

Mary Marantz

## About Mary Marantz

Author, speaker, and podcast host, Mary Marantz, grew up in a single-wide trailer in rural West Virginia. The first of her immediate family to go to college, she went on to earn a law degree from the nation's top-ranked law school, Yale. After ditching six-figure-salary law firm offers in London and New York, she started a business with her husband, Justin. Together they have built a successful online education platform for creative entrepreneurs. She is also the host of the highly-ranked and popular podcast The Mary Marantz Show. Mary will release her first book, "Dirt: Growing Strong Roots in What Makes the Broken Beautiful," in September. She lives in an 1880s fixer-upper by the sea in New Haven, Connecticut, with her husband, Justin and their two very fluffy golden retrievers, Goodspeed and Atticus. For more information, please visit [MaryMarantz.com](http://MaryMarantz.com).



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Why Mary Marantz?

- Mary's podcast, **The Mary Marantz Show**, debuted in Top 200 on ALL CHARTS on iTunes and in the category of Religion/Spirituality, it remains in the top 20% of all podcasts. Mary has interviewed authors, entrepreneurs, thought leaders, and world-shakers on the topics of business, goals, faith, owning your story, finding purpose, and much more, including Christy Wright, Paula Faris, Morgan Harper Nichols, Rebekah Lyons, Rachel Cruze, Jen Hatmaker, and Michael Hyatt.
- Mary is a stunning writer whose work has recently been featured by Business Insider, Thrive Global, MSN, Bustle, and Brit+Co, among many others.
- As a female business owner, leader, and online educator for creatives and entrepreneurs, Mary serves as an icon for women everywhere. She is passionate about lifting women up and sharing her hard-won lessons with her online audience, including more than 115k followers across all social media platforms.
- A gifted speaker, Mary is invited to speak at top conferences and online summits, including the honor of giving the keynote address at WPPI to more than 15,000. Additional recent speaking engagements include The Bright Side Conference and Rising Tide Summit for Creatives, which has an audience of 70,000.



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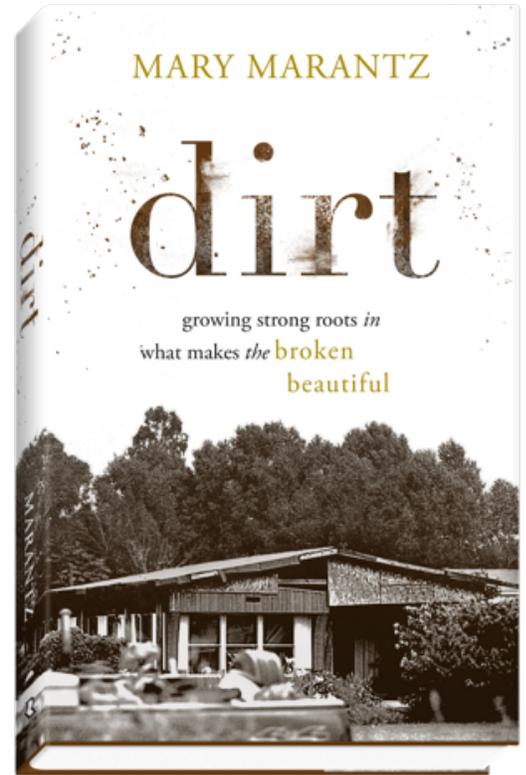
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# Dirt

Mary Marantz's debut book, "Dirt: Growing Strong Roots in What Makes the Broken Beautiful," is a story about the places where we start. From a single-wide trailer in rural West Virginia to the halls of Yale Law School, Mary's story is one of remembering our roots while turning our faces to the sky. From growing up in that trailer, Mary has known what it is to feel broken and disqualified because of the muddy scars leaving smudged fingerprints across our lives. Generations of her family lived and logged in those hauntingly treacherous woods, risking life and limb just to barely scrape by. And yet that very struggle became her redemption song. Mixed with warmth, wit, and the bittersweet beauty of "Dirt" is a story of . With gut-wrenching honesty and hard-won wisdom, Mary shares her story for anyone who has ever walked into the world and felt like their scars were still on display, showing that you are braver, better, and more empathetic for what you have survived.



## Why Dirt?

- **Dirt Floors to Ivy Halls:** "Dirt" tells Mary's incredible life story from growing up in a trailer, where it rained just as hard inside as out, and the smell of mildew hung thick in the air, to make a place for herself at Yale Law School. Mary walks readers down the path of reconciling who we are now with who we were then. Mary writes, "When I tell people this thing about me, this preamble to who I am, you can see the uncomfortable sit upon their shoulders and start to get heavy. Like a weight they never asked to bear. They'll shift and unsettle and say things like, "Well, thank goodness you got out. Thank goodness that's not you anymore." And that's where they would be wrong. I carry that trailer with me. For me, this life—dug out and rebuilt from the ground up—has turned out to be much less a story about any kind of success than it is a song of redemption, a reconciliation with the roots that grew me, a melody born out of the muddiest parts of my life. Because as for me and my story . . . it always started with dirt."
- **Pain and The Scars We Accumulate:** With heartbreaking honesty, Mary exposes the wounds of her childhood and does the heavy-hearted work of living through the scenes she's wanted to delete. Though painful, Mary hopes her writing will bring darkness to light and allow readers to embrace the muddy parts of their story, too.
- **Achievement and Pursuing Your Dreams:** Mary writes about comparison, what drives us to achieve, what fuels our pursuits, and what happens when we get everything we want out of life. We walk out into the world and, no matter how much success we achieve, we still feel like we are walking around with that dirt. Mary writes that the smell of mildew from the trailer went ahead of her when she walked into any room. She felt like everyone could see right through her. So, she ran so hard just trying to escape failure, that she stumbled into success.
- **A Father and His Daughter:** "Dirt" serves as a stunning look into the relationship between a Father, with no choice but to start a dangerous career at just 12-years-old, and his daughter, who spent her entire life being told she could do anything she set her mind to. "There's a picture of my father's hands that I keep. Black and white. Muddy, scarred, and broken. It is a picture of sacrifice. There was a time growing up when I was embarrassed of those hands. Asked him to try to wash them clean once more or to hide those scars away. I'm not embarrassed anymore.."

## Suggested Interview Questions

- What motivated you to write “Dirt” and to share your story?
- Tell us about the title – “Dirt” – and what it means to your personal journey.
- You’ve lived many lives – as the girl in the trailer, the young adult away at college, the woman making a name for herself at Yale Law School, the woman turning down a 6-figure law career to pursue your passions. What have you learned about transformation from this process?
- What would you tell a reader who may be stepping into the unknown or is scared about the future?
- You walk readers through several relationships that have been pivotal to your life. Can you sum up how these relationships have made you who you are today?
- One of those relationships is with your father. Tell us about your relationship with him.
- What do you wish you could have told young Mary, growing up in the trailer?
- You write about how the experiences we have in our developing years have so much impact on our adult selves. Can you share with us a childhood experience that has shaped who you are as an adult?
- What do you hope readers take away from the book?



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