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Home is where the heart is

Chicken Soup for the Soul shows us what really makes a home

COS COB, Conn. – Your home is your haven—and often your favorite place. But no matter where you call home—an apartment, a condo, or a house—what really makes it your home is the people you love and the memories you create. Logan Eliassen learned this as a teen when his family moved from his childhood home. He didn't want to leave the house he loved. "How could we just pick up our lives and leave behind everything that happened here?" he writes in *Chicken Soup for the Soul's* latest collection of 101 stories, this one about "home sweet home." But then Logan realized his memories would move with him. "It was still sad to leave that place we had loved so much behind," Logan writes. "But we had our memories tucked inside our hearts. That's what mattered."

Sometimes it's a treasured possession that turns a place into a home. Joelle Jarvis shares how she created a sense of stability for her young son despite living in a dozen places in as many years. The first thing she did in each new home was put up her colorful wall art StoryPeople pieces, gifts given to her on many special occasions by family and friends. "They became our anchor, our familiar surroundings (thankfully very portable) and confirmation that this place was ours," Joelle writes. "It amazes me how such simple things can create so much warmth and a sense of security."

No matter your age, whether you're upsizing, downsizing, or staying put in the home you love, you'll be entertained and inspired by the 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Home Sweet Home (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, May 27, 2014, 978-1611599350, \$14.95)*. In this collection, you'll read everything from adventures in moving to finding a dream house, from remodeling makeovers to do-it-yourself disasters, from visiting a childhood home to spontaneously buying a new one. And most importantly, you'll read about the love that really makes a home, and the hard work that goes into creating a home and maintaining it.

What better way to welcome someone to the neighborhood or congratulate a new homeowner than with *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Home Sweet Home!* This book is the perfect housewarming gift for a first-time homeowner, a downsizer, a new neighbor, a young person setting up his or her first home, or a remodeler. Or you can curl up with this book yourself and enjoy some "me time" in your own home sweet home.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul publishes the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable books in the last quarter-century. With 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. Today, 20 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and wellness through its books, Chicken Soup for the Soul continues to delight its readers with new titles, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore. Its high quality products include wholesome and balanced pet food that recognizes the unique relationship between pets and people and a new line of delicious nutritious comfort food inspired by the connection between food and feelings. Chicken Soup for the Soul is "always there for you™." For more information visit www.chickensoup.com.

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