

No matter how old we are, losing our parents hurts.  
This book can help.

# M I D L I F E O R P H A N

**Facing Life's Changes  
Now That Your Parents Are Gone**

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## Midlife Orphan: Facing Life's Changes Now That Your Parents Are Gone



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The word "orphan" could make us think about a child--but even self-sufficient adults can feel the pain of "orphanhood" when their parents are suddenly gone. Discussing such topics as changes in self-image, unresolved problems, guilt, sorrow, and anger, the emotional effect of inheritance, and the shifting of roles because of "midlife orphanhood," Jane Brooks displays us where to find new sources of power, in both ourselves and others, after our parents are gone. This thoughtful exploration of a neglected subject matter explains the emotional impact of shedding our parents in the midst of midlife--and why many underestimate it. Complicating the organic mourning process may be the fact that this loss often occurs in our thirties, forties, or fifties--as we are increasing our own children, watching them leave the nest, and facing other adjustments in our lives, from our careers to our marriages to our health.



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One of the best books I've continue reading grief I lost my mom, she was 77, abruptly 2 months ago. This book was proficient at helping me body the feelings I am having linked to this recent reduction along with the changing relationship with my siblings. My dad passed away tragically 20 years ago at the age of 60 from cancer. I took my mother's passing much harder than my father's. This book helped me turn a corner. This book had some helpful nuggets on the way. My father was a very active 83 years older who suddenly became ill and died within 4 months.. It was extremely comforting and reassuring and helped me reunite on my feet. This was a great book to greatly help me through my father's death. It addresses off a lot of the feelings and emotions that you will come across. Five Stars Excellent go through! Since I don't have children of my very own, I skipped the chapter on that. Getting accustomed to as an adult orphan I lost my dad when I was an adolescent and then I lost my mother some time ago, and it is completely different feeling as an orphan in middle age (I'm 42). It was as effective as a counsellor in many ways.. Wasn't prepared for the emotional roller coaster of what I would feel and this publication offered validation to my emotions.something that none folks were prepared for. Four Stars We received it now I'm waiting on my CD Five Stars This is among the best books for people going right through the loss of that second parent. We were able to keep the communication open up between all of my siblings. Overall, the book is quite thorough and explores practically every aspect of losing one's parents and coping with the aftermath. We discussed us home and made a decision to allow two of my sisters keep carefully the house as it was an essential part of who we all were as a family. We all experienced it would help with keeping our parents thoughts alive and keep us close as a family. I would highly recommend this publication for reading for anybody who loses a mother or father. Great Book I really like this book. I acquired it to help me with lifestyle changes after the loss of life of my parents. The reserve tells the trip of the author following the death of her last parent and in addition stories of various other midlife orphans she found while composing it.. The only cause I am giving it 4 celebrities is that it offers marker on the edge of the publication when it was supposed to be fresh.. I have been her primary caregiver. In this sense it was extremely useful for me and helped me explore my feelings so that I can deal with the loss in an easier way. There aren't many (if any) books that cope with this topic, which means this book is uncommon gem. I understand in dealing with my loss, the majority of my friends simply figure that my mom was older and it had been a mercy for her to proceed, but there really is a profound reduction when you've lost both your parents. As a physician, I often recommend this book to family of a dying mother or father. Quite simply, I am pleased to know that I am not crazy or becoming immature - which is a really unique and profound loss. They were having a hard time getting through their reduction. This books discusses loosing the last of a generation. This book helped me turn a corner. This reserve helped us discuss our family traditions and why they were essential to us. they were deeply imbedded in anecdotes of other people's experiences and it had been difficult to keep tract of who was simply who. We have a copy which we like very very much We have a duplicate which we like very much.!There were some aspects to the book that I came across less helpful. We would recommend this publication to anybody in this situation. OK however, not amazing. This book is one of the best books I've continue reading grief and specifically if you have lost both of your parents. It really is one woman's tale of surviving many losses and is usually inspirational. However, I came across it hard to discern a whole lot of main helping points; I recommend this book for anybody facing this type of loss. Somewhat useful however, not the guiding light I had envisioned. Life is challenging.. Unfortunately, she died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident three months after my

father died. Never really considered life without having a living parent.. I miss him a lot too however the grief for my mom took me unexpectedly and I've struggled a whole lot. It talks . I was in shock and deep grief for many months. It is created in a journal format. And my mother didn't leave any kind of an estate, therefore i also skipped the chapters on inheritance since many of these issues don't apply to my situation. It discusses things I was sense and things I didn't actually realize I was sense. I would recommend this to anyone who ends up being truly a mid life orphan. Five Stars Perfect - I've given multiple copies and it offers shown to be most useful. We were all devastated. My wife ordered two copies which she delivered to two of our close friends, who have lost their last surviving parent.! Excellent to understanding loss of both parents in middle-hood My father died after an extended battle with cancers. I thought my mother would be a part of my and my children's lives for most more years.. It was a tragic disaster fueled by medical mismanagement.. I finally called the hospice grief counselor for help and among all her interventions, she offered me this book to read. I began to realize why I felt as I did. The writer addresses associations with siblings, inheritance, coping without parents and additional aspects of grieving not frequently addressed.. Highly recommended and very helpful in my grief recovery process. It's a exclusive kind of orphan-hood when it happens as an adult - and I am pleased this book helped me find this. It provided us plenty of things for discussion that we may have gone unsaid.



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