

# Not the Mother I Remember

*a memoir*

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When Amber Starfire discovers boxes containing a lifetime of her mother's journals and letters, she realizes she's been given a rare chance to unlock the enigma that had been her mother—but will her mother's writings reveal the woman she remembers, or someone else altogether? *Not the Mother I Remember* tells the story of a sensitive girl raised by an exceptional and unconventional woman during a time of social change, gradually exposing the true nature of their relationship and their extraordinary bonds.

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