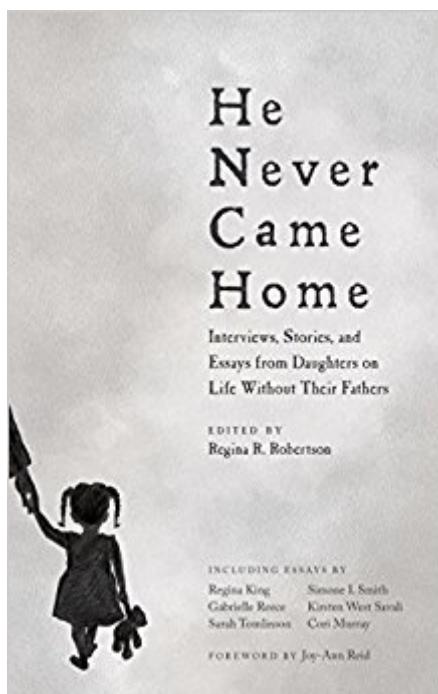


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He Never Came Home: Interviews, Stories, And Essays From Daughters On Life Without Their Fathers



Synopsis

He Never Came Home is a collection of 22 personal essays written by girls and women who have been separated from their fathers by way of divorce, abandonment, or death. The contributors to this collection come from a wide range of different backgrounds in terms of race, socioeconomic status, religion, and geographic location. Their essays offer deep insights into the emotions related to losing one's father, including sadness, indifference, anger, acceptance--and everything in between. This book, edited by Essence magazine's west coast editor Regina R. Robertson, is first and foremost an offering to young girls and women who have endured the loss of their fathers. But it also speaks to mothers who are raising girls without a father present, offering important perspective into their daughter's feelings and struggles. The essays in He Never Came Home are organized into three categories: "Divorce," "Distant," and "Deceased." With essays by contributors including Emmy Award-winning actress Regina King, fitness expert and New York Times best-selling author Gabrielle Reece, and television comedy writer Jenny Lee, this anthology illustrates the journey of the fatherless, and provides a space for these writers to express their pain, hope, and healing--minus any judgments and without apology.

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Regina R. Robertson is the west coast editor for Essence magazine. Along with penning cover and feature stories (and the once-weekly online column, View from the West), her work has appeared in such publications as O, The Oprah Magazine, the Associated Press, and TheRoot.com. She has

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This is a great collection of stories from some extraordinary women! Please check it out.

I didn't realize I had daddy issues until I started reading this book. While I didn't grow up with my father, we've maintained a really tight bond, despite being an ocean apart for most of my life. However, I understand now how my sheer acceptance of him and his wayward ways normalized things for me that really are not normal. And, of course, that's had an effect on the type of men I've had "relationships" with. Thank you, Regina, for sharing your story and curating this very important anthology. The time has come for me to let the healing begin!

Having this perspective helped me to see how my desire to provide for my family & be there as a father on a daily basis is a fine balance. It was a voice from the future to let me know how/what I do today, has an impact on who my children may become in the future..as adults or parents themselves.

This book is an excellent counterpoint to the cultural cliche, "she has daddy issues." Each essay brings to life the story of a distinctly different woman and how she dealt with the absence of her father. The writing is precise, vivid and well-paced. The situations portrayed are varied and the voices of the writers shine. And if you are afraid this collection will be depressing rest assured it is uplifting. You will meet great characters who pull you in and even make you laugh.

Buy this book. It's written and edited by a gifted writer. It is a poignant and healing extension of the conversation many of us have had around "daddy issues". Buy it no matter what place your dad occupies in your life. Buy it for the men who are dads in your life so they can reflect on how their fatherhood decisions impact their daughters for better and sometimes not so much.

FANTASTIC essays by a host of amazing non-famous women. Riveting! Some are sweet and funny; others are sad and bitter. Enjoyed all of them.

When I sat down to read this powerful collection of essays, I had no idea I would be so deeply engaged and touched by the revealing stories of so many amazing women and their relationships or lack thereof with their fathers. This book moved me and most certainly will make you think on your own childhood. Worth a read for sure!

I would recommend this book to all fatherless daughters. It is for those who never knew their fathers, those whose father's walked out on them, and even those who lost their father at different stages of life.

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