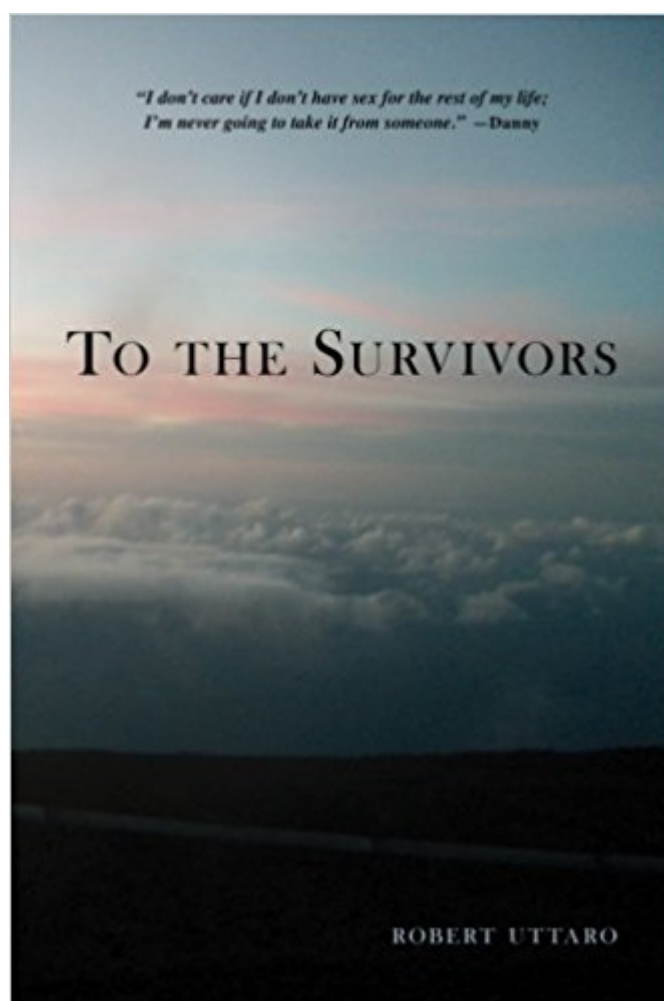


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# To The Survivors: One Man's Journey As A Rape Crisis Counselor With True Stories Of Sexual Violence



## Synopsis

To the Survivors is about one man's journey as a rape crisis counselor with true stories of sexual violence shared by survivors in their own words. Gently and beautifully constructed, To the Survivors is moving, tender, sharp, and piercingly true all at once. Readers will encounter uncensored written stories, poems, and interviews from women and men who have experienced rape and sexual assault, plus the advocate-author voice that weaves their experiences together. The survivors are diverse in age, gender, and ethnicity, yet each gives a similarly raw and heartfelt account of his or her victimization and recovery. The authenticity and vulnerability with which survivors speak resonates profoundly. But this book is not just for survivors of sexual violence. Robert Uttaro believes anyone can benefit from the words in these pages, rape survivor or not.

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"Rape counselor Uttaro draws upon his years of experience to warn that sexual abuse is far more prevalent than most people suspect, and provides a moving series of survivor stories. Uttaro persuasively argues that each survivor's story is unique and this militates one-size-fits-all advice. The surprising revelations of the survivors Uttaro interviews corroborate his claim that justice is an individual concept that depends on what redress survivors seek. Uttaro's assurances that survivors are not defined by sexual abuse offer the possibility of a positive resolution. This book is both informative for the general public and supportive for those who have suffered sexual abuse. It is hard to imagine that members of either group will not gain from reading it." (Starred Review)

“An engaging examination of a painful subject, with a focus on healing and forgiveness.” - Kirkus Reviews  
“Compassionate advice...Quite Moving.” - Kirkus Reviews  
“To the Survivors weaves together many candid accounts to form a brave and alarming exposé of assault. It is a worthwhile, eye-opening project.” - Foreword Clarion  
“Uttaro’s interviewees effectively convey that, though assault is not a light topic, it’s one with which too many are intimately familiar.” - Foreword Clarion  
“Survivors should be heard without judgment and given space to pursue recovery as they best see fit.” - Foreword Clarion  
“The book stands to offer a safe space for those who’ve suffered assault and are exploring next steps.” - Foreword Clarion  
“To the Survivors is quite a read. It’s informative. It is very compassionate. It is insightful. I think you have presented more than one perspective. And you haven’t done it from a positioning of one-sidedness. You really have covered quite a few different perspectives, both of those that have been the victims of this horrific act and those that want to help. So I really think it’s quite a powerfully packed book. To the Survivors is a very powerful one.” - Donna Seebo, The Donna Seebo Show

For such a prevalent and pressing situation here and throughout the world it is surprising that so little has been written that is at this high caliber. I am currently training to become a sexual assault/domestic violence advocate in my community and this book was not only inspirational it is much needed honest information. The male voices are very welcome because we hardly hear about them. I am a minister. This book is going to be a great reference for my new ministry helping women who’ve been victimized. Read this book!

This book was impactful, informative and simply a great read! This author shares the story of the victims by letting the victims speak for themselves. Too often I have picked up a book in which someone is talking in the 3rd person about an issue as sensitive as sexual abuse. This book lets you hear directly from various ‘Survivors.’ The subject is indeed a sensitive subject, yet we all know someone who can benefit from this great read. I decided to purchase a few copies for the holiday and share it with a few people I know who have been victims.

To the Survivors is easy to read! I found myself not wanting to put it down. It is a great resource for anyone out there that has survived rape or sexual abuse. There is something so incredibly powerful and impactful about hearing the stories of each survivor. I believe that anyone who has been

affected by this horrific crime should read this. There is hope and light at the end of the tunnel and this book proves it!

I recently read the book and I thought it was a great book Rape is a difficult subject to write about but Bobby did a great job. I found the book to be moving and I would recommend it to anyone and everyone.

This book is more spiritually geared, but otherwise, not bad.

Good book to help people understand more about resources for the sexually abused.

To the Survivors was a powerful book written by a voice that is often not heard from: the rape crisis center's volunteer. It was interesting to hear of how he was received by some of the victims/survivors. Reading the accounts from several of the survivor speakers that worked with The Healing Place over the years was powerful. The mentions of the statistics being grossly underestimated is so true and on par with my own experience. I am a survivor and speaking out for the first time has led me to realize how many people I know in my life that have experienced sexual assault. I really was moved by reading Shira and Tim's experiences. Tim is the perfect example of how far reaching the crime of sexual assault. It hurts the victims and the ones that love them the most. When he talked about teaching his sons that no means no and to be respectful of women, I wish more taught their sons that and had that kind of a conversation with them. Rebecca said in the book: "I didn't tell you my story to get sympathy; I told you my story to show you that it does happen." This is so true and it solidifies what is mentioned throughout this book that conversations need to happen, when victims/survivors are ready. This book was filled with hope, and at times triggering, but well worth the read. I would recommend this book to victims, survivors, and the people who love them. One line that really stuck out to me and I wholeheartedly agree: "There is no timetable to grow and heal, and growth and healing is different for every survivor." I was provided a complimentary copy of this book so I could give an honest review.

This was a tough book for me to read, but I was determined to do so. I'm a survivor of a brutal rape by 2 of my 'friends'. I'm also a suicide survivor many times over due to that night. 21 years and much therapy have still not alleviated my PTSD very much. I've had to learn it's a part of my life. I wanted to see if others had that experience, as well as the author's journey. I love THP. I've

followed along with them for several years now. They do indeed help. I've only read the blogs and interacted online. I knew the book would possibly trigger me. I'm glad I stuck it out. The author is really candid and open. Different people tell their stories in the book. While it was hard, it was also really hopeful for me. Most of them have learned to live with this awful thing very successfully. The author was clear and concise. There were a few points I felt he really pushed his opinion as being the only choice, which it isn't, but it was very few. I'd certainly not let that deter me from reading the book. I was provided a free copy of this book through [readingdeals.com](http://readingdeals.com) in exchange for my honest review.

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