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Lost No More (Ghost No More Series Book 2)



Synopsis

You met Jim in Ghost No More. Now read his story. Jim grew up with fear. Fear of his abusive, alcoholic father... but an even greater fear that he would follow in his father's footsteps. That's what his mother always told him - over and over again. Now Jim has met the girl of his dreams and he finally dares to think of a new life. But can hope save him? Or does his worst nightmare happen, despite everything he does to fight against it. Based on a True Story, Lost No More is the second book of the Ghost No More Series, although it can be read as a stand alone too. topics- kindle unlimited, child abuse, memoir, hope, health, siblings, teen, spiritual, death, true crime, religion, Christian, recovery, alcoholic, addiction, boys memoir, anger

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Customer Reviews

I don't read books about child abuse; All too often, I find them one-note depictions of despair and angst-fests with no real character development or depth. So no one is more surprised than me to be

writing this five-star review. I heard about *Lost No More* when Ceecee needed beta readers, and at first I was skeptical, but word by word, chapter by chapter the story won me over. The story begins slowly, and from the very beginning of Jim's childhood, we get to watch him grow up from young boy, to rebellious teenager, to eventually see him have kids of his own. The story also has a phenomenal sense of place and time, and especially the earlier chapters evoke books like *A River Runs Through It* and movies like *Stand by Me*, some lost slice of life uncovered. The relationship between him and his father plays a constant role, and while there are scenes of abuse, they always feel drawn in vivid emotionally wrought color, never reduced to black & white good and evil. By the end I found myself almost crying about the resolution Jim was able to achieve with God & with his father -- and I don't even believe in God! This was a great human story about what it means to love, to be hurt, to lose, to never have, and eventually, beyond all the other trials tribulations to find hope. -Disclaimer I was a Beta-Reader for this Novel-

This was so moving. I loved how the author enabled me to "grow up" with this boy. I saw through the eyes of a 5 year old on up to adulthood the shattering firsthand experience of love and torment growing up with a dad who was imprisoned by his alcoholism. A perfect mix of tenderness and humor to offset the disappointment and despair that goes along with being brought into this world by fallen primary caregivers. Jim's love for and eventual forgiveness of his dad outweighed the effects of his dad's addiction. Thanks to the author for presenting the details so completely and proving once again, that Love truly can conquer all.

I found this to be a very enjoyable book to read. As heartbreaking as much of it was, it had just enough comedy to balance it out and make it enjoyable to read. The narrative style reminded me of the old series *The Wonder Years* and I like how it was told from the perspective of a child even though he has long since become a man. I found myself often just cracking up at the things little boys come up with to entertain themselves and it was fun to be taken back to the era I grew up in. I don't want to give any spoilers but I have to say that I was really impressed with the way this emotional journey evolved over Jimmy's life and that he was able to make peace with his conflicting feelings. A very well written book and worth the read.

Great story about family and what it's like being a child of a drunken parent that becomes a mean abusive drunk. I went thru this as the mom and beaten by the drunken abuser, 2 of my four kids went thru the fear of what if he kills our mommy, breaks my heart to know the fear they went thru at

just 6 and 4 but thank god we got away from him and the abuse. And thankfully thier father did go to rehab and stayed clean for 14 years , completely a different man so they got to see a better side of him but sadly back to his drinking ways and they don't see much of him even though I know a child no matter the age (now grown men) still love thier father just not in his drunken state of mind .

There are not enough words to describe how incredible this story is. Jim's profound journey -- through shame and brokenness, feeling fatherless, to remarkable strength and self-worth -- is one that lingers long after the last page is turned. I am forever touched by the unconditional love that Jim discovers dwells within him, and how the ashes one's life can be transformed into something so beautiful. Thank you Jim and CeeCee for gifting your life stories to the world.

The pain of a child is the hardest to take. CeeCee James is quite adept at conveying the heartbreak of a neglected and abused child. You want to reach out and hold the little boy. To shake the parent who is clueless. The awesome story of heartbreak to healing is so well worth suffering through the pain with little Jim. I applaud CeeCee for writing courageously from the heart to tell a story full of truth and redemption.

From the time he was a young boy, Jim has been surrounded by chaos at home - all caused by his alcoholic father and his unpredictable violent binges. As the oldest of three, Jim feels obligated to hold the pieces of his family together no matter what. Despite the clear signs of unhappiness and instability, Jim's story is by no means self-pitying or focused on the negative. As the years pass, Jim often focuses on his close bond with his younger brothers David and Willie, the trio enjoying a great deal of freedom playing in the woods near their home. The boys got into the usual childhood hijinks, and Dad did go through times when he was sober and happy to spend time with his sons, doing the typical "guy things" like hunting and fishing. The author - who reveals in the first book of the series that she married Jim when they were in their late teens - does a beautiful job of portraying a child's emotional struggle between preservation of self and loyalty to a parent.

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