spiritual warfare.

Chapter 5: Puberty POW

Puberty awakens predatory instincts in Vigue, mirroring her abuser's gaze. Diagnosed with exceptional memory but dismissed depression, she battles isolation and self-harm urges. Escapism through clarinet and books provides solace.

Spoiler: Bullying and family strife culminate in two depressive episodes by age 12. At 16, relocation to Massachusetts brings new isolation; Vigue excels in school and sports but hides suicidal ideation. College back injury disables her, fueling occult pursuits. 2012 conversion brings partial healing (10% back improvement), but pain persists. Tebow's disciplined perseverance models her pilgrimage, emphasizing self-care and faith over worldly striving.

Chapter 6: Hidden in Plain Sight

College abroad in France offers fleeting freedom from family trauma, but cultural clashes and health issues resurface isolation. Returning, Vigue enters corporate life, facing harassment and unfulfilling jobs. Supernatural encounters, like a demonic face in a Dali poster, prompt oil blessings and rebuke in Jesus's name.

Spoiler: Job losses and a stalker exacerbate despair; occult exploration for pain relief invites demonic oppression. A 2012 nightmare vision of Jesus as savior births her conversion, banishing demons. Tebow's example guides her two-year pilgrimage of biblical anchoring and spiritual warfare, transforming survival into purposeful faith.

Chapter 7: Clouds Without Rain

Vigue seeks solace in locked churches and Catholic sanctuaries, craving spiritual connection amid church hypocrisy. Energy healing via polarity promises relief from chronic pain.

Spoiler: Laid off, Vigue dives into reiki and crystals at a metaphysical bookstore, experiencing temporary relief but escalating demonic attacks. Reiki initiations open spiritual doors, leading to oppression and sleep disturbances. Congregational church attendance clashes with occult practices; a demonic face in her poster is banished by prayer. Desperation peaks until 2012 conversion; Tebow's resilience inspires her pilgrimage of discernment and biblical living.

Chapter 8: A Sheep Tangled in Death

Sarah likens herself to a vulnerable sheep, entangled in occultism after failed church connections. Locked churches and unhelpful Anglicans drive her to energy healing, initially easing pain but inviting demons.

Spoiler: Séances and channeling escalate attacks; a nightmare entity is repelled by invoking Jesus. Realizing occult dangers, Vigue seeks Pentecostal counsel, discarding crystals. Her 2012 conversion solidifies Psalm 91 as protection; Tebow symbolizes a shepherd's guidance in her two-year pilgrimage of spiritual warfare and biblical anchoring.

Chapter 9: Drive-Through of a Glass Darkly

Occult escalation brings demonic harassment, including sleep paralysis and a grotesque face-mask entity banished by faith in Christ's blood. Vigue juggles church and reiki, rationalizing spiritual risks.

Spoiler: A 2012 vision of Jesus as a soccer coach empowers her to "score" a spiritual goal, marking her true conversion. Tebow's documentary, pointed by an angel, launches her two-year pilgrimage of discernment, rejecting relativism for biblical truth and spiritual warfare.

Chapter 10: Wrangling Demons (or Spiritual Warfare in Christianese)

Sarah battles demonic oppression from reiki, using Psalm 91 and rebukes in Jesus's name. A woodland spirit possession during a backyard meditation horrifies her.

Spoiler: Mother's warnings and biblical tactics provide partial relief, but attacks intensify. Sarah's 2012 conversion equips her with faith visualizations; Tebow's example reinforces her two-year mission of biblical warfare against occult strongholds.

Chapter 11: Growing Discernment

Vigue questions church hypocrisy amid angelic deceptions in energy healing. Angel cards and crystals promise aid but deliver dread.

Spoiler: A malevolent spirit's attack reveals occult dangers; Sarah discards items into the ocean. Her 2012 conversion sharpens discernment; Tebow's fruit of the Spirit guides her pilgrimage toward biblical purity over relativism.

Chapter 12: Finding Thorns and Thistles

Contacting childhood pastor Brother Arnold yields generic advice and sales pitches, frustrating Sarah.

Spoiler: She discards occult items but feels unhealed. 2012 conversion brings clarity; Tebow's path illuminates her two-year journey from spiritual barrenness to fruitful faith.

Chapter 13: Church Fright and Embarrassment

Sarah confesses occult involvement to church leaders, facing judgment and ineffective prayers. A demonic "cloak of fear" during prayer highlights her isolation.

Spoiler: Humiliated, she leaves the church; 2012 conversion validates her experiences. Tebow's steadfastness inspires her pilgrimage of seeking authentic community.

Chapter 14: The Cleanup After the Storm

Post-conversion, Sarah purges occult remnants and navigates church awkwardness. Father's stroke and death expose family dysfunction.

Spoiler: Demonic attacks persist; a hotel vision repels an entity targeting her brother. Tebow's example sustains her two-year mission of spiritual cleansing and resilience.

Chapter 15: Recycling Foolishness

Seeking refuge with ex-boyfriend Andrew post-father's death invites codependency relapse. Sarah rejects romantic advances, affirming boundaries.

Spoiler: Angelic protection during demonic attacks reinforces her conversion; Tebow's purity contrasts her past, guiding her pilgrimage toward healthy relationships.

Chapter 16: Accountability: A Call of Duty

At father's funeral, Sarah repels a demonic attack on her brother with a Jesus rebuke.

Spoiler: Habakkuk's visions equip her for spiritual battles; Tebow's example embodies accountability in her two-year mission of protecting loved ones through faith.

Chapter 17: Choosing True North

Sarah surrenders control in a car prayer, seeking God's parental care like Enoch's walk.

Spoiler: This 2012 sinner's prayer marks her true conversion; Tebow's life becomes her "true north" for the two-year pilgrimage of trust and intimacy with the Trinity.

Chapter 18: So Now What?

Post-conversion, Sarah grapples with purposelessness amid job loss and family strife. Escapism via media offers temporary solace.

Spoiler: Surrendering in her car prayer births authentic faith; Tebow's example launches her two-year mission of rediscovering identity in Christ.

Chapter 19: Bible Covers with Clichés

At a Christian retailer, Sarah buys a "New Found Lamb" Bible cover, unaware of its prophetic role.

Spoiler: It later holds her NET Bible, gifted to Tebow as part of her divine mission, symbolizing her transformation from lost sheep to guided disciple.

Chapter 20: Miracle Call

A divine soccer vision during a sales call empowers Sarah to upsell \$324, fulfilling a goal.

Spoiler: An angel points to Tebow's documentary, launching her two-year pilgrimage; this "scoring" miracle affirms her conversion and God's partnership in her faith journey.

Chapter 21: DVDs and Celebrities, Not Scrolls and Camels?

An angel manifests, directing Sarah to Tebow's documentary as a spiritual guide.

Spoiler: This launches her two-year mission; Tebow becomes a brotherly mentor, modeling disciplined faith amid her occult recovery and chronic pain.

Chapter 22: Goodness

Sarah admires Tebow's "goodness" as spiritual fruit, contrasting her past voids.

Spoiler: Tebow's example inspires her pilgrimage, helping her cultivate love, joy, and self-control while battling doubt and isolation.

Chapter 23: Letting Hope Change Me

Tebow's resilience motivates Sarah to rebuild health and purpose post-conversion.

Spoiler: Biblical meditation reveals perseverance's role; her pilgrimage shifts from survival to hopeful transformation through Tebow's modeled faith.

Chapter 24: Growing Thicker Skin

Church harassment and boundary violations test Sarah's resilience.

Spoiler: Tebow's example teaches her to navigate rejection; her pilgrimage fosters thicker skin, turning vulnerability into strength amid spiritual warfare.

Chapter 25: Hosea and Gomer

Sarah wrestles with Hosea's story, initially rejecting the "harlot" parallel.

Spoiler: God reveals her as Gomer—a cherished gift—prompting surrender; this insight deepens her pilgrimage, embracing redemption over shame.

Chapter 26: Two Unexpected Revelations

Meditating on Hosea, Sarah realizes abuse's role in creating "prostitutes."

Spoiler: God declares her a "gift" like Gomer, shattering her self-view; this revelation catalyzes emotional healing and commitment to her pilgrimage.

Chapter 27: Playing Christian Dress-Up

Sarah zealously shares Scripture insights in groups, facing awkwardness. **Spoiler:** Her passionate "Pentecostal" style clashes with conservative churches; Tebow's example guides her toward authentic, unashamed faith in her pilgrimage.

Chapter 28: The Word Small Redefined as “Un-Friggin’-Believable”

Sarah navigates church politics on women's roles and modesty, feeling alienated.

Spoiler: Tebow's influence helps her embrace biblical freedom; her pilgrimage redefines "Word" as transformative, not restrictive.

Chapter 29: “You Have to Go to Him Because He Won’t Come to You”

God commands Sarah to deliver a Bible to Tebow at Gillette Stadium.

Spoiler: Despite fears, she attempts it but hands it to staff; the mission symbolizes pursuing God, deepening her pilgrimage's obedience theme.

Chapter 30: Too Much Love for Gomer

Delivering the Bible, Sarah confronts fear as "too much love" overwhelms her near Tebow.

Spoiler: Exposure therapy via the mission heals trauma; Tebow's goodness reinforces her identity as God's cherished gift.

Chapter 31: Temptation

Vigue faces post-conversion temptations, including lustful attacks mimicking past abuse.

Spoiler: Rejecting them strengthens her; Tebow's purity guides her pilgrimage, affirming victory through Christ's authority.

Chapter 32: The Warrior Is a Child

Sarah recalls angelic protections from childhood, realizing God's lifelong guidance.

Spoiler: This affirms her warrior identity; Tebow's example bolsters her pilgrimage, transforming victimhood into vigilant faith.

Chapter 33: Planting Seeds and Growing Fruit

Sarah plants faith seeds with others, discerning true Christians.

Spoiler: Her pilgrimage yields fruit like helping family conversions; Tebow's influence teaches her to nurture growth amid doubt.

Chapter 34: The Finish Line

As her two-year pilgrimage ends, Sarah reflects on growth from Tebow's model.

Spoiler: Surrendering perfectionism, she embraces ongoing sanctification; the mission completes her transformation into a resilient disciple.