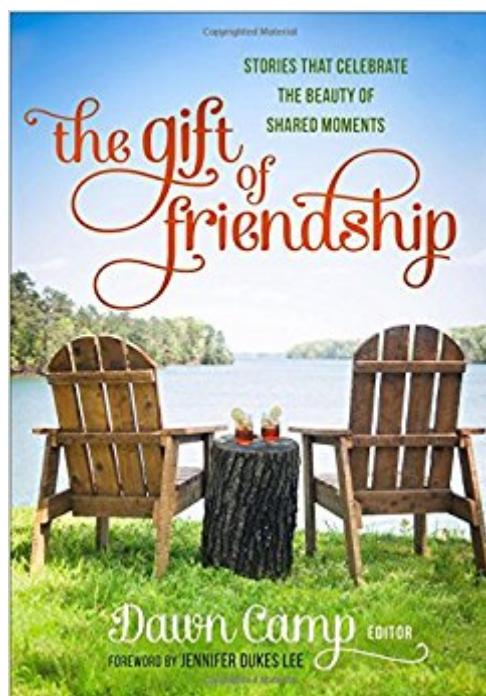


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# The Gift Of Friendship: Stories That Celebrate The Beauty Of Shared Moments



## **Synopsis**

Whether next door or in the next time zone, our friends provide some of our most important relationships. We cherish time spent with them, endure time spent apart, and look forward to the next time we can have coffee or rush to greet them as they walk toward our door. And nothing warms our hearts like reading stories of true friendship. Collecting over fifty true stories from some of today's best writers, Dawn Camp offers readers a chance to sit back and experience the gift of friendship. With its beautiful photographs and poignant prose, this collection is a great gift for a dear friend and the perfect pick-me-up any time you need a boost. Contributors include Crystal Paine, Liz Curtis Higgs, Tsh Oxenreider, Myquillyn Smith, Jennifer Dukes Lee, Lisa-Jo Baker, Jessica Turner, Lysa TerKeurst, Bonnie Gray, Holley Gerth, Renee Swope, and many more.

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Whether next door or in the next time zone, our friends are some of our most vital relationships. We cherish time spent together and look forward to the next time we can solve the world's problems over coffee. There is something about a true friend that no other relationship can touch. Collecting over fifty true stories from some of today's best writers, Dawn Camp offers you a chance to sit back and experience the gift of friendship. With its beautiful photographs and poignant prose, this collection is the perfect pick-me-up anytime you need a boost. Dawn Camp is the camera-toting, homeschooling mother of eight children and the editor of The Beauty of Grace. She is also a featured blogger at (in)courage, and her beautiful photography previously graced their monthly calendar and currently decorates the desktops of women around the world. Camp blogs at

MyHomeSweetHomeOnline.net and is a featured photographer on Adobe's website for Adobe Photoshop Lightroom software. She lives with her family in north metro Atlanta.

Sharing secrets. Laughing until it hurts. Hugging through tears. True friends are one of God's greatest gifts. You'll cherish these stories of true friendship from Lisa-Jo Baker, Holley Gerth, Bonnie Gray, Liz Curtis Higgs, Jennifer Dukes Lee, Tsh Oxenreider, Crystal Paine, Myquillyn Smith, Renee Swope, Lysa TerKeurst, Jessica Turner, and many more."Time with friends is healing time; it is holy time. And no matter how busy we are or how much we have going on, we must make time for one of life's greatest blessings."--Rachel Macy Stafford, New York Times bestselling author of *Hands Free Mama*"This uplifting collection of stories invites you to settle in and rediscover why friendship truly is a gift."--Kayla Aimee, author of *Anchored: Finding Hope in the Unexpected*"Reading this book is like spending time with a group of encouraging friends. Dawn Camp has created a warm, welcoming place our hearts can go back to again and again whenever we need to remember we're not alone."--Holley Gerth, *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of *You're Already Amazing*"A book you'll want to give to every one of your friends, because you'll see your own friendships in the pages and you'll just have to share it!"--Rachel Anne Ridge, artist, blogger, and author of *Flash: The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances*

I already know that I am the outlier here. I am a man who wanted to read a book intended for women. You may have all secretly wondered, "Is this guy a creeper?" No, I am not. I am a husband, a father (of daughters), a professional who works with many women trying to address their struggles, and a child of a way too gracious Father in heaven. Oh yeah, and one who reads books that are out of his comfort zone so that he can better understand the women in his life. I signed up for this. On purpose. I read the first half of this book in one sitting. I did not want to put it down, although I did pause for a few minutes at one point to reflect on one of my friendships. While I was reflecting (and feeling incredibly blessed for the richness of this friendship), I took a few moments to text my friend and let him know how much I appreciated him. How much my wife and I enjoy spending time with him and his wife. How I appreciate his encouragement and how we laugh together. And therein lies the beauty of *The Gift of Friendship*. The beautifully written stories within the pages will cause you to realize how very blessed you are by God and how He puts certain people in your life because He loves you. And, oh how He loves you! Embrace friendships. They are one of the most profound ways that God loves us.

This book has helped me to be more grateful for the friendships I enjoy. And gratitude helps us to be gracious. Now I am off to give this book to my daughter, and my wife, and so on! This book is so needed. It's for men too.

I absolutely love this book. Great as a gift for friends and just an easy great read.

Short, inspirational stories. Enjoyable reading!

Great book to read more than one time.

got this for a gift for my best friend. She's reading it now and said every page makes her thankful for me - makes me want to read it and hope I can :-)

The stories are from real women who describe a variety of situations, from casual get-togethers to potentially embarrassing moments. It's really meant for any woman who has ever reached out to another or wished that she could. The Gift of Friendship was an empowering book for me. As I read, I related to many of the stories. Some made me laugh, some made me cry. I thought of different women in my life who have blessed me in some way, or that I've tried to bless through my actions and words. After reading the stories in The Gift of Friendship, I am determined to be more intentional in my relationships. I want my friends to know that they were loved. I received this book in exchange for my honest review. Opinions shared are mine.

I don't often read collections of stories but this cover grabbed my attention along with the topic of friendship. I've lived in 5 cities since I graduated college 10 years ago. All of those moves were by choice but moving that much makes friendships challenging. Reading this book made me think back to the special people from each time in my life. But it also made me long for that same level of friendship where we live now - both for myself and my husband. There was one story in particular that really caught my attention. I loved the idea of a friendship so authentic that the two women took turns visiting each other and helping each other clean so they didn't have to do it alone! But I have to admit this was a hard book for me to read because so many of the stories involved MOPS or playdates and I'd really like to read a book that was more geared toward women like me. Ones who are married but don't have kids even after years of marriage. I wish there was a MOPs group for

me...I received a free copy of this book from Revell in exchange for my honest review.

"The Gift of Friendship: Stories that Celebrate the Beauty of Shared Moments" by Dawn Camp is a collection of over fifty true stories on women celebrating friendship! Some contributors include: Lisa-Jo Baker, Liz Curtis Higgs, Jennifer Dukes Lee, Bonnie Gray, Lysa Terkeurst, Renee Swope...just to name a few. These women cover everything. Their imperfections, their flaws, and the ways their friendships have truly made their lives richer by overlooking all of those things. True friends know all your imperfections and love you anyway. This is a collection of how women have reached out to other women when they needed them most. I really loved this book. I think sometimes as women we underestimate how important friendships are. We get busy with life and with motherhood. But good friends are still good friends within the busyness of life. I would highly recommend this book to all the lovely ladies in my life. I rate this book as 5 stars. I received this book for free from Revell, a division of Baker Book Publishers in exchange for my honest unbiased opinion.

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