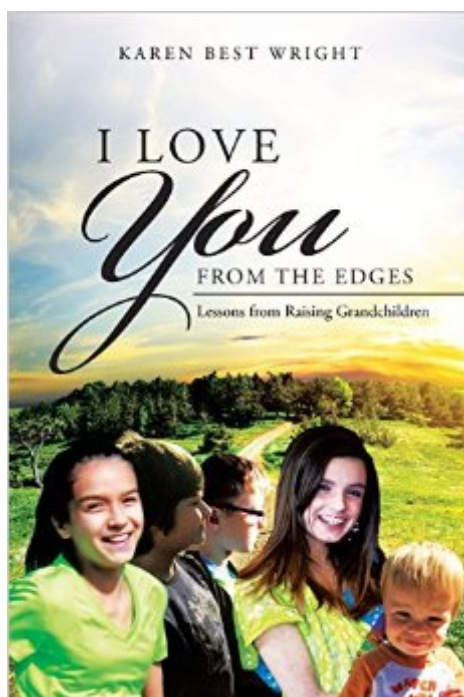


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# I Love You From The Edges: Lessons From Raising Grandchildren



## Synopsis

What Readers are Saying "An amazing captivating story. It gives grandparents raising kids the comfort of knowing, you are not alone" -Bill Trammell, a single grandfather from Wisconsin, raising his adopted grandson. "Karen is honest and vulnerable and takes even the worst of what happened and makes something beautiful out of it. A compelling story, from someone who's been there" -Laura Montañ  Bailey, LMFT, author of *Courageous Love* "Karen tells her story with integrity in a compelling style, leaving the reader wanting more. Through her challenges, she found the way to empowerment, giving the reader a gift" -Lynne R. Gassel, author of *Fifth Child: The Turbulent Path that Led to Raising Our Child's Child* "By sharing her moving, poignant journey of raising her three granddaughters, Karen reveals her challenges, commitment, and courage along with her desire to empower other grandparents" -Donne Davis, Founder GaGa Sisterhood, a social network for grandmas I Love You from the Edges is Karen's love story of raising her young granddaughters for several years, letting them capture her heart, her life, and her soul, and then having to give them back - resulting in a painful, yet spiritual journey of love, healing, and reunion. Along with her story, she includes suggestions on the "how's, what's and why's" one should consider when beginning the journey of raising someone else's child. Included is the health and wellness assessment program Karen designed specifically for grandparents and relatives raising children. Using her holistic approach, this assessment focuses on six aspects of wellness: physical, emotional, social, spiritual, mental/intellectual, and environmental. Whether you are a grandparent, great-something, aunt, uncle, or any relative raising someone else's child, this book is for you.

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## Customer Reviews

As a grandmother raising a grandchild, I found myself nodding my head in agreement often. There were so many "exactly" moments that it made me feel as though my life was playing out right before my eyes. I love the assessment pages at the end of the book and the links/resources will become an integral part of our lives. I am saddened by the vast amount of grandparents raising their grandchildren but at the same time I am glad to know there is much advice and support out there to tap into. My deepest appreciation and thankfulness goes to Karen for writing this book and sharing her story and knowledge with us.

The author not only writes a meaningful blog for grandparents raising grandchildren and administrates an important growing interactive website for relatives raising grandchildren; she has now written a captivating book. Raising grandchildren is a growing phenomenon in today's world. Karen Best Wright's personal journey about raising hers for almost 7 years and then having to give them back contains important observations, conflict, self-reflection, resources and even a health questionnaire, essential to staying viable while doing this unexpected job. As a grandparent raising my grandchild, I could relate to Karen's story. Her shared feelings, which were boldly honest, made it a compelling read.

Karen Best Wright takes us on her journey as she recounts the ups and downs of raising her daughter's children and ultimately releasing them back into the care of their mother. It is a searingly honest account of the physical, emotional and mental trials she encounters as she works toward the best interests of her grandchildren and her family. *I Love You From The Edges* gives hope to all caregivers in similar situations and her experience as a Health and Wellness Coach offers much needed advice on stress-relief, peace and harmony.

This is a great book for grandparents who are currently raising their grandchildren, or who were. Karen is honest and vulnerable in sharing the joys, the mistakes, the unexpected, and the heartaches of raising her grandchildren and then losing them. She shares her journey of pain and triumph and how she was able to take the worst of what happened and make something beautiful out of it. A compelling story, from someone who's been there. Karen has been supporting grandparents raising grandchildren through her website and frequent blogs. If you need support but can't join a group in your area, you will feel part of a group by connecting with Karen.

I Love You from the Edges is a heart-gripping account of a grandmother in her fifties that found herself mothering three of her granddaughters. It is beautifully written with intense reflection and self-reflection. Karen Best Wright has captured the emotional involvement of all parties privy to the circumstances and how it affected the lives of her own children, her own siblings, and her awareness of her relationship with her own mother. I was captivated and could not put the book down. Her writing, while very professional, is also direct and natural. This book was written as a phase in her own healing process after-the-fact. It is a story full of love and remorse, hope and regret, constantly exposes her wish to be honest. I recommend this book to anyone. I related to it well and have never been in these circumstances. People who have parented other family members or other children will definitely be engaged by her wonderful storytelling ability as well as her self-evaluation. Thank you, Karen Best Wright, for your wonderful insights. I wish you strength and continued hope as you continue to parent your own children and your grandchildren from the edges. •Ann Morris Award-winning author

I am so glad I stumbled across this author and this book. I feel like I have some new insight into the relationship between myself and my daughter and I believe the lessons the author learned will be important to me in my journey. She brought out situations that I truly hadn't considered and I feel thankful that I now may learn from her example. I stayed up until three a.m. to finish. It was worth every minute.

I highly recommend this book for Grandparents or anyone who is raising their Grandchildren or another's relatives children. The resources this book provides is a blessing if you are struggling with issues such as custody all the way to how to take care of yourself. I found it inspiring!

I chose 4 stars for this book because it has a lot of helpful information for kinship caregivers. The author gives scenarios from those she interviewed which enlightened her points. I believe the book has the potential to encourage and bless many families. I removed one star because the ending of her story depressed me.

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