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## Now There's Chicken Soup for America's Soul

*Chicken Soup for the Soul's new book focuses on what unites us, not what divides us*

**COS COB, Conn.** – When Chicken Soup for the Soul's author, editor-in-chief and publisher Amy Newmark decided to collect stories for a book about the spirit of America more than a year ago, she never anticipated how much we, as a nation, would need this book. "I knew that we would need an antidote to all the negativity that always arises during a presidential election year, but I had no idea it would get this bad," she said. "We recognize there are significant problems that need to be addressed, but we do live in a wonderful country. We can forget that sometimes amid all the emotions of the election process. *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Spirit of America* is our chicken soup for our fellow Americans—a reminder of why we are all so passionate about what we believe is best for our country. I hope this collection of 101 stories about everything American will help to unite us, not divide us."

***Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Spirit of America* (Amy Newmark; foreword by Lee Woodruff; June 7, 2016, 978-1-61159-960-2, \$14.95)** takes us on a journey across our beautiful nation, meeting our veterans, active service members and their families; revisiting the patriotism and unity of 9/11; showing us the ingenuity and positive attitude that we're known for; displaying the diversity of our geography and our people; relating stories about our favorite American traditions; and introducing us to proud new citizens who remind us how lucky we are to live here—with our freedom to advance, to move, and to express ourselves. There's even a whole chapter on the American flag, with inspiring stories about how much the red, white and blue means to us, right in time for Flag Day on June 14th.

"As we do often, we are using this book to raise money for a worthy cause—and one that is very relevant to its subject matter—the Bob Woodruff Foundation and its Stand Up for Heroes fundraising program," said William J. Rouhana, Jr., chief executive officer of Chicken Soup for the Soul. "This is the second time that we have earmarked royalties from one of our books to raise funds for the Bob Woodruff Foundation to support their work with post-9/11 injured service members, veterans and their families."

The book's foreword writer Lee Woodruff, who is married to broadcaster Bob Woodruff, says, "The people you meet in these pages, and the tales they tell, will remind you why we are the most fortunate people in the world—Americans." She talks about her particular passion—the military—in the foreword. After her husband was wounded while embedded as a reporter with the Army in Iraq, Lee saw our military at its best, saving her husband's life. And she and Bob have given back in a major way, founding the Bob Woodruff Foundation to support programs that provide health and social services for veterans.

### 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, 23 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, and a variety of other digital content and licensed products, all inspired by stories, as it continues "changing the world one story at a time®."

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