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The Spirit of America Is Strong Where It Counts

Chicken Soup for the Soul reminds us what already makes our country great, with true, personal stories from real Americans

COS COB, Conn. – We live in a great country, but we can forget that sometimes amid all the negativity of the election process. It’s time for an antidote! You’ll find that in this collection of 101 true, personal stories about the good old U.S.A. From apple pie and baseball, to our military heroes and first responders, from our vast and varied geography, to our can-do attitude and friendliness, these stories will remind you why you are proud to be an American.

***Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Spirit of America* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC; Amy Newmark; foreword by Lee Woodruff; June 7, 2016, 978-1-61159-960-2, \$14.95)** takes you 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 you 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 you 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.

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, which provides health and social services for veterans. As Chicken Soup for the Soul often does, it has earmarked royalties from this book to benefit the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

While there is always room for improvement, and we continue to fight hunger, disease, and unemployment in the U.S. too, this is still the place where people from all over the world want to live. As the book’s author and Chicken Soup for the Soul’s publisher Amy Newmark says in her own story in the book, “My ancestors could have moved somewhere else. But they moved here. And I get to be an American. It’s not something I take for granted.”

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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