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Father knows best: *Chicken Soup for the Soul* has the stories to prove it

New story collection offers fatherly lessons, family bonding, and more

COS COB, Conn. – Whether it is finding the right balance of nurture and discipline, sizing up a daughter’s first boyfriend, or showing a son how to fish, dads play a vital role in any family. As a homework assistant, baseball coach, and overall fountain of knowledge, fathers seem to know everything – at least, they would like to think so. But many children admittedly lose touch with Dad over the years, forgetting the pearls of wisdom he passed on. For these individuals, (and for anyone else with a dad) it may be time to reflect on the memories their fathers had a hand in creating.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wisdom of Dads (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC. , 978-1935096184, September 2008, \$14.95) is a collection of stories celebrating Dad, with accounts from sons and daughters about their relationship with their fathers, and fathers about the special moments with their kids. It is part of the new “101 Best Stories” series by the new publisher of Chicken Soup for the Soul® books. With refreshed cover designs and interior layouts, books in the “101 Best Stories” series offer the Editor’s favorite tales and poems submitted in the 15-year history of Chicken Soup for the Soul, reflecting the brand’s excitement and new energy on this memorable anniversary.

“ My father gave me the fortitude, the perseverance and the will to overcome difficulties many years ago,” writes *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wisdom of Dads* contributor Don Didio, about his father who taught him to play golf. “When I needed him most he was always there. He still is.”

With topics ranging from “The Power of a Father’s Love” to “Taking Dad’s Advice,” *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wisdom of Dads* offers stories about fatherhood, being a single parent, grandfathers, unexpected reunions, heartfelt goodbyes, and more. In addition, it is also a heartwarming and inspirational read for anyone who wants to revisit the lessons passed down from parent to child, through touching stories that also illustrate Dad’s love.

“On Father’s Day I always reflect on what I’ve learned about fatherhood. I’ve learned that it is not dependent on biology or even raising a child. Fatherhood is a matter of the heart,” writes *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wisdom of Dads* contributor Sherry Lynn Blake Jensen Miller about her adoptive father, Bob. “Bob’s gift from the heart will warm my soul for eternity.”

Inside *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wisdom of Dads*, you’ll also read about:

- How author Donna Pennington went from taking her dad for granted to becoming best friends
- How author Amy Adair’s father left the legacy of his love with letters and a special Waterman pen
- How Sigrun Goodman Zatorsky’s father saved the family dog and led an army of kids in admiration
- Stefan Bechtel’s canoeing misadventure to initiate his son into manhood, and surprise role reversal lessons

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Wisdom of Dads (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Amy Newmark) releases September 2008. 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 over 112 million copies, with titles translated into over 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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