

Losing My Son, Loving His Killer

A Mother's Journey of Grief and Forgiveness

By Valerie Boyd

Losing My Son, Loving His Killer is a powerful and moving memoir by Valerie Boyd, a mother whose son was murdered. In the book, Boyd shares her journey of grief, forgiveness, and hope. She tells the story of her son's death, the trial of his killer, and her own struggle to come to terms with his loss. Through her story, Boyd offers a unique perspective on the nature of forgiveness and the power of love.



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Boyd's son, James, was a bright and promising young man. He was a talented musician and athlete, and he had a passion for helping others. In 2007, when James was just 20 years old, he was murdered by a friend.

The killer, a young man named Joseph Harris, was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Boyd was devastated by her son's death. She could not understand why anyone would want to hurt him. She struggled with anger, grief, and despair. She could not sleep or eat. She could not focus on anything. She felt like her life was over.

But even in her darkest moments, Boyd never gave up hope. She knew that she had to find a way to forgive her son's killer. She knew that forgiveness was not about condoning what had happened. It was about letting go of her anger and pain. It was about finding peace.

Boyd began to write letters to Harris. She told him about her son. She told him about her pain. She told him about her hope for forgiveness. Harris wrote back to her. He told her that he was sorry for what he had done. He told her that he understood her pain. He told her that he hoped that she could forgive him.

Boyd and Harris exchanged letters for several years. Over time, Boyd began to forgive Harris. She realized that he was not a monster. He was just a young man who had made a terrible mistake. She realized that he was capable of change.

In 2015, Boyd visited Harris in prison. She told him that she forgave him. She told him that she hoped that he would use his time in prison to make a difference in the world.

Harris was grateful for Boyd's forgiveness. He told her that it gave him hope for the future. He told her that he would never forget her son.

Boyd's story is a powerful reminder of the power of forgiveness. It is a story of hope and redemption. It is a story that shows us that even in the darkest of times, there is always light.

Losing My Son, Loving His Killer is a must-read for anyone who has ever experienced loss or grief. It is a book that will inspire you to find hope and forgiveness in the face of adversity.

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