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Why a Son Needs a Dad Lament for a Son Why a Son Needs a Mom Raising a Son My Son I Wrote This Book about You Lament for a Son The Girl for My Son 101 Prayers for My Son (eBook) Things My Son Needs to Know about the World What Stories Does My Son Need? Dear Son To My Daughter with Love Letters to My Son For the Love of a Son Notes to My Son The Story Of A Father And A Son Letters to My Son The Giver Quartet He's Always Been My Son Raising a Son A Son For A Billionair Love You Forever No Room for a Son A Present for a Son; in which many necessary points of knowledge and behavior are familiarly unfolded and explained. Containing Part I. The Polite Philosopher ... Part II. The Tutor; or Youth's companion, etc. [By J. Forrester.] My Son, I Love You... Forever, for Always, and No Matter What! What a Son Needs from His Mom For the Love of a Son How to Get Your Son Back Mother and Son Breaking the Mother-Son Dynamic Life After the Death of My Son For The Love of Oscar How to Raise a Feminist Son Heroes for My Son Unto Us a Son Is Given Dombey and Son Our Story, for My Son Grown and Flown Why a Son Needs a Mom To My Son

#1 New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer brings together a remarkable group of heroes with one thing in common: they were ordinary people who became extraordinary. Brad was inspired by the birth of his first son to curate this collection, but you don't need to be a parent to treasure it—Heroes for My Son is perfect for children, parents, teachers, and anyone looking for inspiration.

The fifty-two featured figures represent the spectacular potential we all have within us to change the world. The dynamic pages full of photos, quotes, and brief biographies are perfect for reading aloud and allow every reader to explore at their own pace. Not limited to male role models, the wonderfully diverse heroes included in the book are men, women, historical, contemporary, athletes, actors, inventors, politicians, and so much more. Heroes for My Son is a book to be read again and again, as the simple question of what makes a hero remains a vital part of today's conversation. Share memories, love, and words of wisdom with a son of any age. Write now. Read later. Treasure forever: Letters to My Son will inspire you remind your son how important he is to you and your family. The 12, fold-and-mail-style envelopes invite moms and dads to share their favorite memories and hopes for a bright future for their son. Seal your letters with the included stickers, postdate, and gift this book to your remarkable son. When he opens the letters in the future, he will receive an invaluable gift: a tangible reflection of his parents' love. • Each letter is printed with a unique prompt like "In the future, I hope we.," "I love that our family.," "I'm proud of you because.," and "I love being your parent because.," plus two blank letters to write your own • Makes a great graduation or wedding-day gift • Created by Lea Redmond, the author of the bestselling Letters to My. book series that has sold more than 2 million copies worldwide Fans of Letters to My Daughter, Letters to My Grandchild, and Letters to My Baby will love Letters to My Son. A great way to remind your son how important he is to your family. Letters to My Son includes 12 prompted letters that will inspire moms and dads to tell their son how much he means to the family. Each letter has a space to write when it was sealed and when it should be opened (will it be tomorrow or in 20 years?). Seal letters with the included stickers before giving this time capsule to your son! "This book is a true love letter, not only to Jha's own son but also to all of our sons and to the parents--especially

mothers--who raise them." —Ijeoma Oluo, author of *So You Want to Talk About Race* and *Mediocre* Beautifully written and deeply personal, this book follows the struggles and triumphs of one single, immigrant mother of color to raise an American feminist son. From teaching consent to counteracting problematic messages from the media, well-meaning family, and the culture at large, the author offers an empowering, imperfect feminism, brimming with honest insight and actionable advice. Informed by Jha's work as a professor of journalism specializing in social justice movements and social media, as well as by conversations with psychologists, experts, other parents and boys--and through powerful stories from her own life--*How to Raise a Feminist Son* shows us all how to be better feminists and better teachers of the next generation of men in this electrifying tour de force. Includes chapter takeaways, and an annotated bibliography of reading and watching recommendations for adults and children. "A beautiful hybrid of memoir, manifesto, instruction manual, and rumination on the power of story and possibilities of family." —Rebecca Solnit, author of *The Mother of All Questions* This inspiring and moving story, told from the heart of an extraordinary family, recounts the emotional and uplifting journey of raising a transgender son. Janna Barkin's family has come a long way since their child, Amaya, first told them he was a boy and not a girl and this captivating memoir charts the family's experiences of raising Amaya, from birth through to adulthood. With powerful chapters written by Amaya's family and friends, Janna shares personal stories of the support and discoveries her family has encountered and provides a 'care package' of advice for families facing similar issues, including a glossary of terms and a list of hand-picked support sources. Written with warmth and humor, *He's Always Been My Son* reminds us to accept others for who they are and will support, educate and inspire anyone who reads it. Awesome Gift Under 10.00 !!! This Fill In The Blank book makes it easy for you to show your Son how much

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you really love him! 50 Unique Prompts For Son A few are I Love how you..... You always help me to..... I love When you..... Our favorite thing to do together is... And more. Once finished it will be a great memory book for Son. You can make it a gift for: Valentine's Day Christmas Appreciation gift for any day Birthday Graduation Or Just To Show Your Son You Love Him! Sons need firm, kind leadership. One of the few parenting books that husbands steal from their wives, this is the straightforward, easy-to-read family bookshelf standard with over 250,000 copies in print. Are you worried about your teen's behavior, decision-making, or life direction but feel powerless to help them change? Read how this parent-turned-psychologist helped his son transform from high school dropout, felon, and suicidal young man into a confident, compassionate college graduate, nurturing father, and loving son. A loving father explores with honesty and intensity all facets of his grief at the death of his 25-year-old son. Our Story is a gift journal available in two beautiful designs - for my daughter and for my son - inspiring parents to capture the unique story of childhood, from early baby memories through to the eighteenth year together. Marci's adorable Children of the Inner Light(R) characters and touching messages of encouragement and affection convey the feelings every parent has for a son. He's your shining star, and you want him to succeed, be happy, and know the satisfaction that can be found in relationships. With this book, you can let your son know that you believe in him, you're thankful for him, and you love him unconditionally. "Dad, don't worry. If they don't want you, if they don't love you, I love you!" "I know, my child, and I love you. Isn't that how it goes? We ask, "Do you love me?" and we reply, "I love you." I don't like the "I am loved"... Do you?" He nodded no."You should love people... Some people, son, are sent to this earth to love, they have love in them, God himself, and share it. And as they share it, so it multiplies..."He thought about what I said for a moment. "I decided what I want to do in life!" "What, my child?" "Love,

dad..!"My son asked me to tell my story. But it's not just mine, it's him too. It's the story of both of us, the story of a father and a son." The fourth book in the Family Matters series, Why a Son Needs a Mom is a reminder of the important roles a mother plays in a boy's life, as he experiences warmth and security from her and learns to be confident, loving, and accepting of others - in preparation for possibly being a father himself someday. A loving father explores with honesty and intensity all facets of his grief at the death of his 25-year-old son. Best-selling author/artist Suzy Toronto has created this heartwarming keepsake book filled with words of wisdom and encouragement to remind your son of the incredible man he has become. Suzy's colorful and fun-filled illustrations add to the charm of this heart-tingling collection that every parent will want to give to their son to let him know that you will always believe in him and that you love him forever, for always, and no matter what. The perfect gift to honor any dad, this mini edition of NYT bestselling author Greg Lang's classic, Why a Son Needs a Dad will bring together fathers and sons everywhere. From the New York Times best-selling author of Love & Respect comes the definitive book for mothers and sons. Love is important but it is respect that is the key to your son's heart. As Emerson Eggerichs transformed millions of marital relationships with a biblical understanding of love and respect, he now turns these principles to one of the most important relationships of all, a mother and her son. The idea of moms respecting their sons may sound alien to some, but it seems to ignite curiosity across the board. It is easy to relate to the need for all of us to feel a mother's love, but is that the same thing as respect? Even for young boys, the effect of respect is nothing short of astounding when applied properly. Moms yearn to learn anything that better helps them with their sons. After all, they love their boys, but many find them more difficult to parent than their girls, especially from age four and up. What makes this all the more urgent is that moms are coaching fathers to love their daughters,

but no one has said boo to moms on specific ways to show respect to their sons, at least not in a way that is applicable and fully explained. All realize that little girls need daddy's love, but who is strongly promoting the truth that little boys (and big ones) need Mom's respect? No wonder mothers feel left in the dark on this topic. Mother & Son is also available in Spanish, Madre e hijo. Therapists and the general public are familiar with the terms "(s)mothering," "helicopter moms," and "boomerang sons" because they have been popularized in films like *Monster in Law*, *Cyrus* and *Failure to Launch*—but what makes for humorous fodder onscreen depicts a troubling issue that's being played out for real in therapists' offices, bedrooms, and divorce courts across the nation: an epidemic of men who are enmeshed in unhealthy, energy-sucking, and emasculating relationships with their mothers. Even though these men are grown and living away from Mom, her influence has left them unable to fully commit or to fully love, and they are plagued with anger issues, indecisiveness, depression, or toxic stress. In *Breaking the Mother-Son Dynamic*, John Lee takes an eye-opening look at how a mother's love or lack thereof impacts a son's life choices and life partner or lovers. Perhaps you are one of these men (or maybe you recognize these behaviors in the man you love). Do you hold back, swallow, or bottle up things you wish you could say to your mother for fear it would upset or "kill" her? Did you grow up hearing negative things about men, masculinity, being a male, and how you shouldn't be like 'the rest of them'? Does your mother, or did she, fail to respect your boundaries as a child, adolescent, or adult? Does your mother keep referring to you as her "baby" or her "little boy" even after you became an adult? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you may be caught in an unhealthy mother-son dynamic that is negatively affecting key areas of your life. Several years ago, John Lee wrote what came to be the most authoritative book on why men run from relationships, *The Flying Boy: Healing the Wounded Man*. Here, he visits the

mother-son relationship and gently but assertively shows men how to separate from the mother energy that has a massive pull on their hearts and souls, no matter how young or old they may be. In a work that is a combination of memoir, self-help psychology, recovery and personal growth, he discovers: why a relationship of 50-50 responsibility doesn't work, and what does work; how men can stop "sonning" mothers, lovers, and wives; why one must learn his or her own "rhythm of closeness"; how to be really present to those we love and to life itself; and much, much more. Using case studies, personal stories, and assessments, the book helps men release any anger and grief toward their mothers and teaches them how to take responsibility for their adult selves; most importantly, Lee provides an understanding of what healthy adults should—and shouldn't—expect from each other. Lee shows wives and girlfriends how to stop being their man's surrogate mother and shows well-meaning mothers how certain behaviors may perpetuate an unhealthy cycle and how to better relate to their sons in healthier ways. By helping mothers and sons identify this dynamic and providing them with the tools to dismantle it, this book will change lives. For anyone who is ready to make a clean, clear, and guilt-free separation from the kind of (s)mothering and "sonning" that just hasn't worked, John Lee will show them the way. Shares a glimpse of the unspeakable pain, helplessness, frustration, and eventual healing that the author and his wife experienced since losing their son, offering comfort and connection to those walking similar paths. Original. The biggest privilege and most important job we as parents have in this world is to pray for our children. We only want what's best for them, spending hours thinking about their needs. 101 PRAYERS FOR MY SON contains 101 short but powerful prayers to help parents pray for their children's every need. In this book, the prayers and specially selected Scripture verses cover a wide range of themes pertinent to every child's life, including friendship, faith, rest and humility. 101 PRAYERS FOR MY SON will

guide parents in prayer when words fail them, helping them to pray the most important prayers for their children. From the time she was a little girl, Maryam rebelled against the terrible second-class existence that was her destiny as an Afghan woman. She had witnessed the miserable fate of her grandmother and three aunts, and wished she had been born a boy. As a feisty teenager in Kabul, she was outraged when the Russians invaded her country. After she made a public show of defiance, she had to flee the country for her life. A new life of freedom seemed within her grasp, but her father arranged a traditional marriage to a fellow Afghan, who turned out to be a violent man. Beaten, raped and abused, Maryam found joy in the birth of a baby son. But then her brutal husband stole him away far beyond his mother's reach. For many long years she searched for her lost son, while civil war and Taliban oppression raged back home in Afghanistan. Set against a landscape littered with tragic tales of horrific suffering, Jean Sasson, author of *Princess*, chronicles the story of one resolute but tormented woman determined to achieve freedom and equality with men. What does it mean to be a faith-filled dad to a son? There are no shortage of media stereotypes, masculine caricatures, and talk-show opinions, but do they offer any helpful or practical advice for father's today? *Dear Son: Raising Faithful, Just, and Compassionate Men* is a candid examination of fatherhood's joys and difficulties. Framed in a series of letters from two dads to their still-young sons, this book offers alternative perspectives on what faithful fatherhood looks like today. Instead of reinforcing sexist social dynamics and machismo attitudes, authors Hall and Underwood articulate and defend an understanding of masculinity that presents a father as a servant of God, a man of emotion, and someone striving to raise sons committed to fixing the injustices of the world rather than perpetuating them. *Dear Son* is a call to action for other fathers to deeply reflect—especially in light of their Christian faith—on what it means to have someone look at them and say, “Dad...” and

to be able to respond with their whole heart. Ever Feel Like Your Son Is From a Different Planet? Don't worry, Mom. There's a good reason why your son perplexes you. He's the OPPOSITE sex! Boys really do think, communicate, and process the world differently than girls. But no matter your son's age, he needs you, and he needs you in not-so-apparent ways. Drawing from her own experiences, as well as those from moms and sons from around the country, Cheri Fuller shares what makes boys and young men tick and how to become a more welcome influence at every stage in their lives. She answers all the top questions, including: "How can I help my son (and me!) deal with his emotions in a healthy way?" "School is such a struggle. How can I help him?" "Our personalities are SO different. How can we get on the same page?" "My son hardly says a thing. What can I do?" "What are the best ways to instill good values?" "How can I encourage a lasting faith in God?" With page after page of use-it-today advice and encouraging stories, this book will help you steer your son toward becoming a caring, confident young man. Includes Reflection Questions for Personal or Group Use Great for understanding grandsons, too! "Some mother-son relationships seem to add credence to the adage that 'men are from Mars, women are from Venus.' Even mothers who have a close bond with their sons may think they harbor a complete stranger when their male offspring reach puberty. Fuller is a speaker and author, as well as mother of three (two boys and a girl) and grandmother of six. She lists specific activities that all sons need from their mothers, such as encouragement, communication, prayer, and confidence-building. She adds questions at each chapter's end to 'ponder, journal or discuss,' lending the book to both individual and group study. Recommended for the parenting section of any church library." --Church Libraries "THE GREATEST GIFT FOR DADS OF ALL AGES AND IN ALL STAGES." "Your path is your own." "No one can tell you how to walk it." "Responsibility lies with you." These are just a few of the important conversations we are gently

reminded to embrace within Notes to My Son. With parenting, there are so many things we need to do and take care of, but what conversations are we having to be sure we truly impart the wisdom of our lives into our loved ones? Are we having difficult conversations, asking hard questions and talking about issues without regret? Don't let another day pass by without this book. In Notes to My Son, you'll discover twenty-five topics to inspire deeper, more meaningful conversations throughout your child's life, even if your child is now an adult. A Mother's Prayer for YouA book for unmarried women who will likely have a mother-in-law and eventually will be a mother-in-law. From the perspective of mother-of-the-groom, the book probes into qualities and concepts that a mother would consider for her son. How can that change the perspective of the unmarried woman? Instead of the usual concentration of what she wants in a guy, she reverses the focus on being the girl for her groom--her mother-in-law's son. And if she is blessed with a son, she will pray for those qualities in his future wife. A young woman holds her newborn son And looks at him lovingly. Softly she sings to him: "I'll love you forever I'll like you for always As long as I'm living My baby you'll be." So begins the story that has touched the hearts of millions worldwide. Since publication in 1986, Love You Forever has sold more than 15 million copies in paperback and the regular hardcover edition (as well as hundreds of thousands of copies in Spanish and French). Firefly Books is proud to offer this sentimental favorite in a variety of editions and sizes: We offer a trade paper and laminated hardcover edition in a 8" x 8" size. In gift editions we carry: a slipcased edition (8 1/2" x 8 1/4"), with a laminated box and a cloth binding on the book and a 10" x 10" laminated hardcover with jacket. And a Big Book Edition, 16" x 16" with a trade paper binding. From the time she was a little girl, Maryam rebelled against the terrible second-class existence that was her destiny as an Afghan woman. She had witnessed the miserable fate of her grandmother and three aunts, and wished she

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Ivy Rivera, eighteen years old was known to be the girl from the wrong side of the river. Everyone in Winslow, Arizona, a small town where she grew up looked down on her and she was labeled a jinx. Ivy Rivera's life changed after spending a whole night with a stranger who showed her love and attention she had never received even from her parents. Soon Ivy found out that she was pregnant, and to avoid being mocked by people, she left the small town to start a new life in Los Angeles. Ivy Rivera locked up her past life to focus on her career as a photographer. Her top priority was to give her child the life he deserved and the love she never received as a child from her parents. One day, Ivy found the stranger she had a night with ten years ago. Feelings would stir up but would Ivy be willing to let the stranger near her son? Would she set things aside and let love overpower the doubt and fear she has been keeping for years? An eye-opening love story and family drama.

Boys pose special challenges for today's stressed parents. In *Raising A Son*, the Eliums embrace the challenges--and the joys--of raising boys with compassion, commitment, experience, patience, and humor. This fully updated and expanded edition follows the psychological development of boys from infancy to young adulthood. Look for new

sections on: • media and violence • the “boy code” • age-appropriate morality • the out-of-control son • triggers for aggression • when and how to get help • coping with guilt • the highly sensitive son • triggers for withdrawal • why he gets overwhelmed • hypersensitivity and ADD • the right role models

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove* shares an irresistible and moving collection of heartfelt, humorous essays about fatherhood, providing his newborn son with the perspective and tools he’ll need to make his way in the world. *Things My Son Needs to Know About the World* collects the personal dispatches from the front lines of one of the most daunting experiences any man can experience: fatherhood. As he conveys his profound awe at experiencing all the “firsts” that fill him with wonder and catch him completely unprepared, Fredrik Backman doesn’t shy away from revealing his own false steps and fatherly flaws, tackling issues both great and small, from masculinity and mid-life crises to practical jokes and poop. In between the sleep-deprived lows and wonderful highs, Backman takes a step back to share the true story of falling in love with a woman who is his complete opposite, and learning to live a life that revolves around the people you care about unconditionally. Alternating between humorous side notes and longer essays offering his son advice as he grows up and ventures out into the world, Backman relays the big and small lessons in life, including:

- How to find the team you belong to
- Why airports explain everything about religion and war
- The reason starting a band is crucial to cultivating and keeping friendships
- How to beat *Monkey Island 3*
- Why, sometimes, a dad might hold onto his son’s hand just a little too tight

This is an irresistible and insightful collection, perfect for new parents and fans of Backman’s “unparalleled understanding of human nature” (*Shelf Awareness*). As he eloquently reminds us, “You can be whatever you want to be, but that’s nowhere near as important as knowing that you can be exactly who you are.” In an annotated list including movies such as *High Noon* and *Glory*, and books

such as *The Giving Tree* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, therapist and educator Gurian highlights the particular ethical lessons two hundred great stories can impart to boys and young men. The New York Times bestseller: “Venice shines through the pages of this novel. . . . Coupled with unexpected twists and turns [it] doesn’t disappoint” (Tulsa Book Review). A Los Angeles Times Bestseller • A Library Journal Mystery Bestseller • A Booklist Best Crime Novel of the Year • A Crime Reads Most Anticipated Book of the Year

Guido Brunetti is urged by his father-in-law to investigate—and preferably intervene in—the seemingly innocent plan of the elderly Gonzalo Rodríguez de Tejada to adopt a much younger man as his son. Under Italian inheritance laws, this man would then be heir to Gonzalo’s entire fortune, a prospect Gonzalo’s friends find appalling. For his part, Brunetti wonders why the old man, a close family friend, can’t be allowed his pleasure in peace. And yet, what seems innocent on the Venetian surface can cause tsunamis below. Gonzalo unexpectedly drops dead on the street, and one of his friends—who just arrived in Venice for the memorial service—is strangled in her hotel room. Now with an urgent case to solve, Brunetti reluctantly untangles the long-hidden mystery in Gonzalo’s life that has ultimately led to murder . . . a resolution that brings him more pain than satisfaction. “Like Louise Penny, Leon has cultivated an utterly devoted audience, ever anxious to get to know more about her characters.” —Booklist (starred review) “Redolent, as always, with the sights, smells, sounds, and mealtimes of the water-immersed city. . . . In Leon’s latest, a pleasantly deceptive lull . . . is dissolved with deadly force.” —The Seattle Review of Books

Based on Gregory Lang's New York Times bestselling original series! The perfect Mother's Day gift, birthday present for mom, or sweet keepsake to show why Mom is so special! A touching picture book showcasing all the ways a mother will help her son grow, this is the gift for every mom and little boy to celebrate their special bond. Featuring charming animal illustrations and heartwarming rhymes

about the loving moments mothers and sons share, *Why a Son Needs a Mom* is the perfect story to connect mother and son together. From the moment that I saw your beautiful face, Held you close to my heart in a mother's embrace, I promised to help you grow with strength and grace. My dear one, my sweet son, my boy. For new moms, mothers-to-be, or for that perfect mother-son moment, this sweet storybook celebrates how a mother helps her little boy grow with strength and love. An open and honest account of a first-time mum, except things for Sarah didn't pan out the way she imagined they would. When Oscar was diagnosed with Down Syndrome at birth, Sarah had to come to terms with her new normal. How, for a while, she grieved for the baby she always believed and hoped she'd have and how she suddenly found herself on a different path to the one she'd always seen herself on. For the Love of Oscar will take you on a journey of the very raw and real emotions she experienced, a journey both heart-warming and funny in parts. She talks candidly about the ups and downs of not only parenthood but also parenting a child who happens to have additional needs. About people's attitudes towards her and her child and the ridiculous things some say. She talks about the choices she faced when she made the decision she'd like to go on and have more children. The hospital appointments, the therapy sessions, the mountains of paperwork, the tantrums, the tears and the really stinky nappies. PARENTING NEVER ENDS. From the founders of the #1 site for parents of teens and young adults comes an essential guide for building strong relationships with your teens and preparing them to successfully launch into adulthood The high school and college years: an extended roller coaster of academics, friends, first loves, first break-ups, driver's ed, jobs, and everything in between. Kids are constantly changing and how we parent them must change, too. But how do we stay close as a family as our lives move apart? Enter the co-founders of Grown and Flown, Lisa Heffernan and Mary Dell Harrington. In the midst of guiding their own kids through this

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transition, they launched what has become the largest website and online community for parents of fifteen to twenty-five year olds. Now they've compiled new takeaways and fresh insights from all that they've learned into this handy, must-have guide. *Grown and Flown* is a one-stop resource for parenting teenagers, leading up to—and through—high school and those first years of independence. It covers everything from the monumental (how to let your kids go) to the mundane (how to shop for a dorm room). Organized by topic—such as academics, anxiety and mental health, college life—it features a combination of stories, advice from professionals, and practical sidebars. Consider this your parenting lifeline: an easy-to-use manual that offers support and perspective. *Grown and Flown* is required reading for anyone looking to raise an adult with whom you have an enduring, profound connection. Unlike the other Birthmothers in her utopian community, teenaged Claire forms an attachment to her baby, feeling a great loss when he is taken to the Nurturing Center to be adopted by a family unit. This elegant new edition of Susan Polis Schutz's most beloved work includes the poems and advice of earlier editions, plus new poems inspired by her daughter growing up into a young woman and leaving home. Steven Schutz's sensitive illustrations envelop Susan's poetry in an artistic expression of his love for his daughter and her mother. The result is a loving celebration of the joy and pride that all parents feel for their unique, beautiful daughters. A story of teenage revenge.... Bound to scruples he didn't expect, Ryan Daniels becomes involved with a spirited, individual, Shirley Freeman is adverse and openly crass. Planning to break from his errant partner, Ryan confronts her, but she will not let him go. Im pregnant with your child, Ryan, she scoffs, you'll never get out of this. Thats a lie, Shirley, Ive never been stupid. You know that, he added. Strange as it seems, Ryan, Shirley rebuked things do happen. Youre obligated now, and Im not sorry. For six weeks Shirleys monthly cycle was off-key, pregnancy was obvious, and to hold the one that doesnt

love her, the affair becomes a garish weapon. Threatening scandal, Shirley becomes raspy, and realizing the height of disgrace to his family, Ryan decides to sacrifice himself. Marriage is not what he wants, but knowing Shirley and her irresponsible disposition, he agrees to worthless nuptials. Seven months of antagonism nurtures hostility, Shirley delivers a boy, and still, Ryan denies he is the father. Shirley becomes irate, anger boils, and for revenge, she leaves the man she loves and the child she doesn't want. Seven years later, the drifter comes home. Ryan fiercely, resents her, and forcing her to leave, she blurts the granddaddy of all lies. At once spiritual and practical, *Letters to My Son* has been beloved by readers from all walks of life, including single mothers seeking guidance in raising a son, fathers looking to share a voice of clarity about life's most important issues, and young men wanting an intelligent, sensitive, and streetwise companion on the journey toward a worthy manhood. In this twentieth anniversary edition, Kent Nerburn adds to his classic reflections on love, marriage, travel, money and wealth, tragedy and suffering, spirituality, sex, and the true meaning of strength, with new chapters on sexual identity and the difficulty of moving on (from relationships, homes, and stages of life). Unique in its profound simplicity and timeless insight, *Letters to My Son* is a book to savor and a gift to give to anyone looking for clear and gentle guidance on the big issues in life.

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