Chicken Soup For The Soul: Empty Nesters: 101 Stories About Surviving And Thriving When The Kids Leave Home
This book provides support during a very emotional but exciting time for parents - sending their children off to college, new homes, or careers. It’s a must-read for empty nesters or soon-to-be empty nesters grappling with their own bittersweet new freedom. This is Chicken Soup for the Soul’s first book on a very emotional but exciting time for parents - sending their children off to college or new homes and careers. This terrific book is a must read for empty nesters or soon-to-be empty nesters. It contains 101 stories written by parents who have been there already and share their stories with new empty nesters. These heartfelt stories will inspire, support, and amuse parents grappling with their own bittersweet new freedom. The book also includes stories from the kids themselves, providing the view from the other side. Parents will nod their heads, cry a little, and laugh a lot as they recognize themselves and their almost grown-up children in these stories. In this book, parents share stories of gazing at surprisingly clean bedrooms, starting new careers, rediscovering their spouses, and handling the continuing, and often humorous, needs of their children even while they are away at college or ensconced in their own apartments. In one amusing story, a mother writes of dropping her last child off at college and then realizing that she and her husband can do anything they want. They spend three days driving the six hours home. The first Chicken Soup for the Soul book was published in 1993, and became a publishing industry sensation, ultimately selling eight million copies. Since then, more than 150 Chicken Soup titles have been published, selling more than 100 million copies. Chicken Soup for the Soul has won dozens of awards over the past 15 years, and its founders, Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen have become celebrity motivational speakers and authors.

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One of my stories was published in this book, and I usually refrain from reviewing books that contain my work. That said, I found the stories in this book so amazing that I had to share. The stories are sweet and sad, yet full of hope. Many revolve around death, but all are positive in that they reveal glimpses of what exists beyond this world. I was amazed at how similar many of these stories are--giving hope that there is some type of positive experience we encounter after this life. If you have lost a loved one, or wonder what lies beyond this world, or are looking for a gift of hope for someone, this is the book for you. I have read many Chicken Soup books, but this one tops them all. I cannot recommend it enough.

Not all answered prayers in this book are of biblical proportions, but they are all miracles. I'm always awed by the way God is mindful of the minutae of our lives, and the narratives in this book awe me on that account. From helping to find lost photographs, to helping to find the perfect home . . . from helping to discover messages from deceased loved ones to, yes, even physical healing, "Answered Prayers" demonstrates that God does, indeed, hear our prayers and answers many of them in this life. Some of the narratives show signs they come from the pens of amateur writers, but such only demonstrates authenticity. This book also demonstrates that no matter our level of piety or our social status, we ALL need prayer. Amen.

I like animals, no as a matter of fact, I love animals. However, I haven't had a cat around me in many years, probably because my 4 German Shepherds would not particulary want the company. However, this did not stop the pure enjoyment I received from reading this book. As I began this read I was so amused that I actually laughed out loud at some of the anticks of these furry little creatures. I had forgotten how playful, crafty, and loving cats can be. This book is broken into 12 sections such as: Learning To Love "The Cat", Purr-fect Pets, and Saying Good-bye, to name a few. Under each section you will find stories that warm your heart and bring tears to your eyes, stories that bring out more than a giggle, and some stories that you will shake your head and say, "You have to be kidding?" I loved this book, it was just as good as the one on Dogs that I finished not long ago. I'm telling you, if you love cats you will adore this book, and even if you don't you will still walk away never looking at them the same. I never really knew that cats could be such faithful
companions. They definitely are not like dogs, and they certainly let you know that, but I have to admit they are a 'class act.' I’m so glad that I got to read this book and recommend it to all who want to know, just what is going on in the mind of your cat and why they do the things they do. Trust me, highly interesting and very entertaining, to say the least.Great book! Fun and heartwarming read! Strongly recommended.

Get this book if you’re looking for some pick-me-up, inspirational stories. The book is divided up into ten chapters, with each chapter consisting of about ten short, inspirational stories. The ten chapters (categories) are:-Words that Changed My Life -Overcoming Adversity-Health Challenges -Attitude Adjustments-Every Day Is Special -Silver Linings-Role Models -Moving Forward-Counting Your Blessings -Gratitude

As you can see, there’s a pretty broad range of topics, and as I mentioned before, the stories are short, with most being around 4 or so pages each. I liked this, because I have kind of a hectic schedule most days, and don’t get much time to sit around reading inspirational books. However with this book, you can read a couple of the stories in just a few minutes, and then take away some great messages to think about for the rest of the day. So if you’re looking for a few quick words of inspiration now and then, I highly recommend checking this one out.

It’s no surprise to me that Chicken Soup for the Soul: Messages from Heaven has become a national bestseller. This is a book filled with spiritual stories that will inspire and amaze you. There are ten chapters - To Heaven and Back, Miraculous Connections, Signs from Beyond, Dreams and Premonitions, An Angel Told Me, Love That Doesn’t Die, Saying Goodbye, Heaven Sent, Messengers and Angels, and Answered Prayers - 101 true accounts of miracles, angels and answered prayers. Chicken Soup for the Soul: Messages from Heaven will renew your faith and have you recommending this book to your friends and loved ones. Once I picked it up, I couldn’t stop reading it. It’s that good!

I settled in bed last night at about 9:30, intending to read one or two stories in this book before lights out. Flash forward to 12:30 AM and me propping my eyelids open with toothpicks as I promise myself "Just one more story."This book is a gold mine for feline lovers. A well-established cat fanatic, I didn’t think I could read anything that would make me love cats even more, yet this book did it. I was touched, moved, humored, and enamoured all over again with our furry feline friends. A quick disclosure - I have 2 stories in the book. But since I don’t make additional money if the book sells or not, I hope this review will be taken at face value. I would snatch this book off the shelves
and give it to any cat lover, any day. I'm very pleased to be a part of such a fine collection.

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