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Hannah's Hope is intended as a guide to assist you in making wise decisions as you struggle through your grief of not yet conceiving, losing a child, or struggling through the adoption process.

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Jo says

This was a hard book to read, and I cried through much of it. Some of the descriptions of what it feels like to long for a child were incredibly "close to home" - while it was wonderful to find that other people have similar feelings too, it wasn't an easy book to read. Overall, I found it helpful, particularly the chapter on bitterness of soul and the emphasis on God's sovereignty. The concluding chapter which discussed ways of "mothering" that don't include childbearing or adoption was also helpful. I expect I shall come back to this book and re-read some of it again.

Meg says

This is a sensitive, frank, and very informative book about one couple's experience with infertility. From a Christian perspective, the author vulnerably shares their own experience (both hers and her husband's), provides great resources for infertile couples as well as those who support them, and gives guidelines they adopted as they navigated the ethics of infertility. Inspired by the story of Hannah in the Old Testament, Saake tells her own story through the many stages between despair and acceptance to peace.

Rachel says

Overall, this book has a lot of great insight and information for infertile women or women who have experienced pregnancy loss. However, I do feel that the author made the ability of the women in the midst of this pain to seek and trust in God seem a lot simpler than it is. Maybe that is because she has children now and does not remember the deep pain felt while still in the trenches fighting infertility. I also didn't like some of the personal opinions that the author expressed regarding assisted reproductive technologies.

I will say this, her final chapters that were for women who go on to have children and for women who are never able to have children were wonderful. She gave great advice for what emotions to expect and how to deal with them once you do become pregnant or adopt after infertility. In her final chapter she defines what it means to be a 'mother' much broader than the world does, and her definition is beautiful.

Ashley Pearson says

If you're going through infertility and want to read a book that might have been written for the audience of a toddler, this is for you!

They take 1 bible story, and create 'what Hannah must have been feeling' through everything. SNOOZE.

Kayla says

This book is exactly what I had been needing. I was a therapy of sorts on those days when I felt like I just needed someone to understand how I was feeling. The author is sensitive and straight forward at the same time.

Leigh says

This book has been an excellent help to me in working through the grief that is the IF journey. I felt the author didn't try to sugar coat things or give the reader the cheesy "it can happen to you" pat on the back. I related with so much of what she shared. In addition the part for burden bearers (family and friends supporting others through IF) had tons of helpful and practical suggestions on how to walk alongside those struggling through IF. If you struggle with IF I would encourage you to check out the HP site and forums. The support I've found there has been incredible.

Karen Cockerill says

Maybe I haven't been 'trying' for long-enough to really relate. I found certain sections of the book helpful to be helpful and liked the section on ministering peace into a community. I do think minister's could find some tips in there for their communities around being more inclusive in family days to people that are single or going through fertility, empty nest or loss of a child, etc. I guess the part I didn't enjoy were more around my belief that if you keep seeing the rock in the road you're going to hit it so been working on not seeing the rock and trusting that, that is where the Lord needs me right now and will help me find comfort should my plan never transpire. Then again His plan is normally far greater than mine so what so I have to worry about! To those that have been trying for a while - this isn't an easy book to read but sure you'll find comfort in the sections you need. I think that the author should be a little more open to books that are not Christian based. I believe that God works through all people not only Christians which means non-Christian books also have value.

Rose Andrews says

This book has helped bring me some peace. It spoke deeply to my heart. Thank you, Jennifer.

Lawson says

I'll be putting this on my shelves for someone else. After about 3 or 4 chapters, I just don't want to read anymore. Yes, there is a lot of hope offered for someone going through this experience, and that may have been what I wanted once upon a time when I started reading. At this point I would rather read a book dealing with true infertility and coming to grips with your family being just the two of you.

Laura Drake says

I really appreciate this book. It was a comfort to me even though at first I didn't want to read it. I highly recommend this if you personally or if you have a loved one grieving through infertility, miscarriage, secondary infertility or adoption loss.

Hannah Cooper says

This book is very uplifting, yet realistic. I would recommend it for anyone dealing with the struggles of miscarriage, infertility, or adoption loss. The "burden bearers" sections at the end of each chapter are helpful and accurate, and I only wish I had the guts to share them with those I know who don't understand my grief. Scripture was tied in often, which I loved. I am so happy I came across this book.

Stephanie Strumberger says

I am loving this book because of it's honesty, bluntness, and encouragement. The author has been through my struggles and so much more, and really owns the right to tell me how it is and how I need to be in response to what is going on.

Jenna (JennaHack) says

This was a wonderful book filled with exactly the encouragement I needed. I've been feeling so down, depressed, and discouraged by the long road of trying to conceive. Reading this book gave me hope. It gave me strength. And it gave me peace in the assurance that trusting God and His faithfulness is the best way to go.

Rosmary says

Was really religion based. Some parts resonated with me others did not. But was worth reading.

Bess says

An excellent devotional for a difficult time. It is rare to find someone who can write with humility and maturity on this subject. I am grateful to have had this resource to help me through the trials of pregnancy loss and waiting on G-d's perfect timing.
