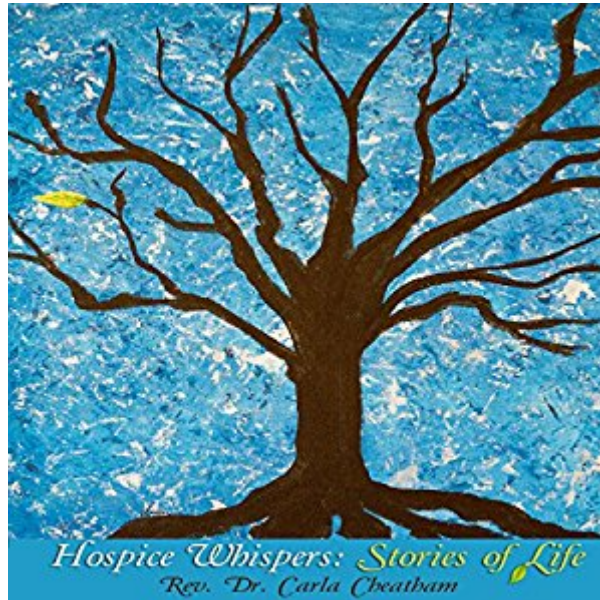




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Hospice Whispers: Stories Of Life



Synopsis

When we fear death, we miss out on a lot of life. This book hopes to change that. While hospices care for persons in their final days, hospice is not about death. It's all about LIFE - real, nitty-gritty, poignant, funny, challenging, and bittersweet life in all its beauty and imperfection. Those who have experienced hospice usually speak in reverential tones of this service and find themselves fearing death less because they have seen all the incredible life that happens until the final moment. But those unfamiliar with hospice often misunderstand and fear it, and the end of life. Through first-hand accounts that range from humorous to heart-wrenchingly honest, Carla shares the stories that continue to teach her the lessons of what it means to be truly present with ourselves and each other in this perfectly imperfect experience called life.

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Customer Reviews

At times heart-rending, sometimes half-apologetic, but always boldly honest, this collection of stories does much more than teach about hospice. Author Carla Cheatham is the chaplain I would want at my bedside in any circumstance. I am one myself, but I don't know any who are as comfortable in their own skin and with their own process as she is. Thank you for such a breath of fresh air! I highlighted all over the place, starting with slugging the snot out of a judgmental chaplain. This examination of the spiritual journey at the end-of-life (yours or that of anyone you love) is comforting, clarifying, and completely accepting, no matter what "religion" (or "no religion") you may happen to label yourself. I read it as an Ash Wednesday practice and felt so freed to know that I don't have to fix it; I can't fix it; and I don't GET to fix it. And it's OK.

This is my first Kindle book purchase and I selected a gem! 'Hospice Whispers' is beautifully written and a true affirmation of life and death and what I've experienced in the reality of both. I don't know if I've done more laughing or crying as I've been reading, but I've been learning. I think the learning is what will last in my mind and what will be most important in my life.

I attended a presentation by Chaplain Carla Cheatham in which she told many of these stories. She has written them in her true voice, and what amazing heartfelt stories they are. If you or a loved one have ever considered hospice, I encourage you to read this book. If you have never really considered it, but wondered what it would be like, I encourage you to...read this book.

Carla is a hospice chaplain. Her true stories of those transitioning from this life into the next show the indomitable human spirit of all of us. Her stories lessen the fear of those who are transitioning and those who love them. Her willingness to walk a spiritual path in whatever spiritual tradition the dying person has is touching and inspirational. This book is a must read for us all no matter whether we are in our paths in life. You will be blessed by this book.

This book is full of personal stories and experiences, which set a great field in which Carla gives the reader insights and teaches about being a Hospice Chaplain. Carla let's us know it's more than OK to be human, to laugh and to cry, not alone, but alongside those we minister to. As a chaplain at a hospital, I could relate to some of these experiences. Carla gives a broader audience the chance to experience this. I think this book would not only be a good read for Hospice Chaplains, but all Chaplains. I can see this being a good thing to read for families entering Hospice too, as they do not know what to expect, but Carla's storytelling will give them some insight, and permission to do as they need, not what they think they should do. Well done Carla.

Good book, very informative, once I was able to get into it I really enjoyed it !

So right on! I am a nurse with Hospice, but all of what makes our clients who they are blends the physical, emotional, and spiritual! I was moved to understand a professional explanation of many situations I have experienced in my work! I often think of it as a dance. As I get to meet a new client, I am learning who they are and where they've been. And that helps to shape the time that they spend and how they spend it. Each person is so uniquely different, and brings who they are to that

time of life. It is truly an honor to walk beside.

Finally, the words to express what I have always felt! This book totally resonates with me. I cried many tears and found words to express my own pain and grief. I now understand the concept of being not fixing. What a gift!

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