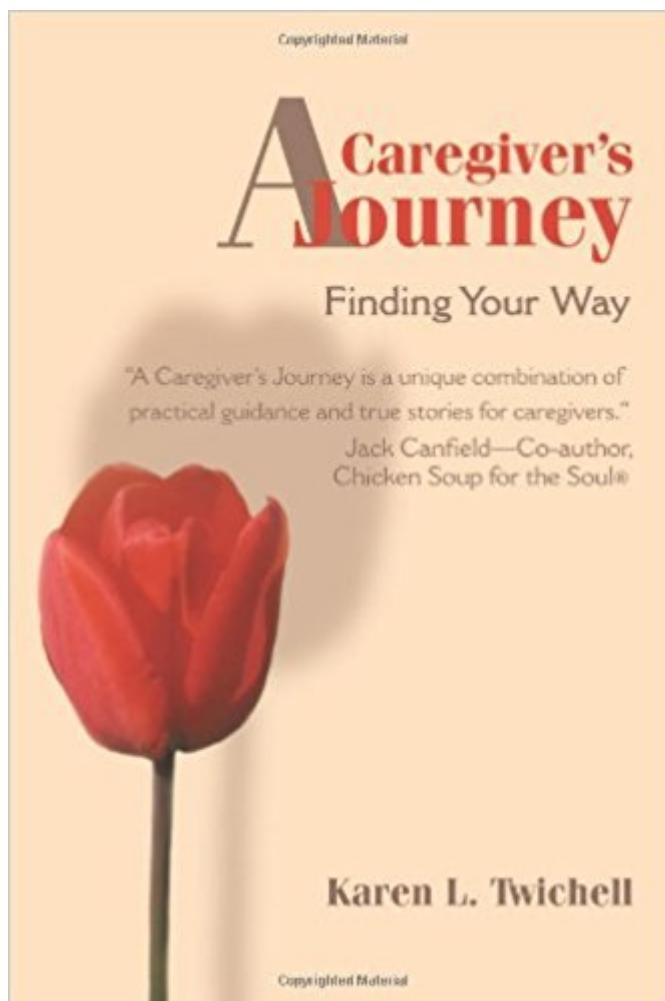


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A Caregiver's Journey: Finding Your Way



Synopsis

More than a million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year. Someone will be introduced to the world of caregiving for each and every new patient. Add thousands of AIDS, stroke, heart disease and Alzheimer's cases and you discover that there is an entire community of caregivers who have many of the same fears and concerns as the patients they care about. Patients become the immediate focus of attention by their medical team and by their families the minute they receive the diagnosis. They are bombarded with information about their disease, about treatment and about support groups. They are offered books and pamphlets and tapes and group sessions. Who is there to help the caregiver? Those who land the job of primary caregiver often have no experience in nursing, no knowledge of the medical jargon, and are prepared with nothing more substantial than their love for the patient. A Caregiver's Journey addresses both the practical and emotional issues facing the family. Many books and pamphlets recognize the caregiver but focus on the patient. This is a practical and helpful guide focusing on the specific concerns of the caregiver.

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Twichell has lost her mother, father and brother to cancer. She has two sisters and a husband who are cancer survivors. After a thirty-year corporate career, she has written this book in an attempt to help other caregivers cope with the task that may face and no one wants.

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Part instruction, part reference, part journal, part connection, *A Caregiver's Journey* offers readers knowledge about how to manage a difficult time and even find a moment to smile. The stories of real-life experiences provide a link to others who have cared for an ill friend or family member -- showing that no one needs to feel alone in this experience. Well written, informative chapters deal with everything from healthcare issues to care for yourself, the caregiver. And the list of dozens of organizations formed to support caregivers is invaluable. This book puts so many answers in one place in an attempt to make life easier...and Ms. Twichell's personal experience makes her the perfect author on the subject.

This book provides a wealth of sound, compassionate, and well organized information on a difficult subject, caring for a loved one facing a major medical challenge. Ms. Twichell is able to provide extraordinary guidance based on the best of all teachers....real life. Her knowledge of the frustration, pain, and personal trauma faced by the caregiver provides insight that is very useful. The information can surely help those facing the unknown but so important task of caring for a loved one fighting for good health.

I enjoyed this guide to caregiving very much. It is written in a very organized manner. The personal experiences of friends and families added a personal touch to this very special book. It is important for the caregiver to take time for oneself during a time of great stress. It should be a part of every families library at home.

It takes a true caregiver to enlighten others about caregiving. Karen Twichell speaks from her heart to ours--for aren't we all caregivers to the world? Personal experiences have taught Karen the ins and outs of a subject on a need-to-know basis.

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