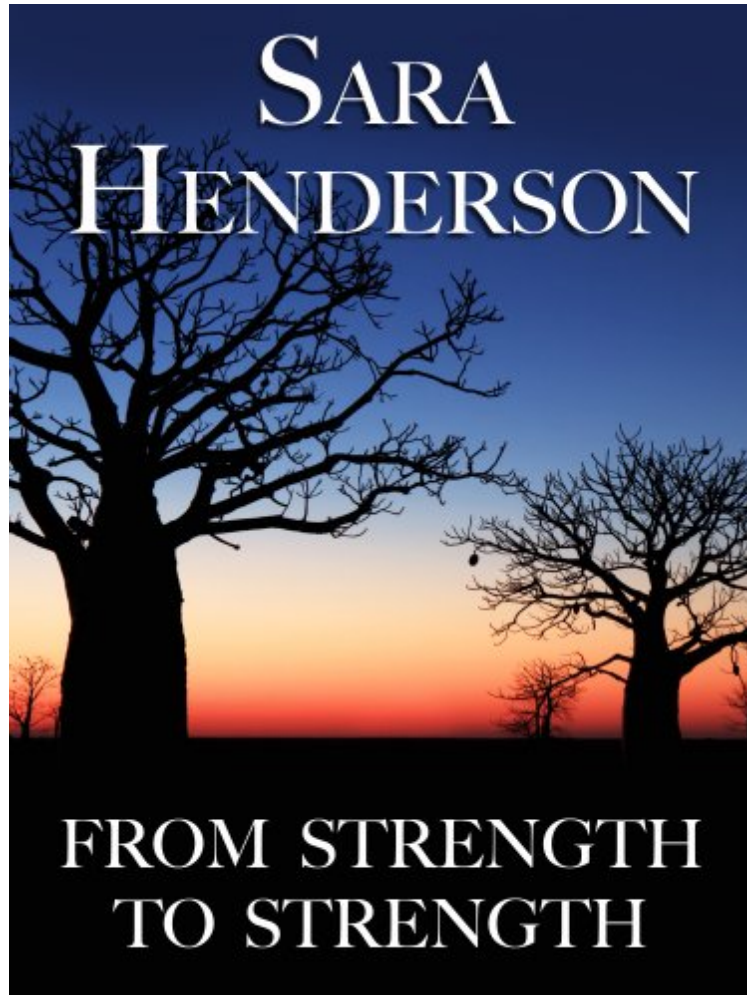


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**Sara Henderson : From Strength to Strength** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised From Strength to Strength:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An excellent, though sometimes puzzling, readBy E. KindbergSara Henderson's books were suggested to me by a Facebook friend who had once worked on Bullo Station some years ago. From what I could tell this is a forthright account of her life with Charlie Henderson and life on the Bullo Station. Since I'm from Maryland (as Charlie was) her accounting of life on the Maryland Eastern shore was spot on. I could completely identify with her recounting her first attempt and putting together a Crab Feast, which was hilarious. Her husband's repetitive infidelities and recklessness would have been enough to drive any reasonable person away, and his self-centered behavior apparently did with numerous business associates and station workers. What I failed to understand was why she stayed married to Charlie and tolerated his behavior for so long. However, I was equally fascinated by her daughter, Marlee and wanted to read her story too. I'm glad I did! "Bullo, The Next Generation" by Marlee Ranacher is another view to life on Bullo.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. She deserved

betterBy GunterAn interesting story; it get's better page by page. What wonderful daughters she produced. Unfortunately the man she loved was an egotistical creep and Sara deserved much better.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Exciting AND hilarious!By triplessI enjoyed this book immensely. I knew little about Australia and nothing about the Outback and ranching--I know more now. I laughed out loud frequently. Sometimes I was angry about events. I was sad. I couldn't stop reading and wrote to my sister so she could read with me. This is a personal story well told.

As tough, spirited, warm and funny as the woman herself, *From Strength to Strength* is the inspirational story of Sara Henderson's extraordinary courage and determination. In 1959, Sara met American war hero and shipping magnate Charles Henderson III, and so began what she calls the world's most demanding, humiliating and challenging obstacle course any human could be expected to endure. Three years after their marriage, Charles presented Sara with her new home, a tin shack in a million acres of red dust. Bullo River. After twenty years of back-breaking work on this remote Northern Australian cattle station, Charlie's death revealed that Sara had not only been left with a floundering property, but also with a heart-breaking mountain of debt. With very little to lose, Sara and her daughters, Marlee and Danielle, took up the challenge of rebuilding Bullo River ... with such tremendous results that in 1991 Sara was named the Businesswoman of the Year. This best-selling autobiography of Sara's story has touched the hearts of people all over Australia. 'Everyone has a book in them, they say, but not everyone has the kind of story Sara Henderson tells, and tells well.' mdash; THE BULLETIN

.com In *From Strength to Strength*, Sara Henderson tells her life story, from her birth in September of 1936 up through September of 1991, 55 remarkable years later. It's a life worth telling, and worth reading about. And though the events of Henderson's life are by turns dramatic, tragic, and inspiring, her personality comes through as down-to-earth, straightforward, and sincere. She could be any one of us, a normal person caught up in a whirlwind of a life that demanded more than she thought she had to give, but who ultimately surprised herself and her community with her tenacity and resolve. As the title indicates, Sara sees strength and perseverance as important themes in her life, and much of her autobiography is spent detailing events that helped develop or exhibited those essential characteristics. With four older brothers, she had ample opportunities to learn how to stick up for herself. Other formative tenacity-building experiences included her short but successful tennis competition career (at 14 she was picked to represent New South Wales in the under-15 schoolgirls team) and the car crash at 19 that curtailed her dream of winning Wimbledon. She lay flat on her back for eight months while her bones healed, and then confounded the doctors' predictions by not only learning to walk again but resuming tennis, too. Sara got a job and for a few years lived a sedately rewarding life. Then Charles English Henderson III entered her world, and everything changed. Swept off her feet by his charm, charisma, and attentions, she wed him within the year, and her life became a tempest of romantic champagne and strawberry evenings, furious recriminations over slights and broken promises, and near-death sailing trips through the eye of a hurricane. They lived for a while on a yacht in Hong Kong's harbor, and their first two girls were born in Manila. Then, after five years abroad, Charlie decided to close his failing overseas business and open a cattle station in Australia's Northern Territory. "The station," writes Sara, "was two hundred miles southwest of Darwin by air, a staggering five hundred by road, if you could call it a road. Our nearest neighbours were about one hundred miles away." Throughout her memoir, Henderson's tone is from the heart rather than polished or sophisticated. The prose is not honed, and it is clear that the woman behind the words is not a professional writer. However, her humor and personality come through as clearly as the story she sets out to tell. What she refers to as the "madcap happenings of my life" would be deemed tragic by most, while to her, they seem in retrospect to have been the means by which she achieved her character and stature. Unlike other adventure tales, *From Strength to Strength* will not make you long to experience all that the author experienced. But she does emerge as a remarkable woman, and the components of her autobiography make for a compelling story and an inspirational read, if not necessarily an enviable life. --Stephanie GoldFrom Publishers WeeklyAn Australian bestseller in 1992, this memoir of a woman's adventure-filled life is marred by a lack of insight. Born in 1936 in comfortable circumstances only slightly mitigated by the specter of WW II deprivation, Henderson grew up playing tennis competitively. When she was 19, massive injuries in a car accident crushed her hopes for a life on the circuit but made her tough and resourceful. When Charles Henderson III appeared, he was a slightly mysterious American whom the author describes as a war hero and shipping magnate. After their 1960 wedding in Hong Kong, the couple moved to Manila. When the shipping business failed, the family--by then rounded out with three young daughters--was forced to move to a million-acre ranch Charles acquired in the remote and rugged Northern Territory. At the Bullo River Cattle Station, Sara fixed water pumps, killed crocodiles, rode in cattle "musters" (roundups) and managed the ranch. In her telling, Charles, who was often distracted or unfaithful, brought her to the verge of a breakdown many times. Taking full charge of the station after her husband's illness in 1986, Henderson, with the help of her daughters, has run the place successfully enough to become Australia's Businesswoman of 1990 and a familiar figure in the Australian media. Bw photos. (May) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From BooklistHenderson is the author of four best-selling books in Australia. She is

also the 1990 recipient of the Bulletin/Qantas Business Woman of the Year award, which inspired this compelling, often hilarious, autobiography, first published in Australia in 1992. In 1960 Sara married Charles English Henderson III, an energetic though exceedingly impractical American businessman. A few years later, after a lavish life in China and the Philippines, now with three young daughters, Charles moved the family to a remote cattle station in the northern Australian outback. Often it was Sara's strong spirit and inventive creativity--and sometimes her sheer stubbornness--that saw them through. Sara honed a strong will and indomitable spirit as she endured typhoons on the high seas, isolation at the cattle station, and Charles' impulsive and extravagant nature. Only upon Charles' death in 1986 did Sara realize the extent of the mountainous debt and problems he left behind. Her success story will no doubt be as appealing to American readers as it has been in Australia. Grace FillCopyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved