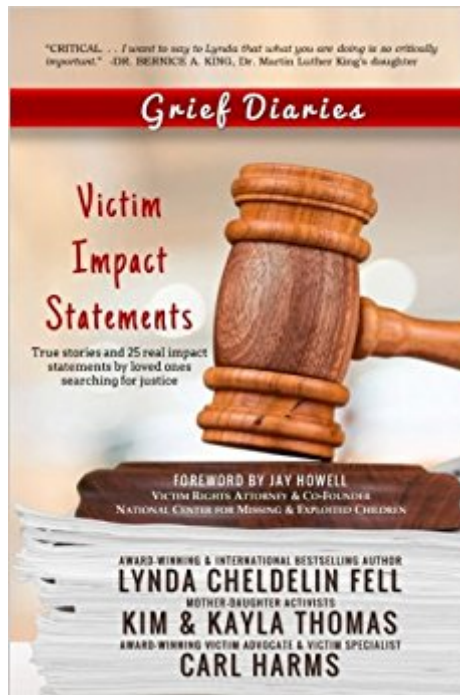




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Grief Diaries: Victim Impact Statements



Synopsis

Part of the award-winning Grief Diaries series, Victim Impact Statements offers a collection of true stories and 25 actual statements read in criminal court. The victim impact statement is an indispensable tool that helps hold the offender accountable for the consequences of a crime. It gives the judge the rest of the story, the part that doesn't appear in police reports or courtroom evidence, and connects pieces of information to emotions in a way people can relate to. In Grief Diaries: Victim Impact Statements, award-winning advocate Carl Harms offers valuable tips on how to write such a testimonial followed by a collection of true stories and 25 real statements that serve as examples for families and loved ones searching for justice.

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Grief Diaries: Victim Impact Statements is a great resource for crime victims, a reference that can be offered in all prosecuting agencies and crime victim serving organizations to assist those tasked with the final phase of the justice system. If you are a crime victim and you're preparing a Victim Impact Statement to be presented to the courts for the original sentencing this book is for you! This book is a collection of true-life tragic stories and final statements presented to the courts to ensure the voice of those affected has a presence in our judicial system. One of your most important rights as a victim or family member of a crime victim is the opportunity to tell the court how you and your loved ones have been affected by the crime. Your completed Victim Impact Statement

ensures that your voice is heard as part of the judicial process. It is important for the court to understand the impact of the offense on you and your loved ones--emotionally, physically, and financially. Your statement will also give the court valuable information that can be used to hold the offender accountable, and to promote safety for you and your community. Keep the focus on your life and the impact that the crime has had on you. Don't let those that have ripped your world apart take away the good in your life and have any further control over you.Â Carl Harms ~ Grief Dairies: Victim Impact Statements

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Finally a great resource for crime victims, a reference that can be offered in all prosecuting agencies and crime victim serving organizations to assist those tasked with the final phase of the American justice system. If you are a crime victim and are preparing a Victim Impact Statement to be presented to the courts for the original sentencing this book is for you! Please remember to keep the focus on your life and the impact that the crime has had on you. Do not give the defendant any further control over you.

This is absolutely one of the most meaningful books I have ever read! It touched me on to many levels to count!! I read only two of the 25 stories and it took me two days to fully recover from the impact of what I had just read! As someone who has yet to see justice served, I can rest in the knowledge that this will be the only resource I will need when my day in court finally comes. These courageous men and women have come before you with what was left of their shattered hearts, and broken worlds, looked the devil straight in the face and said, not today!! In painstakingly vivid detail, they've boldly said my loved one mattered, and if it's the last thing I ever do, they'll matter to you too!! If you've ever wanted to know what the true meaning of "You don't know how strong you are

until being strong is the only choice you have", look no further. That quote could easily have been the title of this book!! I felt as if a two ton weight was sitting on my chest after the first story. With each additional story, thousands more pounds were added. The range of raw emotions you will experience with these amazing men and women will knock you to your knees!! At the same time, they allow you to believe in hope once again, in a light at the end of the darkest tunnel you'll ever walk through. They have taken something that would have completely broken most people and turned it into something that will help an infinite number of victims!! Thank you so much for this gift!!

An invaluable tool for learning what families go through when they lose a loved one to drinking and driving. A must read. Should be standard and mandatory reading material for all new drivers, and for those convicted of DUI.

What a great resource for prosecuting agencies and crime victim organizations to assist families in their final days in the justice system.

These are real stories about real people. The stories tug at your heartstrings, as well as provide a starting point for those who are struggling to write a victim's impact Statement for court.

It can be hard to read, knowing what these writers and their families went through. But it is a very moving and important piece of work, especially for those that have gone through or will go through the difficult journey to justice.

Wonderful

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