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# Only Spring



On Mourning  
the Death of My Son

**A FATHER'S STORY OF  
A CHILD'S GIFT OF LOVE**

**Gordon Livingston, M.D.**

**FOREWORD BY MARK HELPRIN  
WITH A NEW EPILOGUE**

Gordon Livingston M.D. and  
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This edition carries a fresh epilogue by the author. Gordon Livingston survived that tragedy not once but twice, in successive years. Only Springtime, crafted from his journal, traces his boy Lucas's courageous struggle with leukemia, his amazing gift of love, and Livingston's own routine of faith lost and hope regained. The loss of a kid is every parent's worst fear.



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Playing a role in doing just what a mother or father thinks is best for a child, counting on doctors opinions, can all be true questions for those with children who may have a potentially terminal disease. I have read most of Dr. fabulous Gordon Livingston has quick credibility in line with the early deaths of his two sons. He tells it like has been out sugar coating that lifestyle will be fine after you lose someone who is your whole world. After reading many grief books I came across this to be completely different. Love love like! L. gets that. Honest and courageous This author is incredibly honest. He tells this extremely painful story just as he sees it. It's a book I'll tell other parents who've lost a child, specifically through leukemia. he resided about 15 months. This book was perfectly written and incredibly moving. I loved that it was created from the perspective of a father. My hubby died 8 years ago and I am still energetic in life, but the discomfort of missing him will never go away. They do everything they could to save lots of their child and in the long run it wasn't enough. Compelling Gordon Livingston writes with clarity and honesty about the condition and loss of life of his beloved youngest child, and the aftermath he and his family members endured. A beautifully brave accounts of moving into and through a fog of despair, doubt, and guilt, ultimately giving way to a ray of hope and light. The publication faithfully captures the roller coaster of emotions that accompany the trajectory of disease, as well as the benumbed unreality of such a shocking reduction when death happens. Livingston's books and enjoyed them and this one didn't disappoint. Good advice for the grieving process. Heartbreaking, but excellent writing.! Heart Wrenching and UPlifting.. TOUCHING AND GOOD INFORMATION All that we expected They met our expectations. Best Book Deeply in love with this book!! Not quite all read Good book if you have to cope with death of a child or someone you call or fee is certainly a son. Dr. Love and Grief I had to place this down every few pages - it really is heartbreaking to read. That Dr. Livingston could proceed thru such torment and still find the power to write this and as a result to help so many other bereaved simply amazes me. Five Stars IDEAL FOR BEREAVED PARENTS. I read this book 3 years after the death of my son from terminal brain malignancy, just a month shy of his 19th birthday. We knew at his diagnosis that he had two years for the most part; amazing book written from the perspective of a father who provides lost his children (someone to suicide and one to leukemia). Gordon Livingston provides eloquently and without reserve put a voice to the feeling of complete and utter helplessness a mother or father feels if they know the youngster will die young, and before the parent. That knowledge brings despair but at the same time heightens the knowing of how short lifestyle really is, and that it's to enjoy every second and that the negative shouldn't be dwelled upon. This publication brought me peace and helped me understand that my emotions during my son's illness and after his death, were not unique to me, but very normal.



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