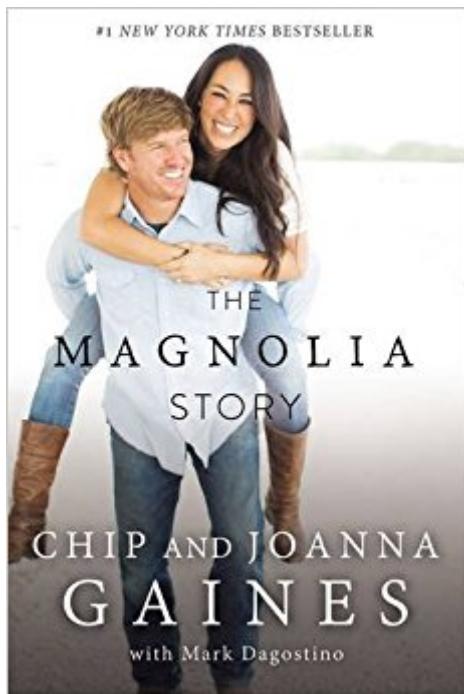


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# The Magnolia Story



## Synopsis

National Bestseller--New York Times, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Publisher's Weekly Are you ready to see your fixer upper? These famous words are now synonymous with the dynamic husband-and-wife team Chip and Joanna Gaines, stars of HGTV's *Fixer Upper*. As this question fills the airwaves with anticipation, their legions of fans continue to multiply and ask a different series of questions, like "Who are these people? What's the secret to their success? And is Chip actually that funny in real life? By renovating homes in Waco, Texas, and changing lives in such a winsome and engaging way, Chip and Joanna have become more than just the stars of *Fixer Upper*, they have become America's new best friends. *The Magnolia Story* is the first book from Chip and Joanna, offering their fans a detailed look at their life together. From the very first renovation project they ever tackled together, to the project that nearly cost them everything; from the childhood memories that shaped them, to the twists and turns that led them to the life they share on the farm today. They both attended Baylor University in Waco. However, their paths did not cross until Chip checked his car into the local Firestone tire shop where Joanna worked behind the counter. Even back then Chip was a serial entrepreneur who, among other things, ran a lawn care company, sold fireworks, and flipped houses. Soon they were married and living in their first fixer upper. Four children and countless renovations later, Joanna garners the attention of a television producer who notices her work on a blog one day. In *The Magnolia Story* fans will finally get to join the Gaines behind the scenes and discover: The time Chip ran to the grocery store and forgot to take their new, sleeping baby Joanna's agonizing decision to close her dream business to focus on raising their children When Chip buys a houseboat, sight-unseen, and it turns out to be a leaky wreck Joanna's breakthrough moment of discovering the secret to creating a beautiful home Harrowing stories of the financial ups and downs as an entrepreneurial couple Memories and photos from Chip and Joanna's wedding The significance of the word magnolia and why it permeates everything they do The way the couple pays the popularity of *Fixer Upper* forward, sharing the success with others, and bolstering the city of Waco along the way And yet there is still one lingering question for fans of the show: Is Chip really that funny? "Oh yeah," says Joanna. "He was, and still is, my first fixer upper."

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## **Customer Reviews**

CHIP AND JOANNA GAINES are the founders of Magnolia Homes, Magnolia Market, and Magnolia Realty in Waco, Texas. Together, they also host HGTV's *Fixer Upper*, where Joanna serves as the lead designer and Chip handles construction. They appreciate the old ways of living, simple and hardworking, with home at the center of it all. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I received the Audible version of this book this morning. Chip and Joanna are the narrators and it is positively delightful hearing this book "in their own words"! Learning about their early life and the way that they have dealt with their problems and how they have lived their lives has been uplifting. They have overcome adversity and have built a life full of love, family, talent, professionalism keeping their faith first and foremost. They never forgotten who and what is important. I have finished the book already and will listen to it again and again! I love their series and hope they will stay on the air for a long, long time!!

I have been a huge fan of Joanna and Chip right from the very first show. I have watched every show many time over and never get tired of it. When I saw that they had written a book I couldn't wait to download it. It didn't disappoint. Like their show I only wish it were longer because I can never get enough of *Fixer Upper*. Great job Joanna and Chip!

Great reading couldn't put it down made me smile, laugh and see some things in life we all go through similar. My grandson asked if I could read him a chapter as a bedtime story and after, he

said they are special and funny Grandma can you read me more tomorrow .Thats a impact that I'm thankful for Thanks and enjoy everyone

This is a must read for all Fixer Upper fans. I was surprised at how inspirational it is. And I love how their two voices are blended in the text. I am watching re-runs today with new appreciation for their authenticity.

**My Thoughts On The Book:** I became a huge fan of Chip and Joanna when I was in the hospital and then home for a month on bed rest. I fell in love with the couple and knew I had to read this book. I thoroughly enjoyed it and found it very relaxing. I love that the book and stories are told using both of their voices as they share their personal and business stories. I feel as if I have known them forever. It was so refreshing to read a story that showed faith, hope, and love as easy as breathing. **LOVED IT!!!!**  
**Disclosure of Material Connection:** I did not receive this book for free from anybody. I paid to read it and I loved it so much I had to write a review on it. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

We watch them on TV, and just love them. Now we get to read their story. It is so well written, and I feel like I know them on a personal level. They have such beautiful, well behaved children, and the love they share for each other is inspiring. This is a book I couldn't put down. Loved it!

I love this couple so much and the life that they have made together. It was interesting to read their history and how they got to where they are now. I liked the way it went from Joanna's story and then to Chip's viewpoint of what was going on. They have worked very hard to get where they are but I think their personalities are what shines through and makes them so endearing. I really would like to meet them some day.

I liked this very much. I bought the book plus audio and it was narrated by Chip and Joanna. I thought the decorating would be way out of my league but they talk about not following the trends and going with your gut, They also talked about listening to God and how God gave them more than they ever thought possible,

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