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# Choosing To SEE: A Journey Of Struggle And Hope



## Synopsis

The wife of Steven Curtis Chapman shares about the loss of her daughter, the struggle to heal, and the unexpected path God has placed her on. Includes a 16-page full color photo insert. New York Times bestseller now in paper.

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## Customer Reviews

Chapman, wife to singer/songwriter Steven Curtis Chapman, tells the story of her life and loss in this tender memoir. Chapman discloses how unsuited she is to be the public figure spouse to a charismatic and outgoing husband. Marrying him totally upset her orderly mental image of a quiet life in the suburbs with a 9 to 5 working husband. Instead, she discovered that God gave her a life she didn't expect that has taken her places she didn't want to go. As Chapman tells it, fame, travel, and adoption of children took this quiet woman out of her comfort zone more times than she cares to remember. In 2008, the tragic death of their five-year-old daughter, Maria, led to still more inner heartache. The Chapmans' story is harrowing and deeply sorrowful, yet the author finds a way to communicate their hope, faith, and love for a faithful God in every moment by grace-infused moment. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Mary Beth has opened the doors of her stories to us so that our deepest fears may be overcome with hope. And so that we can all walk in a deeper trust that God is good . . . all the time."--Toby (TobyMac) and Amanda McKeehan  
"When the world is telling us to suffer alone in despair and

hopelessness, the Chapmans are fixing their eyes on Christ and faithfully walking each step clinging to the Lord and the hope we have in the promises in His Word."--Bart (of Mercy Me) and Shannon Millard" This tender story will capture your heart and point you back to the One who restores, replenishes, and renews . . . even when He asks us to do hard, seemingly impossible things."--Wess Stafford, president and CEO of Compassion International" With a balanced combination of heart-wrenching honesty and absolute grace, Mary Beth shares her 'severe mercy.' I couldn't help but sense God's presence in every sentence."--Mary Graham, president of Women of Faith" Mary Beth and Steven Curtis Chapman are living their story in a way that brings glory to God and real, practical help to the body of Christ. You won't be able to put this book down until you've wept, laughed, and relished every page."--Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship and the Chuck Colson Center for Christian Worldview --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A friend just went through a similar tragedy in losing their child. I can't begin to understand that grief. I bought the book for the family to give her and her husband for Christmas. Though there is pain in reading the details that Mary Beth Chapman goes in to, these are needed for others to realize they are not alone in their thoughts, pain, doubts, despair and depth of grief. But in all this, Mary Beth shares the ultimate hope that Christians have in a God that loves us, knows all and has promised an eternity with no more tears and a forever with the ones we have lost. CB

I love the transparent honesty by Mary Beth Chapman! This book is well-written and shows the humanity of a family with a Christian "mega star." How refreshing! She openly shares her personal struggles in life; marriage; and especially the tragic accidental death of their youngest child. Clearly they have been devastated, yet learned to find God in the midst of undeniable pain. I also love that this book reads more like a novel than a self-help book (because I loathe self-help books). I recommend this book for anyone trying to love God and "do life" with all of its disappointments and struggles.

This was a book that no one WANTS to read, but everyone should read! It was so hard witnessing MB's heartbreak first hand. There were moments that I sobbed...and moments that I laughed!! It was a really hard book, but I felt like I learned a lot, and grew a lot as I progressed through it. It's not a "light" book, but it is a book that is realistic. It deals with death and depression and she NEVER gives a "band-aid" statement EVER! The only thing that I didn't really like was that this book was not written chronologically as pertaining to "the accident", but to the life of the family. I feel it would be

too overwhelming, to walk straight through the accident, so she broke it up a bit and interspersed other stories and backgrounds. This is a book about an amazing family, and a unique Godly woman who struggles. Read it!

it's always helpful to hear how other travelers on this earthly journey handle it's pitfalls and hardships. Grief being right up there on the top of the list. I found this book difficult to read but enlightening. Difficult because It comes so close to home. Not once but twice. I felt the author was very genuine and I am convinced her answers to grief, the trusting in God and His wisdom and goodness the only solace available that can keep ones sanity. It was well written and I am left feeling like I have just met some new best friends. What a really special family!

Reading this book with a box of tissue near by was a good idea. This book spoke to me not only as a mother but also as a Christian woman that at times has doubts. Mary Beth shares in a very raw way how she is living each day after her daughter's tragic death. Although this book shares her burden of grief she also is so very good at making it perfectly clear that she believes and loves the God who chose to have her walk this path. Thank you Mary Beth for sharing, in doing so God has truly received the glory. May your family continue to heal and may you continue to SEE. Your still in my prayers.

One of the most heart breaking, encouraging, uplifting, wrenching, emotional books I have ever had the honor of reading and now owning. As a Mother, it broke then mended my heart right along with the Mother, Father and kids as I walked their journey with them.

This book came to mine as I looked for an inspirational story. I knew the story of Maria from listening to our local Christian Radio station and remember praying for the Chapman's. So it was good to read about the grief and how they keep trusting God as they move through it. I just buried my nephew July 23rd. He was only 27 , he had been married 2yrs and was taken home to be with Jesus in a boating incident. I could relate to some of Mary Beth's grief and there were times I had to stop as my grieving was still fresh and I would just cry. Tears for Mary Beth and the loss of my nephew. I would recommend this book to anyone who has lost a child. I will also continue to pray for the Chapman's.

This was a wonderful book. Loved the way Mary Beth writes, had you laughing one minute and

tears next. Very thought provoking on how we look at life, things that happen to us in our lives and how God works through each situation. What we choose to "See" through the best of times and the worst of times, along with how God is there with us through it all to give us the strength we can't have on our own. A beautifully written tribute to her love of family, God's leading, God's faithfulness and love to them....and ultimately to us all. Enjoyed the book! Thank You.

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