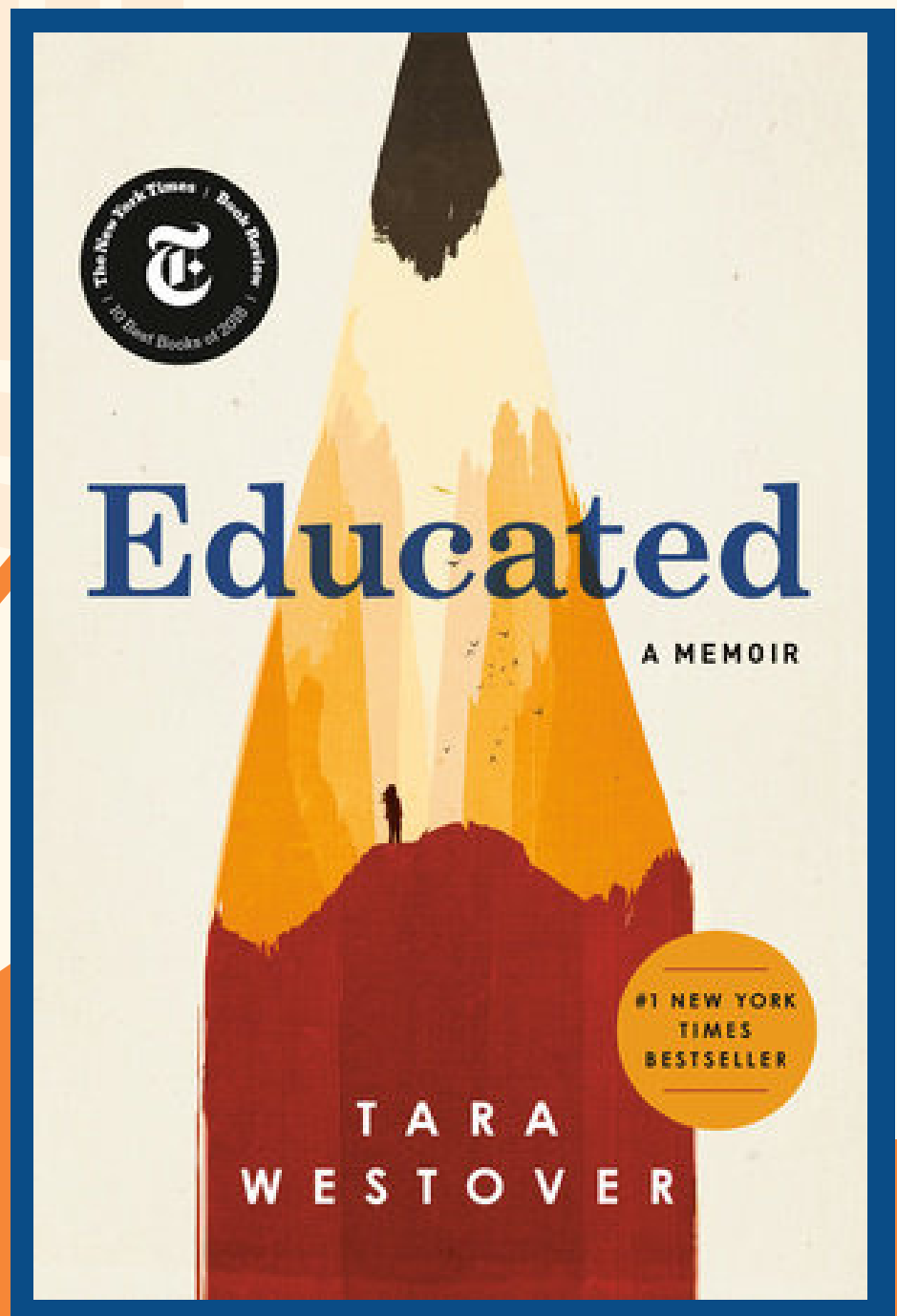


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- 1. What was the most surprising thing about Tara's story?**
- 2. In what ways do our childhoods affect the people we become? What aspects of your childhood do you think have had the most impact on you?**
- 3. What do you think accounts for the fact that three of the seven siblings were able to achieve tremendous academic success while the others did not?**
- 4. What finally made Tara walk away?**
- 5. Is ignoring physical and mental abuse just as damaging as inflicting it?**
- 6. What were your perspectives on Tara's mother? Was she a sympathetic figure? Did your opinion change?**
- 7. Were there any parts of the memoir that didn't ring true or made you question Tara's perspective?**
- 8. Do you think that Tara will eventually reconcile with her family? Do you think that she should?**
- 9. Do you see any ethical issues with writing critically about people who are easily identified or is this Tara's story to tell?**