Nothing Bad Between Us:
A Mennonite Missionary’s Daughter Finds Healing in Her Brokenness

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“This book could have been written only by someone possessed of uncommon love, compassion and empathy. For anyone who has been broken and is in need of healing, please put Nothing Bad Between Us at the top of your list.

--Larry Dossey, MD, New York Times best-selling author of Healing Words: The Power of Prayer and the Practice of Medicine

Do you sometimes long for inspiration to face the difficult challenges in your life with courage and vulnerability? Celebrated scholar, speaker, and author Marlena Fiol invites you to join her on a deeply personal journey of raw identity-changing experiences. In the end, she reaches a hard-won level of forgiveness that not only will move you, but will cause you to search your own soul, looking for the place where you too can locate the love and peace you have craved all your life.

Throughout her early life on a Mennonite leprosy compound in Paraguay, Marlena grapples with contradictory desires to please her autocratic, hero-doctor father, and revolt against his often-abusive control. After being publicly humiliated in front of the entire close-knit community for her sexual misconduct, Marlena escapes to the U.S., where she stumbles from one disaster to another, finally hitting rock bottom. But that is not the end of her story. Nothing Bad Between Us reveals unexpected openings to find redemption and reconciliation in the most broken parts of ourselves.

Praised by award-winning writer and filmmaker Phil Cousineau as “an epic journey of reconciliation,” Nothing Bad Between Us offers an account of one person’s vulnerable and honest struggle on the road to wholeness. With unflinching candor, Marlena welcomes readers into her life, in the process allowing them to discover their own paths of healing and growth.