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Moms Just Have that Certain Magic

A New Chicken Soup for the Soul Collection Celebrates All the Magical Mothers in Our Lives

COS COB, Conn. – John Dorroh’s mom would disappear every Christmas Eve for a few hours and he never knew why. It was only after her death that he learned where she had gone. A man wrote to him and explained that John’s mother had come to their house every Christmas Eve for the past seven years, dressed as Mrs. Claus and bringing gifts for the whole family.

In the ultimate “I told you so” story, Lisa Leshaw’s mother set her up with a guy she declared was “delicious.” It turned out that Lisa’s mother had forced him, and he was just as reluctant as Lisa was to go on that blind date. That first date lasted four hours, and Lisa and Stu have been married more than three decades now.

Most of us have honorary moms too, whether they are a dear aunt, or a mother-in-law, or even the kind neighbor down the street. Nikki Loftin admits that she always resented her mother-in-law Liz’s interference, which took the form of doing everything perfectly and helping Nikki—with everything—even though it made her feel inadequate. But as it turned out, that very special lady even managed to help out while she was dying from cancer. Nikki could only cry when she found a delicious meal waiting for her in the freezer after Liz was gone.

Those are three of the 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Magic of Moms* (March 17, 2020, 978-1-611599985, \$14.95), a celebration of all the mothers in our lives, whether they are moms, grandmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, or honorary moms. These stories will make those special ladies laugh, tear up, nod their heads in recognition, and most importantly—know they’re appreciated. Chicken Soup for the Soul’s editor-in-chief Amy Newmark says, “Mothers are constantly surprising their children with their super powers, and the way they are not only incredibly strong but at the same time gentle, forgiving, creative, clever, and wise. That’s the magic of moms, and that’s what we’re sharing with you in these pages. My fellow editors and I are all mothers and daughters, so we get it, and with that understanding we lovingly compiled this collection of stories from our library. With twenty-seven years of publishing history, we had some fabulous stories to choose from.”

Moms are always there when we need them, and we never stop needing them. Tiffany Mannino recalls the day she told her mother she had been diagnosed with breast cancer. Her mother helped her through every step of her treatment and Tiffany says, “She was attending to my every need, both physically and emotionally, but who was attending to her needs?” She adds, “I know what my mother would say if I asked her that question. She would say, ‘That’s just what you do when you are a mother.’”

This book is being used as a fundraiser as well. To help moms keep the magic going, the contributors who wrote the stories in this new book have selected four worthy nonprofits to support with the royalties from this book.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

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