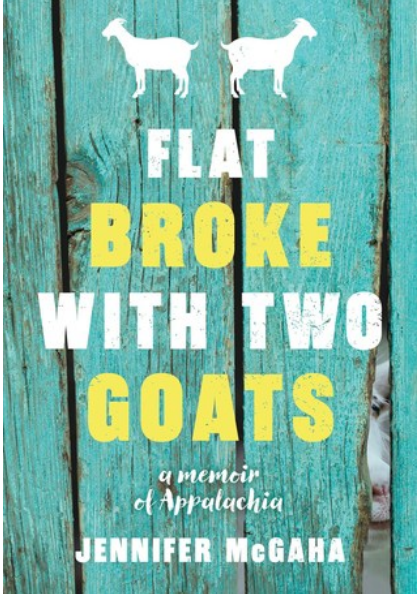


1. What is the central idea discussed in the book? What issues or ideas does the author explore? Are they personal, sociological, global, political, economic, spiritual, medical, or scientific?
 2. How controversial are the issues raised in the book? Who is aligned on which sides of the issues? Where do you fall in that line-up?
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