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Youngest of nine siblings born to a successful suburban Milwaukee restaurateur, Pandl early on had to toil in the family business, whose major profit center was Sunday brunch. One of the third generation of hardworking immigrants' descendants, Pandl tells with great respect how her forbears laid the foundation of a thriving business and left the family with resources enough for them to live in large homes in lakeside suburban towns. Pandl does not appreciate the too-fleshy limbs their genes also bequeathed her. Pandl's father, whose long hours often kept him from his family, relished his brandy manhattans, and he patiently taught Pandl to operate a stick shift, even though he himself exhibited innumerable poor driving habits. Pandl's narrative of her parents' dotage is poignant as her father's determination to keep himself occupied with a new eatery proves a sinkhole for his life savings. This autobiography overflows with heartfelt midwestern sensibilities. --Mark Knoblauch

Review

"Pandl's Restaurant in Milwaukee is a Midwest tradition: What makes Julia Pandl's memoir shine is not only its charm and humor but also its insider's look at how high standards and love equals extraordinary food. In *Memoir of the Sunday Brunch*, she cooks up a delicious story that deserves a wide audience. We thank her for the memories." —Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of *The Deep End of the Ocean*

About the Author

Julia Pandl was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she still lives and works. *Memoir of the Sunday Brunch* is her first book. When she is not writing and otherwise working, she moonlights as a stand-up comic. Author website: www.juliapandl.com.

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