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Simon and Schuster *From Patrick Swayze's widow—the moving, New York Times bestselling account of grief, loss, caregiving, and moving on, with touching stories from their final months together. When Lisa Niemi first exchanged vows with Patrick Swayze, she promised to be with her husband “till death do us part.” But how many couples stop and think about what that truly means? Worth Fighting For is both a candid tribute to a marriage and a celebration of the healing power that each day holds, even in the most difficult of circumstances. Lisa shares the details of Patrick's twenty-one-month battle with Stage IV pancreatic cancer, and she describes his last days, when she simply tried to keep him comfortable. She writes with heartbreaking honesty about her grief in the aftermath of his death and openly discusses the challenges that the years without him have posed. Her story is an emotionally honest and unflinching depiction of loss, but it is also a hopeful and life-affirming exploration of the power of the human spirit. “I tell you, I am a different person now,” she writes, “one who has been thrown into the fire and forged.”*

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THE TIME OF MY LIFE

Simon and Schuster *In January 2008, movie star Patrick Swayze was given the worst news of his life. What he hoped was just a stomach ache was actually stage four pancreatic cancer, a diagnosis that is fatal within a year for 79% of the people to whom it is given. Remarkably, Patrick is not just alive a year later but continuing his treatment, and responding well. But this book isn't just the story of Patrick's fight against cancer. In the public eye from the early 1980s, this is the story of a remarkable life and career. Intended as a low budget, straight-to-video production, *Dirty Dancing* became a cult hit and remains one of the most enduring films of the 80s. Ghost cemented Patrick as a hugely bankable star, in a role that has had a considerable cultural impact. Most recently Patrick has returned to the public's adoring arms in TV's *The Beast*. This book will chronicle Patrick's personal life as well -- including his treatment for alcoholism following the death of his father and sister's sudden death. What has remained a constant in Patrick's life is his marriage and Patrick and Lisa's love story is inspiring, honest, heartfelt and transcends the typical celebrity marriage. This is a book that anyone who has faced cancer or a terminal illness can turn to: Lisa and Patrick have shown the world that cancer isn't just a diagnosis given to one individual, but a disease that can bring a household together or pull a family apart. Bold, honest and inspiring, Patrick Swayze's memoir is the story of a remarkable man's life and career and of his refusal to give in.*

TOMORROW WILL BE DIFFERENT

LOVE, LOSS, AND THE FIGHT FOR TRANS EQUALITY

Three Rivers Press *Before speaking at a national political convention about her experiences as a transgender person, the author struggled with the decision to come out - not just to her family but to the students at her university, where she was serving as student body president. She'd known she was a girl from her earliest memories, but it wasn't until a Facebook post announcing her truth went viral that she realized the impact her story could have on the country. Four years later, the author was one of the nation's most prominent transgender activists, walking the halls of the White House, advocating inclusive legislation, and addressing the country in the midst of a heated presidential election. She had also found her first love and future husband, a trans man and fellow activist, who complemented her in every way ... until cancer tragically intervened. This book is the author's story of love and loss and an account of the LGBTQ community's battle for equal rights.--adapted from dust jacket.*

PATRICK SWAYZE: ONE LAST DANCE

Simon and Schuster *A heartwarming, in-depth portrait of the beloved star whose sensational performances in *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost* seduced a generation, and whose courage in the face of illness captivated millions. For almost thirty years, Patrick Swayze has been an American icon of masculinity and sex appeal, strong but sensitive, romantic yet dangerous. In this intimate and revealing biography, New York Times bestselling author Wendy Leigh shares the inspiring untold story of Patrick's incredible life: his show business childhood, his fairy-tale love affair with wife Lisa Niemi, his catapult into alcoholism after his father's untimely death, the daredevil exploits that almost killed him, and his courageous fight against pancreatic cancer, a fight that has off-ered hope and encouragement to others grap-pling with similar life-threatening illnesses. Ever since the steamy low-budget film *Dirty Dancing* skyrocketed Patrick to fame and cemented his place in the hearts of audiences around the world, he has been one of our most cherished public figures. Based on interviews with countless sources who have never spoken about Patrick before -- from the Texas beauty who shared his first kiss, to the woman he almost married, to the manager who worked closely with him from his teen idol days until his romantic tour de force in *Ghost* -- and many more, Leigh unveils surprising details about the charismatic actor's life on- and off-screen. Beginning with his training as a dancer with his choreographer mother and spanning his remarkable -- and at times challenging -- career, this groundbreaking biography of the un-forgettable entertainer is the mesmerizing, enduring, and definitive story of a man who captured our hearts.*

PATRICK SWAYZE THE DREAMER

Patrick Swayze, the beloved dancer, actor, singer, songwriter, producer, choreographer, family man, athlete, horseman, and more, had a diversified career in the arts world for over thirty-five years. He often played hero roles in his work and spoke about traditional values such as honor, integrity, morality, passion, faith, and love. He was always searching for meaning in his life and trying to give to others some joy or sense of purpose or meaning. During his hard-fought and inspirational battle against pancreatic cancer, he became a real-life hero to millions of people. Patrick Swayze was taken too soon, but his remarkable spirit and enormous legacy will always shine bright. Discover how his focus on dreams for himself and others sustained him and guided him to live a zest-filled and hopeful life even while dealing with great adversity. Honor and celebrate Patrick while reading about his career, his connection with his family, and his involvement in advocacy for dance, cancer advances, and conservation. Learn what his professional colleagues and fans have to say about him. Finally, get a look at what I think Patrick would say to us now. Enjoy approximately thirty beautiful color photos throughout the book which include Patrick Swayze from his various movies and television roles, rarely seen photos from appearances, and more. Read Patrick's own words which have been compiled from multiple media sources throughout the years.

GIRLGOYLE

Storyteller Press *Tiffany Noboru has just awakened from her death, only to discover she has been drafted into the Gargoyle Ghost Hunter Corps. Soon she is fighting jealous rivalries within her own ranks,*

struggling to unravel the mystery of her recent death, and trying to avoid being killed a second time by a maniacal ghost named Bones who is seeking the destruction of the gargoyle world. In this full-length novel, appropriate for teens and young adults, a new twist on the role of gargoyles is imaginatively brought to life in spellbinding fashion. Woven into the pages are twenty original works of art by Miimork, which breathe life into this ghostly tale.

LIFE AFTER THE DEATH OF OUR CHILD

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Terrie and Doug Oxtal gave their lives to a dream. After over 35 years of marriage the result of their devotion to four children and each other, life was perfect until the day they left the hospital with only their youngest son Andrew's jacket. The unspeakable grief that took over their lives is captured in letters written to Andrew where the love spills on to every page. The journey is there, the love is there, the sense of loss is there between the lines of shock and pain, with a true understanding of compassion. The Oxtal family knows Andrew has gone home, and they live with him in their hearts, until they meet again. For those who have suffered the loss of a child, this mother's letters will take you to a place so familiar they won't make you feel alone. For those who have not lost a child, this book will take you to a place where love is all that matters.

HEALING AFTER LOSS

DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR WORKING THROUGH GRIEF

Harper Collins For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, here are strength and thoughtful words to inspire and comfort.

THE LAST SEVEN PAGES

TWO DAYS TO LIVE. WHAT WOULD YOU WRITE? A MEMOIR OF HOPE

James Pinnick When a ventilator prevented her from speaking during her final hours, Jennifer started writing. After her death, her husband turns to those pages to tell her story of courage and faith. James had just walked through the door after a day's work when Jennifer told him the news that changed everything: it was cancer. In the following two years they would lose their sense of normalcy and their dreams for the future. But along the way, they would gain something even greater than their loss. Told through the eyes of a grieving husband is this true story of a young woman's fight for her life. Jennifer's final words, penned by hand when a ventilator prevented her from speaking, provide a powerful backdrop to this journey of faith and hope. A memoir that also offers a practical pathway for those struggling with loss, *The Last Seven Pages* is a testimony of a God who is present in our darkest moments, and who turned a devastating illness into a life-changing promise.

A HOPE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE SEA

ONE REFUGEE'S INCREDIBLE STORY OF LOVE, LOSS, AND SURVIVAL

Flatiron Books "Urgently required reading." —People "Deeply affecting... Fleming brings a moral urgency to the narrative." —The New Yorker "Fleming deftly illustrates the pain of those who choose to leave Syria...and her book is ultimately a story of hope." —Newsweek Adrift in a frigid sea, no land in sight, just debris from the ship's wreckage and floating corpses all around, nineteen-year-old Doaa Al Zamel stays afloat on a small inflatable ring and clutches two little girls—barely toddlers—to her body. The children had been thrust into Doaa's arms by their drowning relatives, all refugees who boarded a dangerously overcrowded ship bound for Italy and a new life. For days as Doaa drifts, she prays for rescue and sings to the babies in her arms. She must stay alive for them. She must not lose hope. *A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea* chronicles the life of Doaa, a Syrian girl whose life was upended in 2011 by the onset of her country's brutal civil war. Doaa and her fiancé, Bassem, decide to flee to Europe to seek safety and an education, but four days after setting sail on a smuggler's dilapidated fishing vessel along with five hundred other refugees, their boat is struck and begins to sink. This is the moment when Doaa's struggle for survival really begins. This emotionally charged, eye-opening true story that represents the millions of unheard voices of refugees who risk everything in a desperate search for the promise of a safe future. In the midst of the most pressing international humanitarian crisis of our time, Melissa Fleming paints a vivid, unforgettable portrait of the triumph of the human spirit.

SYNCING FORWARD

1st Place Gold Award in the 2015 Feathered Quill Book Program for Science Fiction/Fantasy! Finalist in the 2014 Book Pipeline Contest! Travel to the future - it will only cost you everyone you love. Attacked and injected with a drug which slows his metabolism to a fraction of normal, Martin James becomes an unwilling time traveler who hurtles through the years. His children grow up, his wife grows older, and his only hope is finding the people who injected him in the first place- not an easy task when one day for Martin lasts four years. And while Martin James strives to find a cure before everyone he loves is gone, others are uncertain if his journey can be stopped at all. W. Lawrence weaves a dystopian future filled with the best and worst of humanity, highlights the blessings and curses of technology, and pushes the limits of faith and hopelessness. Above all, *Syncing Forward* is a tale of one man's love for his family, and their devotion to saving him from being lost forever.

THE ARSONIST'S LAST WORDS

"More than a hundred people killed on a bright spring day. The city's most beautiful and iconic landmark in ruins. The man accused of setting the fire is dead, buried in the rubble along with answers to the question, "Why?" As Juni Bruder of the Orlando Herald talks to rescuers and survivors, she can't shake the feeling that something isn't right. The official story doesn't ring true. Her interviews become front-page news. So does her suicide, a year after the blaze. Her brother Peter, a Jesuit priest, finds a clean apartment and a stack of papers sealed in plastic bags. Sifting through his sister's effects, he reads the stories of the dead, from the architect who designed the famous building to the janitor blamed for destroying it. A file on Juni's laptop will reveal the hidden threads that bound the victims together, the seemingly random acts that brought them to a single place and moment in time. In the end, the answers Juni seeks won't be the ones she finds. Told through an inspired mix of puzzle pieces—news stories, phone transcripts, press releases—and filled with gallows humor, this is a novel about life, loss and the slippery nature of truth—Provided by the publisher.

IF ONLY I COULD...

Ampol Publishing What if you had just learned that your days are about to come to an end? Would you quietly accept your destiny, or would you fight this one final battle? And what if the demons of your past disturb the delicate reconciliation you thought you had found? These are the questions facing John Kadel in "If Only I Could..." a simple story about love. This is not a romance. It is a tale of the true and lasting love each of us dreams about, the undeniable love only some of us find in a lifetime of searching. John Kadel is a stubborn, single old man with a colorful past and questions for which he has no answers. Not long after his doctor hands him a death sentence, John runs into someone from his past.

ONCE UPON A MULBERRY FIELD

A NOVEL

Roger Connors, a widower with no children, is pondering whether to pursue aggressive treatment for his cancer when a cryptic note arrives from a long-lost USAF buddy announcing the visit of an acquaintance from Vietnam. Faced with ghosts of fallen comrades and haunting memories of the great love he once knew, Connors receives revelations from his visitor that uncover a missing part of his life. As he delves into a decades-old secret in search of answers and traces of a passion unfulfilled, on a journey from the jungles of Vietnam through the minefields of the heart, Connors is on a journey fraught with disillusionment and despair but ultimately redeemed by the power of love.

OUT OF REACH

ONE WOMAN'S QUEST FOR LOVE, FAMILY AND A LOST COUNTRY

Austin Macauley Layla, a Palestinian woman, witnesses the diaspora of her family during the war in Palestine in 1948. Torn between her culture and the western way of life, Layla chases a dream of love and independence. Her journey takes her around the world, ending with a dramatic love story with a Jewish American man. *Out of Reach* is a compelling story of an independent woman who learns the harsh lessons of her life through marriage, romance, loss and deceit.

AFTER THE FALL

Destiny Image Publishers Abigail Walker and Jarvis Daniels are longtime sweethearts headed in opposite directions. Abby, an aspiring cellist, wants out of her humble Detroit surroundings and is willing to shed blood, sweat, and tears to make it happen. Jarvis, on the other hand, is perfectly content with life. For him there's plenty of time to become a "responsible adult." For now, he's got everything he could want: a roof over his head, a PlayStation, and the love of a good woman. When Abby's music career takes off and she moves to Chicago, Jarvis gets the boot—sort of. Abby still loves him, but his penchant for faded sweaters and meatball subs just doesn't fit into her new, sophisticated world of designer gowns and concert halls. They're in different leagues and Abby makes no qualms of reminding him of it whenever she deigns to visit him. When the couple is involved in a near-fatal car crash, they are broken, stripped, and broken again both stumbling through a journey of healing and self-discovery as they struggle to accept the merciful hand of the only One who can help them up after a fall.

REMEMBERING JOY

CreateSpace One mistake can shatter dreams and shape the future. Alexis knows this first hand. Even though her memory of that day is hazy, she has spent the last ten years trying to put it behind her. Armed with the knowledge that her career will be her only legacy, Alexis works night and day to prove that she is more than just her last name. It's not only that she doesn't have time for love. She doesn't have the heart for it. After all, there's no point in starting something you can't finish. When she meets Adam, she's drawn to him in a way even she can't deny. The film student is dark and brooding and strangely charming. He's the perfect distraction from her mundane life. And, as if fate is pushing them together, he seems to be around every corner. It's enough to almost make her entirely forget about her past and take a chance. But Adam can recall every detail that she's forgotten. What she doesn't remember, he can't forget.

LOVE FAITH DEATH

Tara K Shah Cancer sucks, death sucks even more. But we humans don't have the power to stop either of them from messing with our lives. They enter our lives whenever and wherever they choose to. Cancer is so common that each one of us have known someone who has dealt with the disease; some of us have lost a loved one to cancer. Common does not always mean simple, and it also does not mean we know everything about it. The diagnosis of cancer, regardless of the disease's curability, is almost always nerve-racking, even for healthcare providers like the main character of this book who is a veteran nurse. This book is written in first person; the subject is a middle aged woman who had been separated from her boyfriend some thirty years ago and then after three decades when she searches for an oncologist for treatment of an aggressive cancer that she was recently diagnosed, she finds her ex-boyfriend's name and decides to see him. That brings back the memory of their past together, and she starts going through her old diary she had written some thirty years in the past. Part of the story is set in Nepal (from the diary) and the other part is set in the USA (this takes place after her cancer diagnosis). The main character of the story was born with 'Manglik' cosmic influencer, meaning that the planet Mars "mangal Graha" was in such position in the solar system at the time of her birth that it would have strong negative effect on her husband if she married a man who was non-Manlik (a person born at the time when the planet Mars was not in such position.) What happens next changes the lives of the main characters.

POET'S WIFE

Allen & Unwin In the follow-up to her bestselling memoir, *Dreamtime Alice*, Mandy Sayer tells the story of the ten years she and Yusef Komunyakaa spent together, first as lovers, then as husband and wife.

ECHOES IN THE STORM

One week is all we were supposed to share. One week as strangers. All the things you did differently irked me. I thought it meant we couldn't get along, that there was no chance we'd work out. But when it came time for me to leave, you know what I figured out? You were my echo. My call back. And damn it if I didn't find home in the end.

GODSPEED

A LOVE STORY

Createspace Independent Pub Reporters Derry Danaher and Amadee Beauchene fall in love while working at the Milwaukee Ledger when sorrowful events change everything.

ABOUT A BLUE ANGEL

CreateSpace Balancing a typical busy life as a housewife with a hardworking husband and three small children, Diane Quartly had no idea how dramatically her life would change and where these changes would ultimately lead her. This is an autobiographical story of her life, her challenges with a child who has a rare genetic disease, and a shocking tragedy no one expected. Then, through her determined questing for answers, her story takes a surprising turn into the spiritual and metaphysical realm where she is guided to the most amazing transformation and discoveries of all. Her story is inspiring and genuinely uplifting, providing a message of encouragement and solace for anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one.

BROKEN ROAD

A WIDOWER'S JOURNEY

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Once upon a time, I viewed the Air Force as my personal entertainment and dating service. I was a hard-charging, well-paid, impeccably-educated, high-functioning, award-winning anesthetist and clinical instructor of anesthesia as well as an Air Force captain on my way to becoming a colonel in record time. Beyond that, I worked in a highly specialized area of the military, dabbling in the shadowy world behind the scenes in places some have never heard of, in situations that rarely make the nightly news. Known by important people, I was a guy who could "get 'er done" no matter what the order or mission at hand. On call twenty-four hours a day, I never knew when my next mission would be called. One moment in the operating room in San Antonio, the next on a plane bound for some unnamed location for reasons I wasn't privy to. Leaving my strict Baptist upbringing behind, I was living my dream of becoming a "hero," while fueling my ever burgeoning need for newness and more, sleeping my way around the world with no rules and no conscience. One woman, my childhood image of the "girl next door," changed all that. We met in the back anesthesia hallway at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center. She, a mere first year anesthesiology resident. Me, a superstar staff nurse anesthetist. Despite her lowly position, she was clearly the kindest and sexiest woman I'd ever met. Within a month of our first date, I chose to forego my aspirations of military glory and "settle down." However, soon after Joan and I married, I felt trapped. Trapped by what I recognized as the mundane life of my parents. Trapped by Joan's desire to bear a child. Trapped to the point that I began fantasizing about her death. Then came the call. Twenty-five weeks into her pregnancy, Joan was diagnosed with leukemia. In the blink of an eye, I was transformed from my own personal cynosure to the husband of the pregnant lady with cancer, caretaker, guardian of my wife and daughter's lives, and reluctant chief decision maker on how to reconcile my desperate desire for her to live with her disdain for life support measures. This story depicts not only the battle against cancer faced by Joan and our unborn child, but also my own attempt to move past earlier misdeeds, desperately praying for a miracle, hoping that, despite my sins, God would deign to save the woman and child I loved. Written from the perspective of a former military true believer who turned his back on dreams of glory, chose love, and became a (hesitant) husband, then single father, *Broken Road: A Widower* is similar to *Nadia Bolz-Weber's Accidental Saints* and *Anne Lamott's Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace*. It seeks to find goodness in the most unlikely of places and characters - me.

GYPSY MUSIC STREET

A DAUGHTER JOURNEYS TO HER MOTHER'S SHATTERED WORLD, A TRUE STORY OF LOVE AND IRREVOCABLE LOSS

It's 1937, the eve of World War II. At twenty-six years old, Rezsí Lehrer leaves Munkacs, a small charming city located deep within a remote corner of the Carpathian mountains and travels alone to the United States. War breaks out and Eastern European borders are sealed. Rezsí's family is trapped in Czechoslovakia and the packages she sends home are returned unopened. When the war ends, Rezsí discovers her parents, two brothers and scores of relatives perished in the Holocaust. *Gypsy Music Street* is the story of one woman's endless sorrow and guilt she suffers at the loss of her family, the family she left behind "to die alone." Yet she still yearns to return to her town, "the little Paris of the East," to see it just one more time. But after the war, countries borders are redrawn and Mukacevo is no longer located in Czechoslovakia. It becomes completely closed off within the iron grip of the Soviet Union and the political climate is one of Cold War. Mukacevo is off limits for travel. As the years pass, Rezsí reminisces, sharing her longing and grief about the past with her daughter Bobbie. And when she dies an old woman, her dream unfulfilled, Bobbie is driven by her own loss and grief to make this journey home for her mother, and for herself. *Adventures in Budapest, Ukraine and Israel* make *Gypsy Music Street* an enthralling memoir of love and loss. Yet, it is also a story of the overwhelming joy a daughter experiences when she travels back in time and discovers her own torn roots.

I AM CANCER FREE

THE AUTHOR'S TRUE STORY ABOUT HER BOUT WITH CANCER

CreateSpace This is a most touching and emotional true story, of the author's battle with cancer. It is a detailed and personal account of how a very strong believer and family-oriented woman beat ovarian cancer. Although that type of cancer historically develops rapidly and has devastating effects, this true story shows how faith, family and love are a powerful force to reckon with. A must read for anyone with or without an illness! Eight years hence she is Cancer Free. It shows what faith in God can do. God is really alive and can work miracles in our lives. We just have to believe. The Author relates events when her life and financial well-being were threatened by this dreadful disease. Her strong faith in God saw her through all the trials she had to undergo during her several months of treatment. Writing this book gives her the opportunity to demonstrate to others the meaning of prayer and family unity. Eight years hence, she is now Cancer Free and wants to shout it to the world. The book serves as an inspiration for those in a similar situation to not give up but trust in God and continue fighting. She especially wants to acknowledge her loving husband who was a pillar of support throughout her ordeal.

LOVE IS THE LINK

A HOSPICE DOCTOR SHARES HER EXPERIENCE OF NEAR DEATH AND DYING

Larson Publication A hospice doctor shares her own experience with near death and her work with the dying.

TIERS OF SORROW

A TRUE STORY OF HOMICIDE, BETRAYAL, COURAGE, AND HOPE.

Tiers of Sorrow This is a true story of the death of a child through homicide. It is about a mother's healing journey and the pivotal decisions she had to make in order to survive her son's death. It is about betrayal, and a shocking verdict but it's also about love, courage, and faith. It is hope for survival and inspiration for revival for those that are suffering a similar loss. "Unforgettable. The layers of grief are too exquisite for words but Sandra finds a way to the depth of her soul and describes the torment with such clarity ... you will not soon forget. Her haunting dreams will stay with you long after you have finished this extraordinary story of love, betrayal, courage, and hope. "Tiers of Sorrow" is one of the most heartbreakingly beautiful true stories you will ever read." -Wayne Cooper, Author and Publisher / Levita Media "Sandra is on a mission. After the violent death of her young adult son, she has armed herself with weapons from another world. Sandra has discovered the keys to hope and wellbeing but not until after experiencing utter grief and pain herself. A wounded healer knows how to reach the hurting. She has traveled the journey of deep sorrow and injustice and has come through it with startling understanding and strength. I recommend this book to the professionals who help crime victims and their families but, mostly, this story has the power to minister to anyone who suffers the loss of a loved one from a shooting, stabbing, or violent crime." -Margaret Montreuil, Speaker and Author, *God in Sandals*, *God with Us*, *His Kingdome Come*, and *coming soon, Come & See* "Deeply moving yet chilling. *Tiers of Sorrow* compels the reader to set aside petty, insignificant differences with loved ones and cherish every moment as the gift it is. It demonstrates courage in the face of heart wrenching circumstances that inspires hope us all." -M. Ann Bruce, Author, Director, Producer

THE PINK MOON LOVELIES

EMPOWERING STORIES OF SURVIVAL

Createspace Independent Pub *The Pink Moon Lovelies* are members of the Facebook group *Beyond the Pink Moon*, named after Nicki Boscia Durllester's memoir that intimately chronicles her journey after a breast cancer diagnosis. Nicki created the group to provide an active forum for discussion to raise awareness about the BRCA gene and breast and ovarian cancer. She never dreamed her homespun story would travel around the globe and *Beyond the Pink Moon* would become a support group for people from all walks of life coming together to lift each other up with inspiration, humor, faith and love. With *Lovelies* in Australia, Canada, England, France, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Tasmania and the USA, Nicki, a BRCA2 survivor, and fellow moderator, Melissa Johnson Voight, a BRCA1 previvor, whose journey of steadfast faith and courage of conviction is included in this book, have encouraged their members to tell their stories with one goal in mind, to save lives. With a Foreword written by renowned breast surgeon, Dr. Kristi Funk, this riveting collection of 50 stories includes: the unflinching account of Barbie Ritzco, a United States Marine who kept silent about discovering a lump in her breast in order to deploy with her unit to Afghanistan, putting her country before her health, the moving story of Ally Durllester, Nicki's daughter, a 25 year old BRCA2 previvor who will undergo prophylactic surgery to try to avoid the same fate as her mother, grandmother and six great-aunts who all had breast, ovarian or fallopian tube cancer, the frustrating story of Erika Grogin Lange, an Israeli Lovely and mother of five, whose nagging symptoms of fatigue, nausea and bloating went undiagnosed for months until she heard the shocking news that she had Stage III ovarian cancer, and the unpredictable journey of Susan Long Martucci, a two-time breast cancer survivor, disease free for 13 years, blindsided by another diagnosis. She is the beacon of hope who coined the term *Pink Moon Lovelies*. Each story is compelling and has an important message to impart. *The Pink Moon Lovelies, Empowering Stories of Survival* concludes with the story of the incomparable May Smith, the 32 year old South African Lovely who left a legacy of extraordinary courage, grace and love. Hers was a life well lived. When May sadly passed away on July 22, 2012 from breast cancer she left the *Pink Moon Lovelies* with one final message filled with wisdom and advice beyond her years. Her emotional eulogy written by Nicki Boscia Durllester is also included. Two women who never met in person but whose love transcended time and space. The power of the *Pink Moon!* Cover art and design by Ithaca, New York artist and breast cancer survivor, Shera Delia. All proceeds from the sales of this book will go to *Beyond the Pink Moon* non-profit and will be donated to breast and ovarian cancer research.

IT'S OKAY TO CRY

Your tears are strength! The world has conditioned us to believe that tears are equivalent to being a coward or allowing fear to consume us. That is far from the truth. Yes, our tears display our current level of emotion like fear, anger or frustration but that does not equate to weakness. Have you ever noticed the feeling of relief after crying or how we can laugh so hard that tears form in our eyes. Our tears are a reminder that we are human but it should also give us a deeper connection with Jesus, who in human form cried after the death of his friend Lazarus. Stop allowing the world to dictate where your strength comes from! "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" Isaiah 40:29 Today is your day to..... * Stop fighting the tears * Find power in your tears * Become a shoulder for someone fighting back tears * Realize that God sees your tears

REMEMBER TO LOVE ME

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform "A brilliant debut novel full of romance and heartbreak, that pulls tight at your heartstrings and ensnares you with magical prose and lyrical beauty." 1900 - Annabelle yearns for nothing more than motherhood and her duty to provide an heir to devoted husband Richard Hardwick, successor to a wealthy family fortune. Her younger sister Emily, engaged to Lance Corporal James Wright, imagines only wedded bliss, but as darkness falls in the shape of War, James is deployed to South Africa, leaving her alone with an uncertain future. As melancholy festers, Emily escapes taking solace by the sea. As the distance stretches between the sisters, so too does the life-thread of family. 1997 - As her 21st birthday approaches, April reluctantly moves closer to her Grandmother Sarah, to her mother's childhood home of Bury St Edmunds, in the heart of the Suffolk countryside. As she struggling to adjust, pining for her seaside upbringing, she takes solace in the bond she shares with her grandmother. In a visit to the attic one December afternoon, she discovers more than just dusty tea chests and old suitcases. She encounters an ancestor that has remained, a ghostly apparition whispering secrets in the shadows. Confronted with visions and dreams; memories of a lost time, grave secrets, sisterly love, romance and family loyalties that stretch beyond even love's limits. April is thrown into turmoil, living moments in two eras, experiencing love and loss in both. Piecing together snippets of another life, giving peace back to the house and laying ghosts to rest; she unfolds the mystery of her family's Supernatural legacy.

OUR BELOVED RED

A SON'S MEMOIR ON THE LOSS OF HIS MOTHER

How would you handle losing the #1 person in your life? Ryan Krohn lived the perfect life as a college student without a care in his perfect world. But then that perfect world came to a screeching halt when his beloved mother, Patricia, was T-boned by a semi-truck. Shattered, the community grieving along with them, Ryan and his family spent an agonizing week at the hospital, making the toughest decision anyone should never have to make. In these pages, Ryan Krohn shares this painful journey and the invaluable advice his mother gave him as he struggled to find a true purpose in being the one left behind.

PLUNGE!

An exceptional, deeply-moving memoir-a classic love story. In the late 1970s, a fragile thread linked a woman living on Park Avenue in Manhattan and a man in a guarded house in West Africa. "I love you very much he whispered softly across 7,000 miles of ocean and up the East River." *Plunge!* is a love story, exquisitely told. Sally was a New York career woman when David showed up in her life. Their first dinner date was July 13, 1977, the night of the New York Blackout. Six weeks later he told her he had accepted a job in Nigeria. After a romantic weekend at the Pierre Hotel, David left the city. "The noise of the engines was muffled through the window, and as the plane taxied to the runway, the sound faded away, like a love song drawing to a melancholy close." As David struggled to clear a jungle to build a paper mill in West Africa, Sally worked at her fast-paced job, occasionally flew private planes, and led the tenants of her Park Avenue apartment building into battle against her notorious landlord. Over the next nine months, they corresponded-openly, often with humor-and had three brief reunions: in Nigeria, London and New York. "Perhaps the distance that separated us, the lack of instant interaction, helped us both to communicate more thoughtfully, more honestly and even more passionately than we might have otherwise." "An amazing, beautiful literary accomplishment." - Carol Shaben, author of *Into the Abyss* "I can't remember the last book that affected me like *Plunge!* It's very moving and strong and honest and beautifully written. I was drawn in from the start-a gifted writer." - Dalia Pagani, author of *Mercy Road* "So well written and so compelling." - Louise Crowley, Program Director, Vermont College of Fine Arts, MFA in Writing

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