

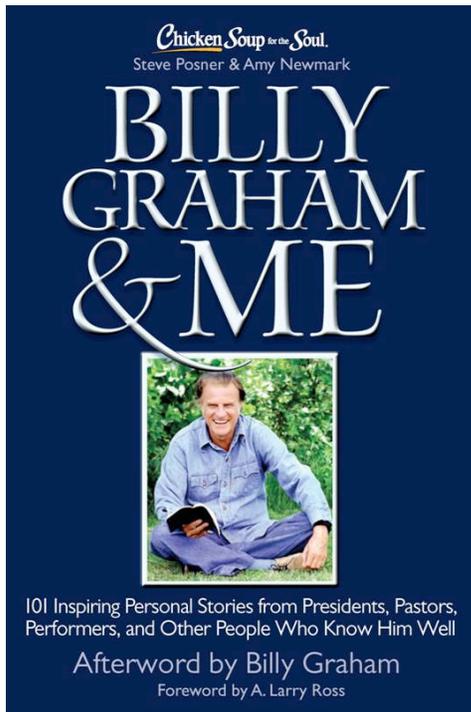
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**‘Chicken Soup for the Soul: Billy Graham & Me’ Releases Feb. 12**  
Authorized tribute compilation contains 101 personal stories from  
politicians, celebrities, religious leaders and those who know him best

**COS COB, CONN. Feb. 11, 2013** – For the first time in its 20-year history, Chicken Soup for the Soul is releasing a one-of-a-kind tribute book composed of stories and recollections honoring a single individual, rather than based on a themed topic. All 101 contributors to this week’s release, *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Billy Graham & Me*, agree that no other person would be worthy of such an honor, nor capable of uniting such a disparate group of impact leaders from diverse disciplines and faiths united in their respect and appreciation for the evangelist’s unique impact and influence in the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



In addition to submissions from every living U.S. President and many other influential politicians, the book contains tributes from artists and athletes such as Wynonna Judd, Charlie Daniels, Danny Wuerffel and NASCAR driver Jason Allgaier. Other celebrities who share about their relationship with Mr. Graham include media personalities such as Dan Rather, Larry King, Kyra Phillips and Kathie Lee Gifford, actors Cheryl Ladd and Kevin Sorbo, and model turned entrepreneur Kathy Ireland.

Religious leaders also pay homage to the man they consider a true mentor, ranging from Rick Warren to Joel Osteen, Tim Keller, Mark Batterson and Jud Wilhite. Even those of other faiths, such as Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, Cardinal Timothy Dolan and South African activist Ela Gandhi recognize Billy Graham’s spiritual influence around the world. Finally, Mr. Graham’s own family and friends honor him for his

authenticity, as only daughters Anne and Ruth and sister Jean Ford and lifelong ministry partner Cliff Barrows can.

Common themes throughout the 101 entries emphasize Mr. Graham’s integrity and humility, characterizing him as a man loving and accepting of all, with a genuine faith from which he drew peace, strength and hope that he was able to share with others. His role as a culture changer is also clearly evident, with contributors such as Bernice King and John Lewis lauding Mr. Graham’s commitment to desegregation and racial equality.



*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Billy Graham & Me* from Simon & Schuster will be in stores everywhere Feb. 12. Sales of this book will enable Chicken Soup for the Soul publishers to make a contribution to support the ongoing ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, which is distributed through Simon & Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold more than 100 million copies in the United States and Canada alone. Chicken Soup for the Soul titles have been sold in more than 100 countries and translated into more than forty languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous brand to high-quality licensees. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media—working on several TV shows as well as a major motion picture, and developing a digital presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support, inspiration, and wellness. *USA Today* named Chicken Soup for the Soul one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. Last week, *Time* magazine featured the launch of Chicken Soup for the Soul foods in the “Culture” section. For more information visit [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com).

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