Hope Heals A True Story Of Overwhelming Loss And An Overcoming Love

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Elizabeth Smart follows up her #1 New York Times bestseller (October 2013), My Story—about being held in captivity as a teenager, and how she managed to survive—with a powerful and inspiring book about what it takes to overcome trauma, find the strength to move on, and reclaim one's life. Author. Activist. Victim—no more. In her fearless memoir, My Story—the basis of the Lifetime Original movie I Am Elizabeth Smart—Elizabeth detailed, for the first time, the horror behind the headlines of her abduction by religious fanatic Brian David Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Barzee. Since then, she's married, become a mother, and travelled the world as the president of the Elizabeth Smart Foundation, sharing her story with the intent of helping others along the way. Over and over, Elizabeth is asked the same question: How do you find the hope to go on? In this book, Elizabeth returns to the horrific experiences she endured, and the hard-won lessons she learned, to provide answers. She also calls upon others who have dealt with adversity—victims of violence, disease, war, and loss—to explore the pathways toward hope. Through conversations with such well-known voices as Anne Romney, Diane von Furstenburg, and Mandy Patinkin to spiritual leaders Archbishop John C. Wester and Elder Richard Hinckley to her own parents, Elizabeth uncovers an even greater sense of solace and understanding. Where There's Hope is the result of Elizabeth's mission: It is both an up-close-and-personal glimpse into her healing process and a heartfelt how-to guide for readers to make peace with the past and embrace the future. From the book: "I was not willing to accept that my fate was to live unhappily ever after. Everything—my family, my home, my chance to go to school—had been given back to me, and I didn't want to miss a second chance of living my own life." —Elizabeth Smart "There are two types of survivors: the ones who did not die, and the ones who live. There will be those who will always remember and be the victim, and ones who just won't. You have to go on, you have to learn, and you have to heal." —Diane von Furstenberg Quarantined at ten years old, my mother was one of 9,086 reported cases of polio in the United States in 1941. She endured four months of recovery and rehabilitation in hospital. Through it all, she received daily letters from her Aunt Sadie, an inspiring lifeline to the outside world?Through these letters, my Aunt Sadie taught my mother how to be a kind and good person despite adversity. Sadie brought the outside world to that hospital room in small but significant ways. At a time when there were no cell phones or computers, a letter every day was warm and meaningful. I know each one brought my mother great comfort and connection. May these beautiful poems and letters, written to an isolated ten-year-old girl eighty years ago, bring solace to those who are going through hard, isolating times today. 'Laura has been a huge blessing to me. She showed me how to attack the rubble in my life, examine the lies I was telling myself, gave me tools to pray and release the chains.' --Past Client Have you or a loved one ever struggled with addictions, codependency, trauma, or shame? Do you often feel "not good enough," alone, or hopeless? Have you ever wondered if God is real, alive, or cares about your mess? This book is for you. Laura McCarthy writes from both her personal struggles and professional point of view. This is a true story of transformation from atheist to believer, from addicted to recovered, from traumatized to triumphant, from ashamed to forgiven, loved, and worthy. Join the journey! Be inspired by transparent sharing, authentic recovery, and professional insights. Be informed about the neuroscience of the brain. Be equipped with Biblical, clinical, and recovery tools. Be witness to how a loving God and a healthy community can restore hope and healing. Personal account of how a traumatic injury brought the author closer to God. On May 25th, 2006 an IED exploded in Baghdad instantly killing Army Captain Doug DiCenzo. His wife Nicole didn't ask "why?" after the notifying officers knocked on her door, she immediately started asking God about Heaven. The next five years of her life became a quest to discover the truth about Heaven and Christ's Millennial Kingdom. Her gracious God sent Her messages in miraculous ways – both from the battlefield and from Heaven – in order to keep her focus on His Word and His return. Slowly, Nicole began to understand the vision she had created of Heaven was far from the truth. Revelations: A Survivor's Story of Faith, Hope, and the Coming Kingdom is a true life account of a survivor's search for answers with a heavenly twist: Doug is in Heaven and he is completely aware of Nicole's experiences on Earth. While
Nicole asks God if she should wait for Heaven or move on with her life, Doug is anticipating their reunion by witnessing the preparations for the return of the King. Even though this world took her husband, it cannot have her faith. Now she knows when Jesus returns, He will bat a thousand — it is called the millennial reign of Christ.

Three-times author and female business leader Julia McCoy brings multiple genres together in her electrifying, non-fiction true story, guaranteed to have you turning each page. Growing up under a narcissistic cult leader, Woman Rising tells the unbelievable true story of one woman’s ability to defy the odds and rise up despite a terrible upbringing, build an business empire, and find her complete life path-through recovery and healing, to personal and professional success as a woman CEO.

Woman Rising, A True Story: Cult Survival, Female Leadership, and Entrepreneurial Success

Follow the author, Julia McCoy, on an incredible journey from birth to present-day at the age of twenty-eight. This narrative true story is told in two parts: Part 1: Life in a Cult, Part 2: The Making of Success.

In Part 1, experience the painful, tragic story of Julia's upbringing, and how she was born into the house of a cult leader, who hid the truth of her daily environment completely from the public eye. Feel her passion and energy come alive as she pursues bold, money-making ideas at a young age, eventually building a brand while living in her father's house. Read about the night she escaped his house, in 2012 at twenty-one years old.

In Part 2, Follow Julia on an unbelievable (true) journey of discovering normal life, finding faith and healing, getting married to the man of her dreams; becoming a parent, 3x author, and the creator of four successful brands. Read about her trials, successes, and the reality as she builds not one, not two, but three successful businesses in the next seven years. Her steps to business success are laid out in every detail, including the significant ups and extreme downs. Use the lessons from part two as your own entrepreneurial manual.

Julia's nonfiction story is one you will not forget. Her storymarries these categories: female leadership books, entrepreneurial advice, and true stories of survival.

Katherine and Jay were a young couple living the dream in Southern California, but all is nearly lost when Katherine suffers a shocking near-fatal brainstem stroke and struggles to find hope in a life that looks nothing like the one they had before. As the mother of one of the children who died at Sandy Hook school in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012, Alissa Parker had her world shattered by a mass murderer’s rampage. She was left to make sense of her daughter's life and death and to rebuild, seeking a deeply spiritual path to carry on with her life and find new meaning and purpose.

As a co-founder of SafeAndSoundSchools.org, a touring national advocacy group that helps people take action to make schools safer, Alissa has talked to hundreds of parents around the country about her ordeal and how she was able to endure the unspeakable horror of Sandy Hook.

An Unseen Angel takes readers though Alissa’s complete journey, chronicling the moment-by-moment account of the day that began with every parent’s worst nightmare: hearing, “There's been a shooting at your child’s school.” It follows her faith-filled spiritual path to coping, healing, forgiving, and eventually feeling gratitude for the life and love of her daughter Emilie. She describes a bond of love between a mother and daughter that is so profound it transcends the physical body and touches Alissa and the people who loved Emilie who feel her presence every day. And she articulates her deep Christian faith, which guided the answers to Alissa’s gut-wrenching, post-tragedy questioning: “Where is Emilie now?” “Can love transcend the physical body?” “How can I know that Emilie is in a better place?” “How do I deal with the 'here and now' when the pain and anger I feel is so overwhelming?”

This is the first book about the school-shooting tragedies with a focus on faith and spirituality. As we learn Alissa’s story, we are introduced to a special little girl who was wise beyond her years and whose lessons about life and the transcendent power of love continued even after she had passed away. When all seems lost, where can hope be found? Katherine and Jay married right after college and sought adventure far from home in Los Angeles, CA. As they pursued their dreams--she as a model and he as a lawyer--they planted their lives in the city and in their church community.

Their son, James, came along unexpectedly in the fall of 2007, and just six months later, everything changed in a moment for this young family. On April 21, 2008, as James slept in the other room, Katherine collapsed, suffering a massive brain stem stroke without warning. Miraculously, Jay came home in time and called for help. Katherine was immediately rushed into micro-brain surgery, though her chance of survival was slim. As the sun rose the next morning, the surgeon proclaimed that Katherine had survived the removal of part of her brain, though her future recovery was completely uncertain. Yet in that moment, there was a spark of hope. Through 40 days on life support in the ICU and nearly two years in full-time brain rehab, that spark of hope was fanned into flame. Defying every prognosis with grit and grace, Katherine and Jay, side by side, struggled to regain a life for Katherine as she re-learned to talk and eat and walk. Returning home with a severely disabled body but a completely renewed purpose, they committed to celebrate this gift of a second chance by embracing life fully, even though that life looked very different than they could have ever imagined.

In the midst of continuing hardships and struggles, both in body and mind, Katherine and Jay found what we all long to find . . . hope, hope that heals the most broken place, our souls. An excruciating yet beautiful road to recovery has led the Wolf family to their new normal, in which almost every moment of life is marked with the scars of that fateful April day in 2008. Now, eight years later, Katherine and Jay are stewarding their story of suffering, restoration, and Christ-centered hope in this broken world through their ministry Hope Heals.

Subtitle in pre-publication: A true story of hope, healing, and the power
of animals [to] heal each other. A boy and his dog, girls and their horses — the cliché click because they're so often true. But some kids do more than play with their pets, and some animals do more than fetch and purr. These kids and animals love unconditionally, and through that love, the condition of each is transformed. This collection is for animal lovers of all ages — and for anyone who wants to smile or needs to heal. You’ll meet: • Ricochet, the golden retriever who surfs in charity events to raise money for children with disabilities • Casper, the rabbit who helps a boy sleep through the night in his foster home • Sparkles, the Dalmatian whose fire-safety lesson saves the lives of a five-year-old and her father • Snazzy, the black pony who helps a boy learn to talk • Cocoa puff, the guinea pig who loves hearing children read • Frankie, the dachshund with "wheel legs" who helps a boy with a leg brace find hopeIn Honduras’ "wild west" mountain jungles, Amanda Madrid found her calling as a medical doctor to poor farmers. Her work as a medical officer, public health consultant, and director of an international holistic Christian ministry called Predisan could have resulted in prestigious luxury for her. Instead these experiences led Dr. Madrid to the mountains on horseback and prepared her for the biggest challenge of her life. When Serena Dyksen heard the news that over 2,200 babies remains were found on the property of abortion doctor Ulrich George Klopfer, her whole body went numb from shock. She began to sob tears of grief. Is my baby one of those remains? she questioned. Dr. Klopfer performed her abortion when she was just thirteen years old. Just months before, Serena had decided to share her abortion story. After watching one of the last scenes in the pro-life movie Unplanned, she felt it was time to share the hope and healing God had done in her life. Serenas story reads like a traumatic tale: a childhood of dysfunction, rape, abortion at thirteen years old, a pregnant teenager at the age of sixteen, health issues, and a devastating event that led her to alcohol and drug abuse. But in her book, She Found His Grace: A True Story of Hope, Love and Forgiveness After Abortion, Serena reveals the transforming power of Gods healing in her life that set her completely free. She now finds comfort from Genesis 50:20 (ESV): As for me, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. Serena wants everyone who reads her book to know that she walks in freedom because of the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Everyone needs to walk through the healing process of their past abortion, no matter what the circumstances, she testifies. If you dont, you will be walking through deception, pain, and all the bondage that goes with that. But the same God who sent people to show His love for me is the same God who will redeem your life too! Headlines of Dr. Ulrich Klopfers evil highlights the horrors of the abortion industry, but Serenas testimony overshadows that darkness with the truth of God's word. There is forgiveness, hope, and healing for your past abortion. God shines through my life; he can shine through yours too! Heaven talks to each one of us and gives us hope. In Hope Heals, author Jodi Netting discovers this through one of the most tumultuous periods of her life, which is told through her letters to her beloved husband. As a thirty-five-year-old mother of three, Jodi Netting faces the fight of her life. Her husband and soul mate, Kevin, has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and his prognosis is not good. While Netting watches her husband battle this devastating illness, defying death daily, her hope flounders, but her faith never waivers. Ultimately she realizes that every experience provides us with an option to open our lives up to God. Faced with the possibility of losing the love of her life, Jodi turns to writing and to her faith. Through her prayers and her journal, Jodi recognizes the words of God and the angels in her life. And these messengers bring her hope. Hope is present in every person, but it can be elusive. Finding hope allows us to move beyond fear and despair in order to survive and eventually cultivate happiness. Hope ultimately brings a new perspective on life and to the people living it with you—sons, daughter, friends, and neighbors. In Hope Heals, Jodi Netting advises all of us to "Keep the faith, find the love in your life, and hold onto hope—for hope heals."The second volume in the U-Turn collection is filled with true stories of people from all walks of life who have made U-turns in their lives. These stories show how faith in God can inspire, heal and give hope. A book of powerful stories about cancer patients who have been touched by God in miraculous ways offers inspiring testimony that, when God and cancer meet, cancer is conquered. Original.Feel better, grow stronger, and draw closer to the Father Country doctor and author of the acclaimed memoir Appointments with Heaven Reggie Anderson pens hopeful and encouraging reflections on the healing hand of God—even in the darkest of circumstances. Combining inspiring story and powerful Scripture, Reggie reveals the deep and unending love the Father has for his children—broken or whole, healthy or sick. Even when we can’t see it, God is always present in our pain and suffering. Whether in life or after life passes, he is working to bring healing to whatever ails you. With every page of this 90-day devotional, you'll discover that true healing isn’t limited to the pages of the Bible. God is active and alive, working in our lives to bring us closer to him. Emerging With Wings is a love story. Danielle Bernock takes you with her on her raw yet graceful journey from an invisible cage full of agony and shame, to the incomprehensible joy of validation, love and the empowerment of personal freedom. She unveils how this cage was built as well as how she obtained her freedom. Many things she did not know kept her in the dark, one being the harmful effects of multiple childhood traumas that went unaddressed which fed that darkness and a pervasive fear. The love story reveals a LOVE that secretly carried and protected her despite the lies that grew in that darkness, organized for destruction. This LOVE came and never gave up. The LOVE of one she
calls The Pursuer. You are invited into her story. Enter it, share its elegance and in it see The Pursuer for yourself, in your story, for your freedom.

Heartbreak can happen in an instant. A phone call that a loved one has passed away sweeps life off its foundation and hurdles one into dark despair. Miscarriage, accident, illness, drugs, murder, or suicide can be an unexpected event in life’s journey, and the steps toward healing can be elusive for parents in a fog or friends seeking to bring comfort. Hope for a Broken Heart provides direction and hope for those who have experienced a tragic loss as well as for those who walk beside the bereaved. Twelve candid and varied mothers' stories of the healing journey relate the death of their child and the rugged, yet inspiring path to finding new strength and purpose in their lives. The foreword by Ken Blanchard and the conclusion by Pastor Mike Macintosh speak of their experiences and the power these survivors' candid stories offer the reader. "Thoughts to Ponder" at the end of every story as well as the book discussion questions make this book calming and healing for an individual as well as an excellent grief support group study.

Is anyone ever prepared to deal with the diagnosis of a terminal illness? What do you do to prepare for the passing of someone you love? How do you help a loved one navigate through the maze of issues that surround dying? Can you actually help a person die with peace, comfort and dignity? Whether you are a patient, a caregiver, or a family member, the author has written this book with the hope that you will gain knowledge and strength from understanding how she, her family, and her mother made this journey together. The Journey Home is the true story of a woman who is full of life and in the prime of life and then suddenly and without warning is diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer. The narrative unfolds as she makes the difficult transition from vibrant life to end-of-life. This story is about walking alongside someone you love and providing the support and care they need to find peace and comfort with life before death and with death itself. With no real hope given at diagnosis, the book shows the reader through the eyes of a patient how it feels to get a terminal diagnosis. How do you deal with the diagnosis? What do you do when you find out you have a disease that is going to kill you quickly but you don’t know exactly when or how? Would you travel to far away places, spend all your money, or would you stay at home with your family and friends and enjoy each moment together? As someone you love begins their end-of-life journey, there are many issues to deal with: the shock of the diagnosis; the disease and its complications; their needs and fears. There are also many questions you need to consider for yourself: How do you prepare yourself to lose your mother, father, or other loved one? How do you deal with the pressure of supporting the patient while maintaining your own life? How do you deal with your loved one's fear of death and your own fear of death? How do you prepare for their death? How do you recognize when death is near? How do you and your family members handle the grief that comes with death? This story covers all these topics and more.

The author prays that you find her book helpful, even if you take away only one idea. She hopes that this book touches your soul as it touched hers to share it with you. Please note: A majority of the proceeds of this book will be donated in the name of The Charlene Von Hoffman Cancer Foundation which directly endows cancer research and cancer patients in need.

In this easy-to-read, delightfully written memoir, Hermosill takes readers on an incredible journey of self-discovery, surrendering his ego and embracing his gift of healing to assist himself and those who have sought healing from him. How can I ever forgive? You've been hurt. Really hurt. You pick at your hurt like an open wound and it fester into bitterness and anger. But the anger hurts, too. So you feel worse and worse and worse. Meet the Beebes: Darrell, Sherri, Jeremy and Jadie, a family that truly knows what hurt is all about. When they moved to the Pacific Islands, the Beebes had their own idea of the story they would one day write about their sojourn there. That story certainly did not include terror, trauma and abuse. Yet on a balmy tropical evening, exactly those horrors overtook them in one nightmarish rush. But this book is not simply the story of a night of terror. It is the real-life story of one family's journey through that terror to a place of peace. How? By using the hidden power of forgiveness. Forgiveness, the remedy for life after trauma. Follow the Beebes as they discover Gods perfect antidote to hurt, anger, bitterness and fear. Learn how to bring this healing elixir into your life. If you have ever been hurt If you've ever asked, Where was God when I was hurting? If you want to heal and get on with your life This book is for you. Ever witness a miracle up front? Do you know anybody who has seen many and lived to tell it all? If your answer is no, you should read my book "Wounded." It is based on a true story of one man's struggles through his life. It will take you to the depths of poverty like no other. It will display how hard it is for someone to survive lacking the basic needs in life. The main character is a man named Santiago Jim Nunez. He is a Mexican American born in East Los Angeles, CA in 1949. He lived through foster homes since the age of six years old till he was 18 years old. His struggles continued when he went to fight in the Vietnam War. He was critically wounded and returned home. Only to discover a world where nobody cared about the veterans coming back from Nam. The aftermath and pain that came with it was draining. The lengthy battles with the VA to the constraints of money and resources. The battle between good and evil showdowns the ultimate test of faith. The battle is constantly fought throughout the entire book. This story is through the eyes of a young, battle weary soldier, adjusting to civilian life. The horrors that came home with Jim were relentless. They also took a toll on his personal relationships and his family. With nowhere to turn for help and the VA's lack to acknowledge veteran issues, Jim turned to the Lord for help. His faith would be tested in the
most crucial times of his life. Throughout all the good and bad times, Jim never lost his faith. It is the biggest reason he conquered his demons and is here to share his story today. His story is one that is not here to glamorize his mistakes. What it is here for is to instill hope and faith in others who feel alone. To help those who have gone through the same pitfalls as he has. Others who feel like they have no place to turn for help. The same way he felt when he came back from Vietnam. It is here to give thanks to the Lord for all his blessings he has endured through life. The great changes he made to make life worth living and fighting for.

A True Story about Life, Love, and Healing through Heartbreak As Seen on Kathie Lee & Hoda on 12/21/17! A baby girl was born without a right or left hemisphere of her brain. Doctors said she was essentially in a vegetative state, unable to see or hear—that there was no hope for her. Relinquished under the state's Safe Haven Law, this two-week-old unnamed baby girl found her way to Cori and Mark Salchert's home. Despite the infant's grim medical diagnosis, Cori knew she couldn’t allow this beautiful baby girl to spend her few days on earth alone and.unloved. Cori took the baby girl home and named her Emmalynn. I Will Love You Forever reveals one woman’s decades-long quest to find healing and redemption after the accidental death of her sister as a child. God has used hospice babies—those left to live and die without family to care for them—to mend Cori’s broken heart. Bringing these fragile hospice babies into their home, Cori and her family have promised to hold them briefly, until their last breath on this side of heaven, but to love them forever and always. The loving actions of Cori and her family show that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. Cori’s poignant story will strengthen your faith. It will touch your heart. Bonus! Features full-color photos of Cori and her family. At just twenty-two years of age, Briana Mills finds herself at a desperate crossroads. Once a promising student at the University of Oregon, she now finds herself alone on the streets of Portland with only the clothes on her back, memories of a happier time, and the stray dog that’s adopted her. And she’s got the drug that helps her forget. Briana’s mistakes haunt her, lashing her with severe consequence, forcing her to make a decision few would ever make. Still, in a final attempt to make her young life count for something, Briana begins writing it all down—everything—so that others walking the crumbling precipice of rebellion might leap to safety before it’s too late. She writes about her present struggles and the past. She writes about Michael, the boy she loved and left behind when she went off to college. She writes about the violent activism and drug that derailed her life. She writes about the demands placed on her by a socially conscious mother, and the adoration shown by a proud father. And Briana talks about Brody—the young activist leader who captured her heart, took it to the altar, and then crushed it. What develops is an engrossing record of a young and troubled life, one both beautiful and ugly, innocent and corrupt, lost and then found. And wrapped in its literary sinew is a cast of characters as diverse and engaging as the stars, and an impassioned love story sure to transcend time. What readers are saying: “Timeless…provocative.” “Characters so real you’d swear this was a true account.” “A brilliant read!” Among People is D. M. Anthony's first novel. He lives in California where he's at work on his next book. This review is from: Alone Among People (Paperback) A Compelling and Heart Warming Story, September 25, 2012 "Alone Among People is at once an engaging, moving story and a provocative statement about the thin line between thriving and sinking into an abyss as inescapable as quicksand. Its timeless and uplifting messages of hope conquering despair, healing borne of love and care, and peace at discovering one’s identity are an inspiration. The author’s empathy for the characters and their plight prepares knowledge of what he writes, and offers the reader a unique glimpse into a vulnerable and intimate place… his heart. I recommend this book to anyone who has traveled through the anguish of darkness and longed for the light; it may just guide your way.” A shocking 1989 quadruple family murder and the little girl left behind to tell the story. As a child, I was known as "Jessica Pelley." When I was nine, I went to a sleepover at a friend's house for the weekend. While I was away, my entire family was murdered. I would spend the next 30 years fighting, and clawing my way through the darkness. This wasn't just a national news headline, a cold case, or a true crime show. It was my family. And my life. I was the broken little girl left behind to tell this story. I am now "Jessi," in the pages of this unapologetic memoir, set free. Everyone has secrets. Some you might whisper into a friend's ear, while others may stay locked inside you for years—maybe even forever. It's those secrets that you tuck away that eventually control you. You may think you're okay, but really, your secrets can be tearing you apart from the inside out. Secret Survivors tells the compelling, true stories of people who have lived through painful secrets—things that they kept to themselves until they could no longer bear the pain alone. As you read their stories, you'll be drawn into their journeys towards healing, and you'll understand why it's so important to share your secret with someone else in order to start your own healing process. Read the stories of people, who as teens and young adults, dealt with issues like: Date rape, Physical abuse, Cutting, Pornography addiction, Eating disorders, Incest, Drug and alcohol addiction, Abortion Then find a story that sounds similar to your own secret pain, or you may learn more about secrets that a friend or family member is dealing with. Whether your own story is represented in these pages or not, you'll feel a connection to the people in these stories, because we all have some kind of pain tucked away. But you don't have to feel alone in your pain anymore. After you read the stories of these survivors, you'll find the strength you need to share your own secret and start healing your
heart and soul.BETTY WHITE on EVERY DOG HAS A GIFT: "This book gives us some specific examples of the unique therapy that dogs provide when it is needed most. Enjoy a good read, after which I'm sure you will appreciate your own dog even more." Inspiring stories of dogs who do good. Anyone who has ever had a relationship with a dog will tell you: They want nothing more than to give love and be loved in return. In Every Dog Has a Gift, Rachel McPherson draws on her experience as the founder and executive director of The Good Dog Foundation, the largest animal-assisted therapy organization on the East Coast, to share the amazing stories of dogs that bring hope and healing into our lives. Much has been said about the heroic roles dogs played following September 11th and Hurricane Katrina in providing support and comfort for the families and victims of these terrible tragedies, but the truth is that millions of dogs around the world are heroes every day. These therapy and service dogs (and often quite ordinary, "uncertified" dogs just like your own!) can: *serve as the perfect audience for kids who need help with practicing and improving their reading skills; *hold troubled families together; *provide a calm and centering presence for autistic children, and *help individuals who have lost the ability to walk to more easily navigate the world. Every Dog Has a Gift is a celebration of the gift that each and every dog possesses: the ability to bring the healing power of unconditional love into our lives. Statistics show that one in every four marriages is impacted by infidelity. So the odds are pretty good that you or someone you know has experienced the searing pain of marital infidelity. But adultery is not an automatic death sentence for your marriage. You can trust again. You can restore intimacy. You can have a relationship that you will both cherish for a lifetime. Ten years ago, Gary and Mona Shriver experienced the devastation caused by adultery, and in the course of trying to save themselves, they wrote this book. Raw, transparently honest, the Shrivers' story alone is an inspiration, offering hope and practical strategies for healing. Now this updated and revised edition adds other real-life stories of betrayal and forgiveness, and new information defining adultery, including the destruction of emotional affairs. Some doubt if a marriage can truly heal after the ravages of infidelity. Unfaithful proves you can. It's not easy . . . but it can be done. Is it worth it? Yes. And you hold the first step—and hope—in your hand.'Compelling, gritty, heartbreaking, beautiful, humorous, and altogether God-honoring . . . a real work from the heart’ are just a few words readers have used to describe Realer Than Real, a true story of a Nebraska family's journey to find grace, hope, and healing amidst tragedy, regret, and disappointment. The tale is told by Ryan, the Wilkins family's only son, who chronicles a life-changing loss the family suffered in 2004, the tragedy's impact on the family, and the unique, winding, complex spiritual paths each family member walked before intersecting in the wake of new misfortune. With candor and perceptiveness, Ryan develops characters the reader feels he or she knows. He displays a remarkable willingness to be transparent and vulnerable in all aspects of the personal struggle, grief, and suffering that his family endured, individually and collectively. He seamlessly weaves humor and insight around heavy subjects-including death, disability, divorce, and abuse, among others-and breathes life into the family's high and lows, incredible miracles and devastating tragedies, in a way that is both honest and instructive.Cumulatively, the Wilkins family's struggles and setbacks over the past decade seemingly defy all probability that one group could endure so many traumatic events over a relatively short period of time and come through it stronger, not weaker. But through reliance on their Christian faith and an outpouring of community support, the family withstood and grew through these trials, learning much about God and themselves in the process. With insight and vulnerability, Realer Than Real captures the struggle, pursuit, perseverance, and restoration that accompany faith. The book will captivate readers across walks of life, inspiring them to behold their blessings and to trust God through their trials. 'Once you begin reading, it is almost impossible to stop.'World-renowned healer and medium Debra Martin takes people to places that most people think are unattainable. Her inspirational life story demonstrates how experiences such as suicide, the loss of loved ones, divorce, and near death experiences transformed her into the healer and medium she is today. After being called on by God to a life of healing and giving much-needed hope to others, Debra accepted her divine mission and has helped thousands worldwide heal spiritually, emotionally, and physically. These are true stories that go beyond our dimension and understanding, showing us that our greatest challenges and apparent failures can lead to incredible accomplishments and triumphs.Debra Martin is a lab-certified research medium. Her skills have been meticulously documented by the scientific community, most notably by Dr. Gary Schwartz (author of The Afterlife Experiments) and Dr. Julie Beischel (director of the Windbridge Research Center). Her abilities have been featured in numerous media outlets. Visit her at www.goldenmiracles.com"This wonderful compilation of true stories of healing will open your mind to the miracles that your heart already knows are possible. Debra is a gifted healer, as evidenced by these stunning personal accounts. Read them and experience the wonder and awe at how very loved we are by a very personal God-Source."Suzanne Giesemann, evidential medium and author of Messages of Hope"Debra Martin is a truly gifted Evidential Medium and Healer who has endured the rigors of extensive scientific testing and flourished in the process. More importantly, Debra is a kind, caring, and sincere person who strives to help others every day."Mark Ireland, Author of Soul Shift and Messages from the Afterlife"Finally, a story about grieving that's not depressing. This is a book filled with hope that life does get better after the death of a loved one." A grateful reader Join
former Navy Commander-turned evidential medium Suçanne Giesemann and her husband Ty, a retired U.S. Navy Captain, on a healing journey with three other couples, brought together by their children in the spirit world. These inspiring parents serve as shining examples of those who have experienced the devastating loss of a child, but whose joy in life has been restored through the awareness that their children continue to participate actively in their lives. This book is for you if you have a child or know someone with a child on the other side, are struggling with grief for a loved one who has passed, are seeking evidence of life after death, and/or enjoy true stories about the triumph of the human soul. This powerful true story of a very special voyage provides stunning evidence of how truly thin the veil that separates us from those who have passed can be. Through indisputable accounts of connection with their children and the personal transformations that result, these couples’ stories offer comfort and reassurance to those seeking relief from grief and pain. You will come to know, as these parents do, that death is no more than a doorway to life beyond, a life that continues to intersect with ours on a daily basis. Your loved ones are not gone. They are not lost. They are still right here. Some stories just can’t be stopped . . . What Difference Do It Make? continues the hard-to-believe story of hope and reconciliation that began with the New York Times bestseller, Same Kind of Different as Me. Ron Hall and Denver Moore, unlikely friends and even unlikelier coauthors—a wealthy fine-art dealer and an illiterate homeless African American—share the hard-to-stop story of how a remarkable woman’s love brought them together. Now, in What Difference Do It Make? Ron and Denver along with Lynn Vincent offer: more of the story—with untold anecdotes, especially Ron’s struggle with his difficult father and Denver’s dramatic stint in Angola prison the rest of the story—how Same Kind of Different as Me came to be written and changed the lives of its authors the ongoing story—true tales of hope from people whose lives have been changed by Ron and Denver’s story and how they make a difference in their worlds your part in the story—wise, practical, and hard-lived guidance for how you can make a difference to those in need plus intriguing extras—including full-page color samples of Denver’s paintings Deeply moving but never sappy or sentimental, What Difference Do It Make? answers its own question with a simple and emphatic answer. What difference can one person (or two) make in the world? A lot! In May of 2017, Dolores Cruz’s 24-year-old son, Eric, was killed in a horrific car accident. In the depths of grief, she began a quest to find answers. She searched to find out how this could happen, to find the God she thought she knew, to find meaning and purpose in her life, to find truth, and to find her son. Little by little she was able to gain a whole new philosophy and understanding of life, death, afterlife and God. She found healing and peace in the realization that not only was Eric still around in spirit, but that the love he gave us while he was here on Earth continues on. This is her story. And this is the story of Eric, a model son, a loving sibling, a loyal friend, and a musician with a heart of gold, who left his physical body at age 24, and how he came here to change us, to affect us, to make us better, and to remind us to look around and appreciate the wonders of this beautiful world that we take for granted. Kim Meeder has seen horses go where no one else can tread - stepping through the minefield of a broken child’s soul in a dance of trust that only God can understand. From a mistreated horse to an emotionally starved child and back again, a torrent of love washes away their barren places. Kim’s ranch is a place where this miracle happens over and over again. It is a place where the impossible flourishes, where dreams survive the inferno of reality - a place where hope rises. Where Wounded Spirits Run Free Follow a horse where no one else can tread, through the minefield of pain that surrounds a broken child’s soul. From a mistreated horse to an emotionally starved child and back again, a torrent of love revives their barren places. In the presence of unconditional love, a mute girl speaks for the first time. A défiant teenager teaches a horse to trust again and opens his own heart to love. A rescued horse gives a dying man his last wish. A battered girl finds love and protection in the friendship of a battered horse Come visit a place where the impossible flourishes, where dreams survive the inferno of reality—a place where hope rises. Raised in the sweltering savannas of Zimbabwe, Thando leads a typical life for a middle-class African girl. She attends school and church. She loves American television shows and American music. Thando lives in a happy household with a wonderful family, and has never wanted for love. But Thando holds a dark secret in her heart. For most of her life, God has hidden away these memories, locked them inside her until the day she was strong enough to bear them again. A true story of loss and hardship, of hope and rebirth. After years of abuse at the hands of men she should have been able to trust, Thando uses her bleak history to bring hope and healing to others. Heartwarming and Heart-Opening Stories Gathered from Decades of Medical Practice Bernie Siegel first wrote about miracles when he was a practicing surgeon and founded Exceptional Cancer Patients, a groundbreaking synthesis of group, individual, dream, and art therapy that provided patients with a “carefronation.” Compiled during his more than thirty years of practice, speaking, and teaching, the stories in these pages are riveting, warm, and belief expanding. Their subjects include a girl whose baby brother helped her overcome anorexia, a woman whose cancer helped her heal by teaching her to stand up for herself, and a family that was saved from a burning house by bats. Without diminishing the reality of pain and hardship, the stories show real people turning crisis into blessing by responding to adversity in ways that empower and heal. They demonstrate what we are capable of and show us that we can achieve miracles as we confront life’s difficulties. Is it possible to embrace
suffering as a privilege, rather than a punishment? Beloved authors Katherine and Jay Wolf offer readers the bold invitation to trust a known God with an unknown future, as well as practical insights into surviving anything by redefining how we think about everything. After miraculously surviving a near-fatal brainstem stroke at age 26, as told in their memoir, Hope Heals, life for Katherine and Jay Wolf changed forever - and so did the way they viewed God, the world, and themselves in it. There was no going back to normal after such a tragedy. Yet Katherine and Jay learned that suffering is not the end, but rather the beginning of a new story. In Suffer Strong, they invite us into this new story as they share universal lessons and helpful practices that will help us to: Recognize we are being equipped for an uncommon assignment, not cursed by our story. Transform our unmet expectations into brave anticipations. Disrupt the myth that joy can only be found in a pain-free life. Rewrite the narrative of hard circumstances by turning our definitions of suffering into declarations of strength. And, ultimately, thrive even in the lives we never imagined living.