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Messages from Heaven and Other Miracles

Chicken Soup for the Soul shares 101 amazing true stories of hope and faith

COS COB, Conn. – Sometimes, you just have to accept that miracles happen. Linda Kinnamon, a nurse, was so sad when she had to call the family of a young mother named Julie to come and say goodbye. When Linda returned to work two days later she was astounded to find that Julie was being discharged. Julie explained that she had found herself in heaven, but had asked for a little more time—to do something for her two young daughters. “I’m not going to be here for any of their special moments, so I’m going to write letters. Sixteenth birthdays, graduations, weddings, whatever—I need to write down what I would say to them.” Julie got her wish. She went home and wrote her letters, and then she said goodbye for real.

When you lose a loved one, you look for continued connections, and reassurances that they are still “okay.” The people who have shared their stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Messages from Heaven and Other Miracles* (Jan. 8, 2019, 978-1611599855, \$14.95) have lost parents, friends, siblings, even children, and have been comforted by messages and signs from them. From those signs, to dreams and premonitions, to heavenly messengers and answered prayers, these 101 true, revealing stories demonstrate that our connections continue.

Stories like Donna Marsh’s show that our loved ones can still look out for us, even when they have passed on. Donna had loved her cousin Kenny, even though he always called her by the hated nickname “Squirt.” He finally announced he would stop calling her that when she turned 13, and a few days later he died in a car accident. Twenty years later, Donna was driving her son to preschool when she heard, “Watch out, Squirt!” She slammed on the brakes and just missed being hit by a huge dump truck that barreled through the intersection in front of her. Donna knew she hadn’t imagined it when her little son asked, “Who said that, Mommy?”

Sometimes our loved ones come back to help us through our dreams. Donna Crisler and her husband had bought land where they could build a new house and keep horses and cows. But then her husband was diagnosed with a rare, incurable brain disease. A few days before he died, he told her, “Go on with your life when I’m gone.” Donna was paralyzed with grief, though, and the property became a burden. Then she had a dream in which she was strapped to a gurney, tied down. Her husband walked in, untied the restraints, gave her a big smile, and left, closing a door behind him. Donna woke up knowing what to do. She sold that property and got on with her life.

Getting on with life is the point of this new collection from Chicken Soup for the Soul. These miraculous accounts of answered prayers, love that doesn’t die and heavenly messages will inspire and comfort anyone who is grieving for a loved one.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world’s favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, “chicken soup for the soul” is one of the world’s best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 25 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows and movies through its subsidiary, Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, education programs, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as the company continues “changing the world one story at a time®.”

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