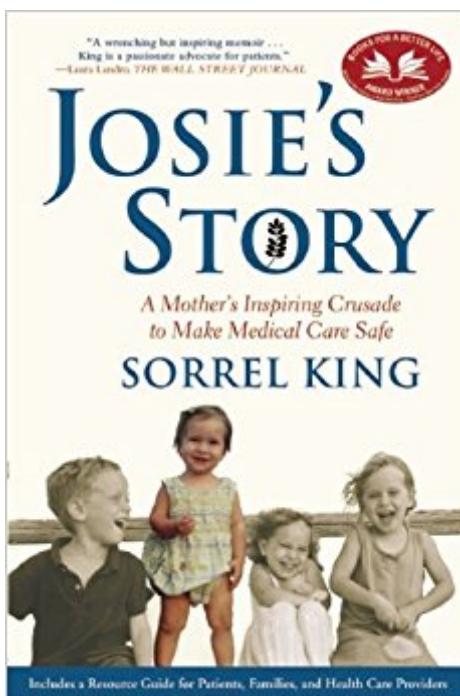


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Josie's Story: A Mother's Inspiring Crusade To Make Medical Care Safe



Synopsis

Sorrel King was a 32-year-old mother of four when her eighteen-month-old daughter, Josie, was horribly burned by water from a faulty water heater in the family's new Baltimore home. She was taken to Johns Hopkins, renowned as one of the best hospitals in the world; and Sorrel stayed in the hospital with Josie day-in and day-out until she had almost completely recovered. Just before her discharge, however, she was erroneously injected with methadone, and died soon after. Sorrel's account of her unlikely path from grieving parent to nationally renowned advocate is interwoven with descriptions of her and her family's slow but steady road to recovery, and ends with a deeply affecting description of a ski trip they took recently. The sun is shining, her children are healthy, and they are all profoundly happy; a condition that Sorrel has learned to appreciate all the more for Josie. The book ends with a resource guide for patients, their families, and healthcare providers; it includes information about how to best manage a hospital stay and how to handle a medical error if one does occur.

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professionals." -- Dr. Louise Liang "Sorrel's story . . . teaches us that listening is as important as doing, reminding us that our learning is a journey, and that our true teachers sit in front of us in hospital beds and on exam tables each day." -- Dr. David Shulkin "I am confident that Sorrel has saved countless lives by sharing her story and challenging physicians and administrators to critically examine how they provide care. She made a difference for our Children's Hospital and we are forever grateful." -- Craig Cordola "Sorrel King took the tragic death of her daughter and used it to transform the culture of the nation's top hospital--and ultimately the entire world of medicine." -- Dr. Robert Wachter "A riveting and poignant account of the impact of preventable harm in our health care system." -- Rosemary Gibson

I bought this book in hardcover and gave it to a friend after I had read it but bought it in paperback to have another copy for me. This book puts a name and face to the medical errors we have all heard about that take a vast number of lives every year. You will love this little girl Josie and grieve for her parents and family when she becomes a victim to needless medical errors. But her mother is able to take that anger and grief and create The Josie King Foundation to help get the word out to Healthcare workers and patients and their families that there is much that can be done to prevent these medical errors from ever happening to anyone. This is an inspiring book and really a book of hope that one day soon all medical care can truly be safe.

I've read this many years ago and have my own copy. I am working on establishing a Rapid Response Team at my facility and purchased this copy for staff. It's a must read!

Powerful and lovely. I can't imagine the pain of losing a child but am profoundly grateful for your work and your heart. Our patients and family members can rest a bit easier because of you and your fight. I am so deeply sorry for you and your family's loss. May God fill your lives with love and many blessings.

This book awakens a deep seated fear that our medical community does not always do all that they can for we the patient!

I love how the story told the tragic story of Jose and Sorrell opened herself and family up to witness her grief. I love how she told us how she struggled and now is changing the culture of healthcare.

Could not put this book down! Read it cover to cover over three days. So well written, felt like I was there with Sorrel! I'll remember this and take it with me on my professional journey!

Well written and interesting story! Gives insight into the evolution of safe patient care told through the experiences of a mom who lost her child at the hands of healthcare providers.

I'm a healthcare worker and wanted it. It was a very uplifting and non-religious transition with grief and I found it to be a pretty wonderful book.

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