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Drew Barrymore refuses to mention Will Kopelman during memoir reading

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Drew Barrymore Photo: GC Images

Drew Barrymore edited her soon-to-be ex-husband, Will Kopelman, right out of her recent memoir at a reading on Tuesday.

Barrymore — who's splitting from her hubby of over three years — arrived solo as the keynote speaker at the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children's spring luncheon.

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During the address, she read almost an entire 17-page chapter of her October 2015 book, “Wildflower,” aloud — joking, “Somehow we’re going from a charity event to a Barnes & Noble reading, but I have a time slot to fill.” But although the chapter features Kopelman, she skipped over every mention of his name.

In the chapter — about building a school in rural Kenya referred to as the Barrymore Learning Academy — Barrymore recalls: “About two years later, when I started dating my husband, Will, who was just my boyfriend at the time, I got a call that the school was ready to be visited . . . I had never taken anyone with me on these trips. They were very solo for me and I had yet to share any aspect of this with anyone. But I took a risk and asked Will if he would like to go with me and see it. He said an absolute yes, and off we went.”



Drew Barrymore and Will Kopelman  
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But Barrymore skipped over that Kopelman mention and others at the Tuesday event, where each guest was gifted the book at his or her place setting (to follow along as Barrymore read).

Kopelman appears frequently in the book. A chapter on his parents is called “In-Law Jackpot.” He and Barrymore are separated and plan to divorce soon. Perhaps hinting at her emotional state, Barrymore said before the reading, “As you women know, laughter and crying are twins, and you men are still struggling with that.” And, “The men will think we’re crazy . . . we are . . . but it’s that craziness that evolves into compassion. We wear our hearts on our sleeves.”

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Barrymore posed for endless photos at a reception and rushed to Bill Cunningham, saying a 2010 film on the lensman is her “favorite documentary.” Also there was Prince Michael of Greece — the child-abuse org is launching a pilot program in his country next month.

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