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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Amazing story. Amazing familyBy Shal BiacsiBook was required for a nursing class. It was so moving, I had it read within two days. Amazing story. Amazing family. Sorrel King has a

great ability to transform her family's tragedy into an industry-changing situation. I hope to always have Josie in my mind as I move through my nursing career. I am in a concurrent nursing program (pursuing Bachelor's degree in nursing at a 4-year university at the same time as going to a community college for my associates degree in nursing and nursing license). This was for a class at the 4-year university. At orientation for the community college (going into our second year), I told not only my class (second-year nursing students) about the book, but also the entire first-year class. Told them all that even with the huge amount of required reading, they MUST fit this book in either somewhere during the semester or at least put it on the top of the reading list when we get to our winter break. An absolute must-read for anyone in any area of the healthcare industry. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Inspirational
By Wine Mama
I read this book as part of a medical ethics nursing course for my BSN. I am glad I discovered it. As both a mother and a nurse, I had a unique perspective and could appreciate Mrs. King's suffering as well as her frustrations. Josie's death was certainly premature, but I am heartened to know her memory lives on to prevent more cases like hers. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A needless medical error in lack of appropriate treatment causes a child's death, and how her mother taught medical professional
By Karen VanDyke
As a retired health care administrator in the very high risk area of Surgical Services, I understand the risk management complexities. Out of this horrific senseless medical error, good work comes out of this to teach the medical profession about the series of events that lead to this child's needless death. A sense of hope is woven into this author's writing, by how she developed her mission to teach by this experienced tragedy. A well written account to feel not only emotional anguish, but a sense of valued hope.
Karen Van Dyke

Ninety-eight thousand people die every year from medical errors, making it a leading cause of death in the United States, but the subject has long been taboo. All that changed with Josie. Sorrel King's eighteen-month-old daughter was badly burned by a faulty water heater in the family's new home, but was taken to the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she made a remarkable recovery. But as she was preparing to leave, the hospital's system of communication broke down and Josie was given a fatal shot of methadone, sending her into cardiac arrest. Within forty-eight hours, the King family went from planning a homecoming to planning a funeral. Dizzy with grief and close to ending her marriage, Sorrel slowly pulled herself and her life back together. Accepting Hopkins' settlement, she and her husband established the Josie King Foundation. They began to implement basic programs in hospitals emphasizing communication between patients, family, and medical staff practices which can now be found in hospitals around the country. The account of one woman's unlikely path from full-time mom to nationally renowned patient advocate, Josie's Story is the inspirational chronicle of how a mother and her unforgettable daughter are transforming the face of American medicine.

From Publishers Weekly
In 2001, the six-member King family had just relocated to a new home in Baltimore when tragedy struck: 17-month-old Josie, wandering unsupervised, turned on a hot water tap and was badly scalded. Rushed to Johns Hopkins hospital, Josie spent 17 days in recovery and was scheduled to be released, but sudden cardiac arrest killed her before she made it out. The hospital admitted their mistake: improper hydration and a mistakenly administered dose of prescription painkiller methadone. Even more shocking, the Kings learned that theirs was not a unique tragedy; in the U.S., somewhere between 44,000 and 98,000 people die every year from medical errors. Using their \$1.5 million settlement, the Kings founded an advocacy group, the Josie King Foundation, which, in partnership with Johns Hopkins, spearheads a national drive for patient safety programs. This painful but inspiring memoir is a compelling drama of family grief amid the dysfunctional U.S. health care system, buttressed by a 20-page resource guide for patients, families and health-care providers. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Sorrel King is a heroic figure in the healthcare movement. Josie's story and Sorrel's determination are making care safer for millions of patients. At its core, this is a powerful and immensely moving love story.
Charles Kenney, Quality and Safety Consultant to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Josie's story has served as a beacon for me and thousands of other healthcare professionals.
Dr. Louise Liang, former Senior Vice President, Quality and Clinical Systems Support, Kaiser Permanente
Sorrel's story . . . teaches us that listening is as important as doing, reminding us that our learning is a journey, and that our true teachers sit in front of us in hospital beds and on exam tables each day.
Dr. David Shulkin, President and CEO, Beth Israel Medical Center, NY
I am confident that Sorrel has saved countless lives by sharing her story and challenging physicians and administrators to critically examine how they provide care. She made a difference for our children's hospital and we are forever grateful.
Craig Cordola, CEO, Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital of Houston, TX