



# Pieces of me

*Prevention, cure or madness?*



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Three vibrant, young sisters face one of the most confronting decisions they ever have to make - to have their perfectly healthy breasts removed in the hope of saving their lives. They've all tested positive for BRCA2, an inherited gene disorder that means they are at a significantly higher than normal risk of developing breast and ovarian cancer before they turn 50.

Do they remove their breasts while they are young and healthy and have no symptoms of cancer, or wait until cancer sets in? Removing their breasts could circumvent what is a family history of women dying young of breast cancer.

One sister has chosen to have a full prophylactic mastectomy and the other two are struggling with difficult decision to have their breasts removed in order to reduce the risk of developing cancer at a later date.

An intimate personal journey in the lives of these three women which cuts to the heart of their femininity, PIECES OF ME provides a human face to the accelerating scientific advancements in genetic identification. The science of genetics is expanding faster than cures or treatments, so what do people do when diagnosed with a faulty gene, knowing that a cure is still far behind?

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