

Next To You Carons Courage Remembered By Her Mother

The Tain Bo Cuailnge, centre-piece of the eighth-century Ulster cycle of heroic tales, is Ireland's greatest epic. It tells the story of a great cattle-raid, the invasion of Ulster by the armies of Medb and Ailill, queen and king of Connacht, and their allies, seeking to carry off the great Brown Bull of Cuailnge. The hero of the tale is Cuchulainn, the Hound of Ulster, who resists the invaders single-handed while Ulster's warriors lie sick. Thomas Kinsella presents a complete and living version of the story. His translation is based on the partial texts in two medieval manuscripts, with elements from other versions, and adds a group of related stories which prepare for the action of the Tain. Illustrated with brush drawings by Louis le Brocquy, this edition provides a combination of medieval epic and modern art.

On April 13th, 2004 Gloria Hunniford's 41 year old daughter, Caron Keating, died after a secret seven year battle with cancer. The world that had changed with Caron's diagnosis, now shattered. Life had been cruelly interrupted, a black hole opened in Gloria's heart, she was consumed with the unimaginable grief that the loss of a child brings and she was alone. Or so she felt. Within days of Caron's death letters started to arrive. People who had lost their children felt compelled to write. Strangers understood what she was going through often more than the family and friends standing next to her. There were many, many dark days but the letters kept coming and somehow she managed to do the impossible. Wake up everyday, get out of bed, breath. The black hole is still there, sometimes as big as ever, but she has found a way to live with it, around it. This is the story of how Gloria and her family survived Caron's death, but it is not only her story. It is written for those who held her while she raged. It is written for all those people who helped her through that first terrible year by writing, but mostly it is written for the many thousands who didn't. Grief is lonely, but as this book shows, you are not alone. Death affects us all at some point. Gloria will never again be the carefree woman she once was, the loss of a loved one is always with you, but so are the living. This is how she found her way back to them.

"Secret Sins of the Heart" is the private emotional struggle women from all walks of life often find themselves battling. This struggle is driven by fear, shame and guilt because of past mistakes, choices, experiences, or victimization. The author chronicles her triumphant life's journey from childhood to the present. She candidly takes the reader into the inner depths of her struggles with death, men, marriage, the loss of a child, victimization, drugs, motherhood, interracial love and family life and, so much more. She openly shares her pain, fears, and courage, as well as her present joy, peace and victory. You will laugh, gasp, cry and rejoice as she makes her way from the awkward stages of girlhood to the wonderfully insane world of a woman.

In this book, CARON: Awakening, a mother shares her experiences and emotions during her daughter's struggles to emerge from a coma following a closed head injury. The early chapters reflect the author's heavy heart, as Caron wrestles to return to consciousness--and confusion. Eventually, Caron realizes the ramifications of an insult to her brain and joins her family's nightmare. From this point, focus switches to Caron's frustrations as she battles to piece her life back together again. Caron's family quickly learns that, especially under such tragic circumstances, laughter is essential. It

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stabilizes the family, contributes to awakening a comatose patient, and lightens the journey of the patient who emerges into a surreal world of disconnect from the little she remembers about the person she was and wants to think she still is. This family laughed! Come laugh—and cry—with them as Caron's Mom reflects upon this difficult time in her family's life, while also offering insights that might help other families and friends who shoulder a similar burden. ----- REVIEWS FROM

AMAZON.COM: INSPIRATIONAL READ FOR ALL, September 30, 2010, by E.

Standish Caron: Awakening is an incredible true story of a family's love, struggle, and triumph during a time of great hardship. Teahan weaves together the emotional realities of family members when dealing with a loved one who has a traumatic brain injury. She introduces the reader to the struggles and successes of working with the hospital personnel from the time her daughter was flown to the emergency room all the way through her rehabilitation and beyond. This book would be great for people

experiencing a similar situation, or for people like me who are intrigued by a heartfelt story of the intense love of a mother for her daughter. This book kept me up night after night because I couldn't stop rooting for Caron and her recovery! You will laugh, cry, and celebrate right along with Caron and her family through every step of the journey.

UPLIFTING & FUNNY/A HEARTWARMING STORY OF LOVE & FAMILY, November 11, 2010, by Dani Vaughn This book is both an intimate look into a situation nobody

would ever hope to find themselves in and a "trust yourself" redemption story that gave me warm fuzzies at the end. I read for escape so I like my books to be brain candy - I want them to take me someplace I would/could not go on my own. This one did that. I cried and I laughed and I felt like I was living this story through the best and the worst.

Many people feel they might have a book in them - but how do you know whether you have what it takes to be a writer, whether your writing is any good, what you should write about and whether you should dedicate proper time to begin your dream? This

book asks pertinent questions of you via a questionnaire to help you discover whether there is a talented writer in you. Each chapter provides background to the relevant point in the questionnaire. Packed with advice from experienced writers including known

authors; P D James, Philip Pullman, Jacqueline Wilson, Margaret Drabble, Katie Fforde and more. Expert advice from Daniel Roche (BA President), independent booksellers, publishers Helen Fraser (Penguin) and Ian Trewin (Chairman Cheltenham Literary Festival and administrator, Man Booker Prize), agents and creative writing tutors.

Foreword by columnist and writer Katharine Whitehorn.

Brimming with confidence about America's ability to come to a consensus on such issues as debt, welfare, and gay marriage, Carson provides a hopeful look at the problems plaguing society today, along with a set of solutions.

When a monster named the Blooz comes to visit, a little girl tries everything she can think of to get rid of the feelings of sadness the Blooz brings, in a debut picture book that helps children talk about their emotions. 15,000 first printing.

"A very compelling and personal glimpse into the mind and spirit of our nation's unseen guardians." Rear Admiral Francis McDonald, President, Mass. Maritime Academy As a twin in a large Massachusetts family with a heart of gold, Eric wanted to emulate his hero when he grew up--his Police Officer father, Sgt. Edmond Caron, a former Marine. Eric's dad taught him valuable life lessons that formed his foundation and defined his path, and experience taught him the rest.

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With his family's courage, love and guidance inspiring his journey, the author became renowned as an expert in the field of terrorism, money laundering and transnational crime. His investigations ranged from U.S. defense contractors and CIA going rogue, to WMD programs of Iran, China and Russia, to treachery and intrigue in Dubai and Afghanistan. His most challenging case would be a mere mile from his family home, and grip the nation. Throughout his twenty-five-year decorated career as a Special Agent and Diplomat for the U.S. Government, Caron discovered the powerful, life-saving effects of listening to one's heart, mind and God-given instincts. The author came to think of this principle as being Switched On. Join this Special Agent as he takes you on a ride-along filled with twists and turns and reveals the key to becoming Switched On for life. U.S. Government Special Agent and Diplomat Eric Caron (Ret.) enjoyed a decorated twenty-five-year career investigating terrorism, money laundering and transnational crime. He currently holds positions as an adjunct professor with the Massachusetts Maritime Academy on Cape Cod, and a terrorism expert for WHDH News 7/Boston.

Vanessa's husband Paul dies suddenly and tragically on their regular Sunday morning swim. How will she cope with her dilapidated house, her teenage children, the patients who depend on her? Will therapy help? Why do mysterious white feathers start appearing in unexpected places? Beautifully written and honestly relayed, Vanessa uses her professional skills to explore the many questions posed by unanticipated death, and to try to find a way forwards. "This book is about a period of great loss in my life, a time when the tables were completely turned on me. I was a qualified therapist who suddenly found myself needing psychological therapy. I was a trained researcher who became my own research subject, as I tried to make sense of what was happening to me. I was an experienced manager who now struggled to manage the events taking place in my own life. Yet, throughout all this turmoil, my patients were always there, in the background, reminding me that there are many different ways to deal with loss and trauma and search for a way forwards." Vanessa Moore

By turns, it is riotous, deeply serious, practical and sad. Reading it is like being at her kitchen table with a glass of wine to hand. (Daily Telegraph) Lynda Bellingham was a tremendously gifted storyteller with a rich collection of tales of love, loss and laughter and this memoir brings her kind heart, courage and emotion to the page in vivid detail. There's Something I've Been Dying To Tell You is a brave memoir about Lynda's battle with cancer, facing death she found joy and shared it with millions. Her story is an affecting and at times heart-breaking one but it is so often laugh-out-loud too and ultimately the way Lynda told her life story serves as a great inspiration to us all. Woven into this very moving and brave story are extraordinary, colourful tales of her acting and family life that will enlighten and entertain as well as the journey that Lynda has taken to find the family of her birth father having already suffered heartache in her search for her birth mother. In the search for her father's family, Lynda finds a family with

a history in entertainment showing that acting was always in the blood. This book was written in Lynda's final months and revealed for the first time, and in great detail, her fight with cancer and how her life was transformed since her diagnosis. This edition includes a brand new chapter written by Lynda's husband Michael about his love for her, her love of life and her glorious final send-off.

No risk, pay the cost. Know risk, reap the rewards. In our risk-avoidance culture, we place a high premium on safety. We insure our vacations. We check crash tests on cars. We extend the warranties on our appliances. But by insulating ourselves from the unknown—the risks of life—we miss the great adventure of living our lives to their full potential. Ben Carson spent his childhood as an at-risk child on the streets of Detroit, and today he takes daily risks in performing complex surgeries on the brain and the spinal cord. Now, offering inspiring personal examples, Dr. Carson invites us to embrace risk in our own lives. From a man whose life dramatically portrays the connection between great risks and greater successes, here are insights that will help you dispel your fear of risk so you can dream big, aim high, move with confidence, and reap rewards you've never imagined. By avoiding risk, are you also avoiding the full potential of your life? The surgery was as risky as anything Dr. Ben Carson had seen. The Bijani sisters—conjoined twins—shared part of a skull, brain tissue, and crucial blood flow. One or both of them could die during the operation. But the women wanted separate lives. And they were willing to accept the risk to reach the goal, even against the advice of their doctors ... As a child on the dangerous streets of Detroit, and as a surgeon in operating theaters around the world, Dr. Ben Carson has learned all about risk—he faces it on a daily basis. Out of his perilous childhood, a world-class surgeon emerged precisely because of the risks Dr. Carson was willing to take. In his compelling new book, he examines our safety-at-all-costs culture and the meaning of risk and security in our lives. In our 21st-century world, we insulate ourselves with safety. We insure everything from vacations to cell phones. We go on low-cholesterol diets and buy low-risk mutual funds. But in the end, everyone faces risk, like the Bijani twins did with their brave decision. Even if our choices are not so dramatic or the outcome so heartbreaking, what does it mean if we back away instead of move forward? Have we so muffled our hearts and minds that we fail to reach for all that life can offer us—and all that we can offer life? Take the Risk guides the reader through an examination of risk, including:

- A short review of risk-taking in history.
- An assessment of the real costs and rewards of risk.
- Learning how to assess and accept risks.
- Understanding how risk reveals the purpose of your lives.

Outlines a less invasive, more humane approach to end-of-life care, sharing the stories of the author's parents and explaining the political and technological factors that are interfering with patient preferences.

'...finding my baby that day shattered my life ...nothing would ever, ever be the same way again...' This insightful guide is based on real life accounts from mothers who have experienced Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Focusing on

grief, motherhood and maternal identity, the book is an intriguing read - often upsetting, yet desperately compelling. The stories and poignant memories bring the subject to life. Health and social care professionals will find a wealth of emotional and practical insights to improve professional practice, as will psychiatrists, psychologists, counsellors and therapists. 'This book has been written primarily to enable others to reflect on some of the stories which circulate around SIDS. They are not always easy stories to write or easy stories to read - but they are stories that need to be told and heard so that we can increase understanding of SIDS.' - Dawne J Gurbutt, in the Preface.

Gloria Hunnifords daughter, TV presenter Caron Keating, was 34 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Initially she was declared in the clear but the cancer came back, despite her attempts to fight it off with every therapy going. She died aged 41. This is Glorias account of Carons life. It is outstanding from the beginning feels painfully truthful but is utterly absorbing. It does make you cry endlessly. It is about the difficult bond between mothers and daughters about what happens to a family when one of its members gets taken over by a disease. Glorias honesty in writing this book is extraordinary both Caron and Gloria come across as amazingly strong, loving and inspiring characters Daily Express We see Caron as a daughter, a sister, a wife, a friend and a mother but most of all as a fighter. This is not a story of illness and death rather its a beautiful, emotional celebration of an extraordinary life that sadly ended far too soon. A beautiful read Daily Record

As one of Britain's best known TV and radio personalities, Gloria Hunniford requires little introduction. From chat show and current affairs host to presenter of consumer and lifestyle programmes, Gloria is one of the few broadcasters who can genuinely claim to embrace the spectrum of popular culture. Her elusive ability to communicate with people from all walks and backgrounds has earned her a rare iconic status in the hearts and minds of the British public. Now, having just been made an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours and celebrating 70 years in show-business, Gloria is ready to tell her story. With an illustrious career spanning seven decades, as Gloria says herself, 'Even that wide-eyed, ambitious ten-year-old girl from Portadown, County Armagh would never have believed that sixty-seven years later she'd still be in show business'. Gloria has had many lives - starting out as a singer aged seven alongside her father in a troupe of entertainers, before taking the brave step to travel and live in Canada as a teenager, which broadened her horizons in a way she never could have imagined, coming from a religiously divided Northern Ireland. Back home at the age of twenty, following the release of her first record that went into the Ulster charts, she was offered a job at BBC Belfast, which started her on a career trajectory she could only have dreamed about in those early years singing in front of her Bakelite radio, hoping someone would hear her. Working through bombs, bullets and barricades, and the turmoil of the Troubles in the seventies, Gloria soon became a firm fixture on both radio and TV, especially with her nightly show, Good Evening Ulster. It wasn't long before Gloria's charm, wit and tenacity were spotted over the Irish sea, becoming the first ever woman to have a daily radio programme in 1982, presenting on BBC Radio 2

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continuously for the next 13 years. She was then offered her first chat show and Sunday, Sunday launched her into the homes of millions of people, as she interviewed some of the greatest stars of our time, including Bette Davis, Charlton Heston, Doris Day, Audrey Hepburn and Sean Connery. Since then, Gloria's career has blossomed, and she has become widely regarded as one of the most respected names in the industry. And with her extremely moving and sentimental account of her daughter's battle with cancer - in the best-selling books *Next To You* and *Always With You* - Gloria has sealed her reputation as one of the nation's most respected writers and commentators. More recently known for being a panellist on *Loose Women* and presenting the daily consumer programme *Rip-Off Britain*, she has entered the hearts of the nations and will continue to do so for years to come. In *My Life Gloria* will, for the first time, explore her life from her humble beginnings to the much-loved national treasure she is today.

The world of the Simes and Gens is teetering on the brink. Zeth Farris reaches adulthood just when things start to fall apart. When he finally understands the audacity of the social engineering experiment that his parents have set in motion, Zeth must build bridges with potential allies to hold the center together. But war comes anyway, and Zeth and his alliance must prevail. The price of failure?--the destruction of his family, his culture, even his world! *Sime Gen*, Book Five.

After her successful battle with breast cancer caused by the BRCA2 genetic mutation, Diane Tropea Greene used her copious writings and journal entries, as well as the knowledge she had gained from experience, to create *Apron Strings: Inheriting Courage, Wisdom and . . . Breast Cancer*. It follows her familys cancers from her mothers generation, when the cancer threat was revealed, to Dianes generation a generation that better understands the wisdom of vigilance. With humor, humanity and compassion, she shares how she sought and found education, support and empowerment when the BRCA2 nightmare became her own, and she details how she and her family courageously struck back and now live with their cancer heritage as advocates and activists in the fight for a cure. Dianes book is rich with references and resources to empower the reader to learn more. A book to be read by anyone who believes their relatives have too many cancer diagnoses to be coincidental.

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Presents the personal experiences of recoving alcoholics, along with their families and friends, describing how the disease has affected their lives.

While laying in an empty bathtub in a Motel 6 in Vermont, Mike takes a handful of OxyContin and waits for the heart palpitations to kill him. As he starts to fade he reads a text on his phone, "Son, I love you and I need to know that you're OK." Struggling to understand why anyone would care about him because of his years of drug abuse, he responds, "Mom, no one can help me." Then, in a moment of clarity, he decides he wants there to be a tomorrow and to be a part of his family again. He makes the call for help to his mother; the call that saves his life. S.O.B.E.R.*, an acronym for "Son Of a Bitch Everything's Real" describes the moment Anita Devlin and her son Mike realize that denying his addiction to pain pills is destroying him. It is the defining moment when they commit to the courageous fight to get their lives back. This is when their family's road to recovery begins. S.O.B.E.R.* offers a rare glimpse at the daily, all consuming relationship between family and addiction, told simultaneously from a mother's view and

an addict's perspective. Everyone thinks Mike has it all because he is a star varsity lacrosse player, does well in school and is popular with the girls. However, Mike feels completely alone on the inside. When sports related surgeries introduce him to the world of pain pills, he uses them to mask his insecurities and spirals downward. Once in treatment, he learns that drugs are the least of his problems. The real problem is his mind. The drugs aren't making his demons disappear, they are only masking them and burying them down deeper. Mike is confident that he can be sober but he is not convinced that he can be sober and happy. Anita thinks that being a mother gives her the right to negotiate with God for her child. She sits in church and pleads, "God, I don't care what happens to me, please just take care of my son." She lets go of everything that makes her strong until she has nothing to hold on to but fear. She is afraid of what will happen if she focuses on anything but her son. This is an addiction itself. Anita becomes sick physically and spiritually. She is ashamed that she is afraid of what people will think instead of helping her only son, and she is faced with yet another hurdle... a confrontation with the truth that she herself needs to get healthy and learn to let go. We are allowed a glimpse into the family's recovery through powerful "cost" letters including one from Mike's sister and from the innocent voice of the family dog. Despite an avalanche of life's misfortunes, nothing else matters as long as they don't lose Mike. Anita, her husband Michael and their daughter Alex join forces with the Caron Treatment Center where "the patient is the family, and the family is the patient." "Addiction is an octopus" says Anita, "Whose tentacles wrap tightly around us all choking the life out of everyone in its way. The whole family needs to recover together." Caron Keating battled with breast cancer for seven years & died from the disease in 2004. In this book, Gloria Hunniford talks about her daughter's illness, her battle to survive & the grief that Gloria & her family are now learning to live with.

These exciting true stories will inspire teens to believe in themselves and the ability of determined young people to make a difference in the world. As fun to read as fiction, the stories are engaging and accessible—a great way to encourage reluctant readers. In *Kids with Courage*, readers meet 18 remarkable kids with the courage to speak out, fight back, come to the rescue, and stand up for their beliefs.

- The student had a loaded gun and a room full of hostages. Police surrounded the school. Then Ruben Ortega got mad...
- Norvell Smith knew there would be gang members in the audience. But she looked right at them and gave them a piece of her mind...
- It was the middle of winter, and the woman had no shoes. Frank Daily looked down at his Nikes and made a decision...
- The house was filled with smoke and flames. And Melinda Clark couldn't find her little brother...
- Mr. Smith threatened to kill her mother and brother. But Mercedes Jones spoke out anyway—and a sexual abuser went to jail...
- Andrew Holleman had practically grown up on the wetlands. He loved its plants, creatures, and goeey mud. Then he heard about the developer's plan...

National award-winning author Barbara A. Lewis provides the inspiration to empower young people to make a difference in their communities and in the world.

A life lived on the road and a heart that will always belong there Imagine being born into a world where communities are constantly on the move, but freedom is not a birthright. Rosie grew up travelling all over England and Ireland in her family's caravan. She had an idyllic childhood roaming fields and meadows with her younger brothers and sisters - free from the trappings of modern life, but restricted by the expectations of her culture.

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When Rosie was 14, the family's happiness was shattered when her grandfather - who was loved and respected by the whole community - was killed in a tragic accident. Suddenly everything in Rosie's life unravelled and she was forced to abandon the traditional way of life she loved. Her family fell apart in grief and Rosie tried her best to take care of her younger siblings and hold the family together. Eventually though life at home became unbearable and Rosie met Stevie, a traveller boy who promised her a different kind of life. Sadly though, Stevie was battling his own demons and Rosie's journey to freedom had only just begun...

Many healthcare professionals that I've encountered refer to a patient's cancer journey; indeed I had an article published describing a patient's journey through biological therapy. This particular case history described my involvement with a medical doctor's experience of renal cell carcinoma and self-administration of immunotherapy. He was very keen to share his experience to educate and inform other health professionals and I now find myself in a similar situation. I have 'journeyed' from nurse to patient when diagnosed with grade 3-breast cancer. Of course, I've experienced various health problems before this time, but I never spent a night in hospital, unlike members of my family who have experienced serious illness and hospitalisation on several occasions. Consequently I've always regarded myself in the caring role amongst family members and over the years I've used my nursing knowledge and skills to help them deal with both the physical and psychological issues of their various disease processes.

However, being diagnosed with breast cancer has now changed me from nurse and carer into a vulnerable ill person with doubts and fears for my future. To restore some sense of purpose while on sick leave and help me to get through each treatment stage, I decided to keep a daily journal of my experience.

Discusses the reckless annihilation of fish and birds by the use of pesticides and warns of the possible genetic effects on humans.

Caverns of Ormolac is volume two of the Blue Shaman Trilogy. Obsessed with the mystery of Caron's resurrection, the shaman Morgon Kara undertakes to weave a pattern that will betray the secret and subject the knight to him. Returning to Europe with the lost hallow, Caron is drawn into the intrigues of an ancient order that made and destroyed both Cathar Church and Knights Templar, and sees in him their once and future king. Blue Shaman Trilogy Volume 1: Stone of Sovereignty Volume 2: Caverns of Ormolac Volume 3: Master of Hallows

With a name like Bunny, the long-eared horse doesn't seem like an obvious choice to ship off to war. But through burning gas attacks, miserable weather and ever-present cross fire, Bunny proves himself invaluable, especially to the men who ride him. This is a heartwarming story of a World War I war horse who was as brave and strong as any soldier. Important historical context is provided in the end matter, and all historical details have been vetted for accuracy by expert reviewers.

Gracie, known as Boopy because of the nonsense rhyme she keeps repeating, decides to become the best poet in the world by writing a poem that truly comes from her heart. An entertaining and engaging read that will help you find the courage you need to grow personally. Expect to see a change in the way you think and in what you do when it comes to your personal dreams and aspirations. After all, being tall isn't a matter of feet or inches. It's a matter of having the courage and belief that comes from thinking taller.

The USA TODAY bestseller! Inspired by the brave women of WWII, this is a moving and powerful novel of friendship, love and resilience for fans of My Name is Eva, The Alice Network

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and The Tattooist of Auschwitz. A story of love not a story of a war...

From the award-winning team behind *Ida*, *Always* comes a story about a friendship that grows between a blind horse and a gruff goat. All the animals at the Open Bud Ranch can see that Jack likes keeping his space to himself. But when Charlie arrives, he doesn't see Jack at all. He's still getting used to seeing out of only one of his eyes. The two get off to a bumpy start. At first, Jack is anxious and distrustful. But one day, he summons his courage and guides Charlie to his favorite sunlit field: this way, Charlie. And so begins a powerful friendship that will be tested by life's storms—but will ultimately change each life for the better.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Our earliest experiences shape our lives far down the road, and *What Happened to You?* provides powerful scientific and emotional insights into the behavioral patterns so many of us struggle to understand. "Through this lens we can build a renewed sense of personal self-worth and ultimately recalibrate our responses to circumstances, situations, and relationships. It is, in other words, the key to reshaping our very lives."—Oprah Winfrey This book is going to change the way you see your life. Have you ever wondered "Why did I do that?" or "Why can't I just control my behavior?" Others may judge our reactions and think, "What's wrong with that person?" When questioning our emotions, it's easy to place the blame on ourselves; holding ourselves and those around us to an impossible standard. It's time we started asking a different question. Through deeply personal conversations, Oprah Winfrey and renowned brain and trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry offer a groundbreaking and profound shift from asking "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?" Here, Winfrey shares stories from her own past, understanding through experience the vulnerability that comes from facing trauma and adversity at a young age. In conversation throughout the book, she and Dr. Perry focus on understanding people, behavior, and ourselves. It's a subtle but profound shift in our approach to trauma, and it's one that allows us to understand our pasts in order to clear a path to our future—opening the door to resilience and healing in a proven, powerful way.

An Irish quarterly review.

In the dystopian future of the twenty-second century governments have collapsed and corporations have joined together to create a new world order called corporate rule. Veteran and businessman Troy Vincent, is wrongly accused of murdering a powerful CEO in a world where a cruel and corrupt justice system has emerged. He is sentenced to face termination by his own demons in the feared Virtual Reality Chambers. Before embarking into dark and dangerous worlds, Troy is befriended by an android who advises him to seek help from the elusive Grief Masters. A beautiful condemned woman is thrown into Troy's surreal world. Together they must unravel the truth behind the crimes they are convicted of, while fighting the treacherous forces that promise to destroy them. Their only hope of survival lies in hidden keys to the Grief Masters. However, finding a key means digging deep into their shattered inner souls. As the android tries to help them, he faces his own destruction and an unexpected meeting with the ultimate Grief Master.

From Peter Mansbridge, the beloved former anchor of CBC's *The National*, and Mark Bulgutch, former CBC producer, comes a collection of first-person stories about remarkable Canadians who embody the values of our great nation—kindness, compassion, courage, and freedom—and inspire us to do the same. In this timely and heartwarming volume of personal stories, Peter Mansbridge and former CBC producer Mark Bulgutch bring together inspiring Canadians from across the country, who in their own way, are making Canada a better place for all. Hear Gitksan activist Cindy Blackstock describe her childhood in northern British Columbia where she straddled two communities—Indigenous and non-Indigenous—and her subsequent fight for equitable health care for all children as the executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society. Meet Matt Devlin, the US broadcaster who found a new home in Canada when he got a job with the Toronto Raptors, and read how he helped

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calm the crowd when a gunman began shooting in Nathan Phillips Square after the team's NBA championship win. From the young woman living with Crohn's disease—and proudly modeling her ostomy bag—to the rabbi whose family fled Nazi Germany—and who now gives the benediction on Parliament Hill each Remembrance Day—Extraordinary Canadians celebrates the people who have overcome adversity and broken down barriers to champion the rights and freedoms of everyone who calls Canada home. Featuring voices from all walks of life—advocates, politicians, doctors, veterans, immigrants, business leaders, and more—this collection gets to the heart of what it means to be Canadian. These stories will change the way you see your country and make you fall in love with Canada all over again.

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