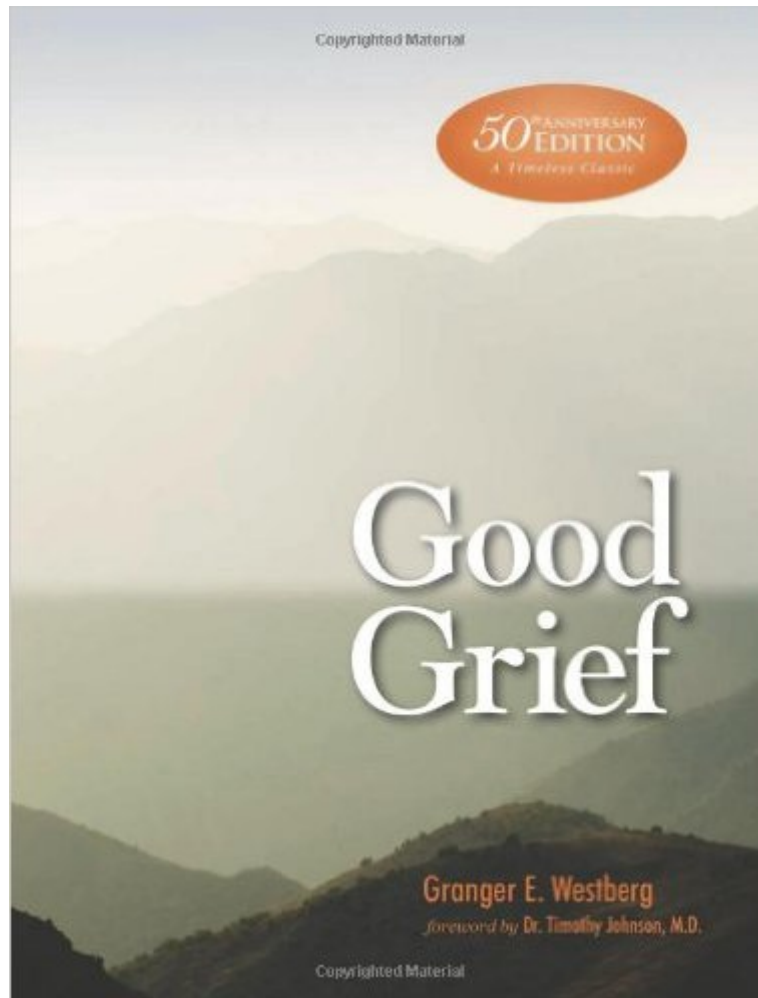


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# Good Grief: 50th Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

For fifty years Good Grief has helped millions of readers, including NFL players and a former first lady, find comfort and rediscover hope after loss. Now this classic text is available in a new edition with a foreword by one of the nation's leading communicators of medical health care information. An afterword by the author's daughters tells how the book came to be. Good Grief identifies ten stages of grief--shock, emotion, depression, physical distress, panic, guilt, anger, resistance, hope, and acceptance but, recognizing that grief is complex and deeply personal, defines no "right" way to grieve. Good Grief offers valuable insights on the emotional and physical responses persons may experience during the natural process of grieving. The anniversary gift edition includes space for readers to record thoughts about their personal experience with grief. Whether mourning the death of a loved one, the end of a marriage, the loss of a job, or other difficult life changes, Good Grief is a proven steady companion in times of loss.

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## Customer Reviews

My 20-year-old son and only child was killed in an automobile accident 11-2-99. So, my husband and I as well as many family and friends are still grieving. A good friend sent me this book during the holidays, but I just read it recently. I was amazed at how the author so simply, in only a few words, captures the essence of grieving--not only grieving for one who has died but other grieving events such as divorce, losing a job, etc. I think the book helped me most understand what my husband is experiencing because I think we are in different stages of grieving. I feel that I can better understand some of his behavior now after reading this book. I plan to share this powerful book with others,

especially young people who are having an especially difficult time accepting my son's sudden death.

I was introduced to this small book when my daughter died last year. Although there is not much anyone can say at a time like that a few concise, and meaningful words have a way of causing reflection later. This book does just that. Understanding my grief is a lot of the problem with the loss. It helped.

This book was given to me by a dear friend 1 1/2 years ago after the loss of my mother. At that time I could not understand the depths that this book explores the process of loss. It takes a very simple approach to a very complex problem and comes out letting you know the emotions that you feel are normal and that you will survive. At times I felt that this book was my string to sanity. I have since made it an effort to give copies of this book to friends that have or are going through the process so that they may be comforted in some small way.

GOOD GRIEF is written in simple, down to earth, wisdom. It shares how painful and inwardly revealing the experience of living through grief can be. Granger Westberg takes the reader into the heart and soul of loss and reminds us just how sacred our human relationships really are. -- Samuel Oliver, author of, *WHAT THE DYING TEACH US: LESSONS ON LIVING*.

I slip this small book in with a sympathy card when a member of the church I serve loses a loved one. Yesterday a woman who had just lost her brother told me she wished she had had the book 8 years ago, when her husband died. Several people have described standing at the mailbox and reading the book, forgetting all else in the comfort of finding that their feelings are normal and to be expected. I have also shared it with a woman dealing with the accident that left her son a paraplegic, and the widow who was facing living alone for the first time in her life with her daughter's upcoming marriage. It has been a comfort and help to them all. I highly recommend the book to anyone experiencing grief.

This is the best book on the market about grief. In the past I have ordered these in bulk to have on hand to give to friends, family members, ministers, and or any one who is going through a grieving period. It is simple, easy to read, spiritual, concise, a quick read, and gives one a sense of peace. I cannot say enough about this useful and helpful book. It was given to me years ago when I had lost

a loved one unexpectedly. It was answered prayer for me and it is not surprising that the book has been around for more than 50 years.

Good Grief by Granger E. Westberg is a book that is cheap ... and short (64 pages) which I was able to read in one afternoon. It is packed with good information. Pages 24 and 24:::Even though a person does come out of the initial shock, he will undoubtedly experience times in the succeeding days and months when the unreality of the loss comes over him again. Every now and then he will say, "I just can't believe it has happened. Intellectually I know it did happen, but I guess I just have not really accepted it emotionally." For all of us the biggest hurdle is "accepting it emotionally." This is what I am dealing with sometimes even after 11 months of living through the completed suicide of my fiance, Bob. I accept it on one point but sometimes it hits me temporarily for a few moments and it is hard to accept. The online web sites help too - groww.org, 1000deaths.com, survivorsof suicide.com, and online support groups and SOS in person meetings. Ann in Nashville

My mother was killed several years ago and my father read this book while he was mourning her lose. He passed away in June and I found this book in with some of his personal belongings. Being a short and easy to read book, I took the time to read it for myself. I saw that I had passed through some of the phases in this wonderfully written book. This book enlightenment me so much that I now look at death and grief in a totally different way. This is a good book for someone who doesn't want to get bogged down with wordy, preaching books.

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