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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. "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." "A compelling read." "Healing." "What a riveting story of failure, love, and forgiveness." - reviewers

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.

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Customer Reviews

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.

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.

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.

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.

Having read *Ghost No More*, I wasn't sure that CeeCee James could write a story about her husband's difficult childhood in a fashion as compelling as her own life story. Did she ever. In *Lost No More*, she so effectively makes the reader believe that her husband Jim is the writer, that in the passages where she appears as a character, it seems natural when she writes about herself in the third person. For people who read *Ghost No More* and are expecting *Lost No More* to be a replay of the former, they need not worry. The circumstances in Jim's household were different from CeeCee's, and how their suffering was imposed also different so that taken together, the reader gets a wide view of the sorts of circumstances that are generally called "abuse". Taking a difficult personal story and turning it into not only a public event but also a good read is not an easy trick, and CeeCee James has done it twice. It's a shame that a child has to suffer at the hands of those who should protect them but sharing the story is a hopeful positive in heightening public awareness and maybe preventing needless tragedies. Thank you, CeeCee - and Jim - for sharing.

I gave this book 3 stars. I didn't really love it nor did I hate it. When I have leisure time I don't want to spend it on a book with no real substance or one that will make me depressed. I think this book was all of that. I think having to grow up with an alcoholic father is very difficult on everyone. I don't think the father loved his sons or his wife as much as Jim, the eldest son, thought. He bought new trucks for himself while making his wife drive run down pieces of junk. I realize alcoholism is a disease but I still think he was very selfish. Yes, he did take Jim hunting and fishing but only because he liked doing that himself. He never taught them anything good. Jim said Thomas' mother was very concerned about them and told him not to fool with drugs but she never did anything when the boys came home drunk. As a small child Jim wanted recognition and praise from his father but he hardly ever received it. It's nice to know that Jim finally made peace with his father and became the loving caring father/husband to his kids/wife that he wanted his own father to be.

I really enjoyed this book and hearing about the relationship between father and son. I liked the fact that even though it was part of a series this book can stand on its own.

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