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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Puryear, whose son Stephen committed suicide when he was 15, claims to have connected spiritually with Stephen through long conversations, during which he expressed remorse and implored her to help others. Ethical considerations aside, the simultaneous audio release and hefty marketing push will stimulate sales. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Booklist

On March 18, 1973, Anne Puryear's 15-year-old son Stephen committed suicide. She digs deep into her own guilt-ravaged emotions to draw meaning from his actions, and we are led into her spiritual awakenings as she learns of her spirit guides--three distinct voices inside her head. After his death Stephen frequently contacts his mother. To keep track of his thoughts, she sits in front of her typewriter and his words come through her--they "overshadow" her thoughts. It makes for eerie reading to learn from him how he actually died and how his soul left his body. And it was his idea to help write this book from the beyond. By discussing life after death with his mother, Stephen was convinced that he could save lives of other young people on the verge of suicide. While coping with her son's suicide in this rather unorthodox manner, Puryear may provide comfort and answers to others who have had a similar loss. Included are lists of self-help groups, warning signs that may indicate a suicidal crisis, and suggestions for helping a grieving survivor. *Jennifer Henderson*

From Kirkus Reviews

A credulity-straining account by a deeply grieved mother of her son's brief and troubled life on earth, his suicide, and his soul's happier existence in another dimension. Puryear, who with her husband runs a holistic center and church in Arizona called the Logos Center, is seriously into interpreting auras and channeling. She asserts that not only did her deceased 15-year-old son, Stephen, ask her to write this book, but he dictated a substantial portion of it. As she tells it, spirit guides conversed with her for years before her son's death; thus, her belief that Stephen carries on lengthy conversations with her is not surprising. As she describes her own unhappy life--she repeatedly married the wrong men, and she ignored the clues Stephen gave her that he was a boy in need of help--a picture emerges of a credulous, guilt-filled woman. The book's message, as expressed by Stephen ``from the other side," is that most suicides can be prevented if kids can be reached soon enough, relieved of peer pressure, helped to develop self-esteem, and put on the right diet. For a message from the spirit world, it sounds oddly mundane. An appendix contains excerpts from various sources on suicide prevention; a directory of resources for suicide survivors and those struggling with such problems as alcoholism, drug abuse, and eating disorders; and an extensive reading list on angels, reincarnation, suicide, love, diet, and allergies. The notion of communicating with one's deceased loved ones has long had appeal to many, and some bereaved parents may find this book persuasive and even helpful. Skeptics, however, are more likely to view it as the sad product of a New Age mother's remorse and unresolved grief. -- *Copyright ©1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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