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Chicken Soup for the Soul's first daily devotional book for women!

Chicken Soup for the Soul offers 101 daily devotions to comfort, encourage and inspire women through the ups and downs of life

COS COB, Conn. – Women have always shared life's experiences with one another. In pioneer days, women would gather to quilt and sew, swapping advice and offering comfort. Women meet in mothers' groups, girls' night out events, book clubs, professional organizations, and religious circles. They intuitively know they can expand and enrich their lives by gathering, talking and listening together.

And that tradition continues in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories for Women* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, 978-1-935096-48-1, October 2009, \$14.95). These 101 devotions – written by women, for women – share their personal journeys through parenting, faith, illness, service, loss, marriage, relationships, and self-esteem. Accompanied by an inspirational Bible verse and an original, personal prayer, each story offers encouragement, solace and strength to women, who will find comfort in these words of wisdom and the knowledge that God is with them on every step of life's journey.

When the worst thing that can happen to a mother – the death of her child – strikes Nancy Purcell, she finds that her faith carries her across a “barren wasteland” to a place of comfort and peace. Clara Riveros also feels the touch of God's hand when her third child is born with Down's syndrome but, despite debilitating challenges, becomes her “treasure from God.” And when the homeless shelter for which she volunteers runs out of food, Cynthia J. Freels is astounded to find bags and boxes of food have been delivered by local schoolchildren in the nick of time. Stories like these show women that whether their path is smooth or filled with potholes, they are never alone.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories for Women is further enhanced by an inspirational foreword and two bonus devotions by Jennifer Sands, a 9/11 widow who became a Christian after her husband's death. Jennifer now has a worldwide writing and speaking ministry that she sustained even through a breast cancer diagnosis. In this book, Jennifer shares the story of her life and spiritual growth, empowering women who seek meaning in the struggles of life.

Linda Fuller, co-founder of Habitat for Humanity International, says of *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories for Women*: “I find these short personal stories and prayers, like chicken soup, nourishing and restorative.” Readers will also find their souls refreshed and renewed when they incorporate the stories from this book into their daily routine.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories for Women (Susan M. Heim and Karen Talcott) releases in October 2009. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series which are distributed through Simon and Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold more than 112 million copies, with titles translated into more than 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees through IMG, the world's premier licensing agent. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support and inspiration. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit: www.chickensoup.com.

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