Melanie A. Hemry

Published Author, Collaborator, and Ghostwriter

A published author and ghostwriter with over 30 years in the industry, Hemry's works include six books under her own name and 48 books she has ghostwritten, including *Jerry Falwell: His Life and Legacy*. She has also published hundreds of magazine articles.

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About the Writer

Award-winning Author Melanie Hemry is a former intensive care nurse who uses her medical mindset as real world experience to ground her writing with both the reality and the romance of the human condition.

As a ghost writer, Hemry has an uncanny ability to make a story come to life, captivating the reader as he journeys through the storyline. Her writing draws out the reader's emotions making a lasting impact that leaves the reader wanting more.

As an author published under her own name, Hemry has six books in print as well as hundreds of magazine articles.

A winner of two Angel Awards and the prestigious *Guideposts* Writing Contest, Hemry's stories have warmed the hearts of readers around the world. Her messages offer deep insight and soaring hope.

A full-time author, Hemry holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Central Oklahoma and a master's degree in practical ministry from Wagner Leadership Institute in Colorado Springs

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Selected Accomplishments

- Two-time winner of the Angel Award - the most prestigious writing award in Christian publishing
  - for *Real People, Real Needs, Real Victories*
  - for *Journey of Faith: The First 30 Years*

- Winner – the esteemed 1998 Guideposts Writing Contest
  - Her winning manuscript was selected from over 5,000 entries.
  - Flown to upstate New York with the 12 finalists and completed an intense writing workshop that was taught by Guideposts and Reader's Digest editors and attended by other leading writers.

- Winner - ten Guideposts Workshop contests
  - Attendance is by invitation only
  - Invitation restricted to those who have won the national contest

- "Now Winston Wears Shoes," published in the December, 1992 issue of *Guideposts*
  - Reprinted in French and English by the Canadian *Reader's Digest*.
  - *Reader's Digest* bought all international rights.

- Selected from 47 candidates as writer for a monthly feature article for *The Believer's Voice of Victory*.
  - To date - published over 100 articles for this magazine.

- Selected to ghostwrite more than 50 articles for the *Voice of the Covenant.*

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It's amazing. .. She's [Melanie] one of the finest authors we've had the opportunity to work with."
-Dr. Jesse Duplantis

"I L-O-V-E-D this book. Every story brought me to tears… you will NOT be able to put it down. You will be engrossed by every word on every page. Melanie tugs at your heartstrings, takes your breath away, and then brings you back joyfully…
-Victorya Michaels Rogers, Author/Speaker

What Others Say…

I love Melanie Hemry's book..! I devoured it and couldn't put it down. I did not expect it to challenge and change me as it did. What a surprise to realize that this was more than a great book. It is a book of parables with a Heart Check key to each one.
-Rebecca Goen Stough, M.D.

" … masterfully done. An exceptionally gifted writer, Melanie Hemry explains not only how we can be a part of God's healing process for the hurting, but perhaps more importantly makes us want to. A truly inspiring book!"
-**Pastor Dutch Sheets, best-selling author**

Not only is this one of the most enjoyable books that I have read in a very long time, but the HEART CHECK Sheet at the end of each chapter, is likened to a physical examination of the spirit of man. …our spirit is touched and more alive at the end of the book than when we first began reading!
-Chuck D. Pierce, President, Glory of Zion International, Inc. & Vice President of Global Harvest Ministries

Melanie has the unique gift to serve in the healing of people both physically and spiritually. Her personal nursing stories have been an inspiration to me as I work and minister in the Hollywood entertainment industry…
-Karen Covell, TV Producer and Author

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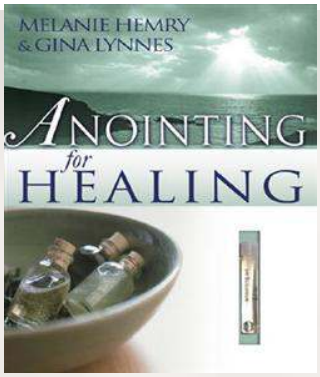

Description

Melanie Hemry and Gina Lynnes share personal experiences and testimonies of people miraculously healed by a powerful God who still works in our lives today. Even when the situation seemed hopeless, God intervened to heal a sick baby, a child with autism, a woman with Lou Gehrig's disease, a pianist with multiple sclerosis and others.

This combination of amazing stories and powerful Scripture verses to pray will leave you in awe and wonder over the great love of God

Product Details

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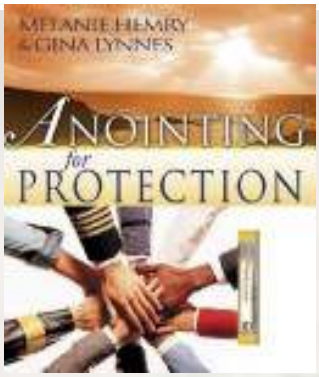

Description

These are perilous times, but the same God who delivered Daniel out of the lion's den offers the anointing for protection today. Read astounding testimonies of soldiers on the front lines in Iraq, a grandmother attempting to run an orphanage in war-torn Uganda, a man who survived a plane crash and a woman kidnapped and locked in the trunk of her car.

Their stories, along with a list of supporting scriptures, will stir your faith to pray for protection.

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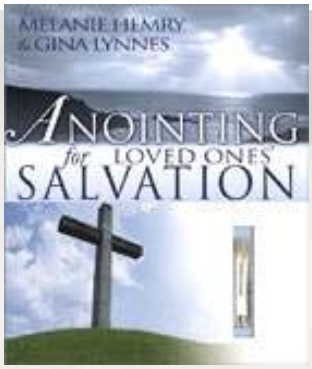

Description

What does the Minister of Defense for the Black Panthers have in common with an atheist from Communist Russia, a lawless biker, a Buddhist and a drug-addicted orphan? They all needed a savior.

This book will stir the reader's faith to pray for the lost, and each story is an affirmation that no one is too hard a case for God.

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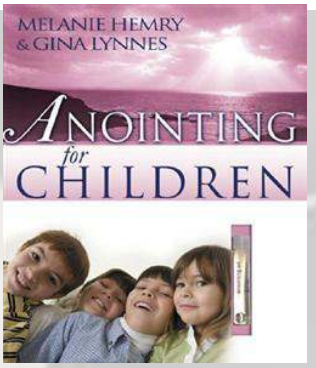

Description

The devil is out to get our children. From barrenness to praying the prodigal home, this book offers true stories and spiritual truths that brought life to barren wombs, freedom to a young man captured by the Moonies and life to a suicidal rock star.

It will help parents and grandparents learn how to navigate children of all ages through dangerous waters and bring them home to God and their families

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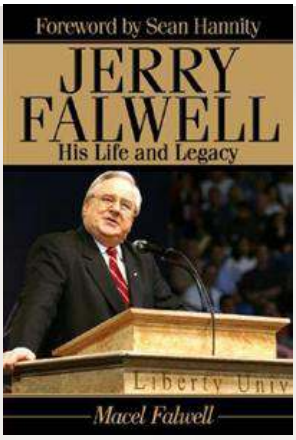

Description

An intimate perspective into the life of the most visible religious leader in America, as told and authorized by his wife.

Jerry Falwell played a pivotal role in the American religious and political scene for the last thirty years. As a constant voice for the Christian Right, and with his strong affirmations for family values, he remained outspoken about his beliefs and vision for revolutionized morals and social reform, including issues that will greatly affect the upcoming 2008 elections.

Product Details

Howard Publishing Company
May 2008
Hardcover, 288 pages
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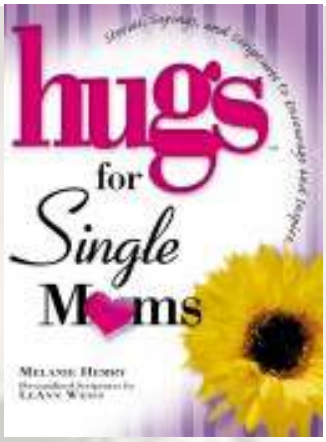


Description

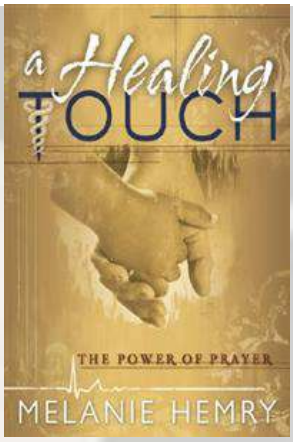
For the woman who does the greatest job in the world now comes a book just for her. Packed with heartwarming stories, encouraging messages, and timely savings,

Hugs for Single Moms is an inspiration for the woman who does the parenting job all by herself.

Part of the best-selling Hugs series, this is the gift for the single mom that does it all and keeps on giving.

Product Details

Howard Books
December 2005
Hardcover, 128 pages
ISBN-10: 1-4165-3395-8
ISBN-13: 978-1-4165-3395-5



Description

In A Healing Touch, Melanie Hemry relates many experiences of miracles as a result of prayer. Hemry learned to hear and recognize God's voice and shares how God healed a brain-dead judge, spoke to her in dreams of warning, and caused her to "happen" to be in the right place at the right time to save lives. As an ICU nurse, she risked her career at times by dramatically contravening doctors' instructions in order to save her patients from potentially deadly malpractice. This book will ignite and transform the way you pray.

Product Details

Whitaker House, June 30, 2006
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- *The Anointing for Healing,* Whitaker House, released July, 2007.
- *The Anointing for Children,* Whitaker House, released September, 2007.
- *The Anointing for Protection,* Whitaker House, released September, 2007.
- *The Anointing for Salvation,* Whitaker House, released September, 2007.
- *A Healing Touch: The Power of Prayer,* Whitaker House, released June, 2006.
- *Hugs for Single Moms,* Howard Publishers, released January, 2006.

A Sampling of Published Books as a Ghostwriter

- *The Power of Hope in Hopeless Situations*, ghosted for Jeanne Linville
- *Contract Killer: The Making of a Murderer,* ghosted for Rodney Timms
- *Binding the Strongman Over America,* a collaboration with Dr. John Benefiel.
- *Ten Hours to Live*, ghosted for Brian Wills
- *Jerry Falwell: His Life and Legacy* released May, 2008, Howard Books.
- *The Mercy Seat: Unveiling the Nature of God,* collaboration with Lamont and Connie McLean, 2009.
- *Opening the Door to Your Future: Keys to Personal and Professional Success,* collaboration with Lamont McLean, released by Whitaker House July, 2007
- *Living with Certainty in an Uncertain World,* collaboration with Lamont McLean.
- *Fatherhood,* collaboration with Lamont McLean.
- *Breaking the Business Code,* collaboration with Bonnie Hagemann
- *Real People, Real Needs, Real Victories,* A compilation of stories which won the Angel Award.
- *Journey of Faith: The First 30 Years,* an anniversary book for Kenneth and Gloria Copeland

Sampling of Published Articles

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- *Guideposts* October 2017 “Guided by Faith” Cathy Lewan
- *Guideposts* 2015 “The Rescuer” by Randy Mize
- *Positive Thinking,* “Finish the Race” excerpted from *A Healing Touch,* by Melanie Hemry, October, 2006
- *Guideposts,* “Riding the Storm” Ghostwritten for Tom Magnuson, Feb. 2005
- *Guideposts,* “Bridge Collapse on I-40” Ghosted for Alton Wilhoit.
- *Guideposts,* “One Simple Lesson.” Ghostwritten for missionary survivor Gracia Burnham. July, 2003.
- *Guideposts,* “Drawing on Faith,” January, 1995: Ghostwritten for famous B.C. cartoonist Johnny Hart.
- *Guideposts,* “The Dragon and the Preacher,” September, 1998: Ghostwritten for Johnny Lee Clary, former High Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan.
- *Guideposts,* “Riding the Storm.” Ghosted for Tom Magnuson.
- Guideposts, “On the I-40 Bridge.” Ghosted for Alton Wilhoit. November, 2004.
- *Guideposts,* “The Ride Of My Life,” May, 2001: Ghostwritten for Ron Childers.
- *Guideposts,* “Doctor In Waiting,” January, 2001: Ghostwritten for Leslie Smith.
- *Luminaros,* “God, Did You Forget Me?” June, 1995: Reprint in Spanish of Marija Topalovic’s story.
- *Guideposts,* “God, Did You Forget Me?” September, 1994: Ghostwritten for Marija Topalovic
- *Guideposts,* “Now Winston Wears Shoes,” December, 1992.
- *Guideposts,* “Saving a Life—Mine!” October, 1992: Ghostwritten for Pat Pathkiller
    - *Guideposts,* “Free Me From My Wrath,” May, 1992: Ghostwritten for Brooks Douglass.
    - *Guideposts,* “I’ll Never Forget You Grandma Lewis,” October, 1991: Ghostwritten for Bill Trimper.
- *Focus On The Family,* “Families On A Roll,” February, 1991
- *Guideposts,* “The Quiet People,” April, 1990.
- *Guideposts,* “Grandma’s House,” March, 1990: Ghostwritten for Ruth Dowdell.
- *Byline,* “Breaking Into The Inspirational Market,”

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- *Guideposts,* "My Good and Faithful Friends," November, 1988: Ghostwritten for Mary Gladys Baker.
- *Guideposts,* "The Man in the Tree," March, 1988: Ghostwritten for Delta Ralls. Also included in a Guideposts book.
- *American Journal of Nursing,* "Cardiac Rehab: Still Running or Standing Still?" September, 1988.
- *Guideposts*, "The Case of the Mailman and the Invisible Shield," March, 1987: Ghostwritten for Mike Bigler.

Recent Presentations

2013-2017 Co-Founder Write Well, Sell Well OKC
2014-1017 Write Well, Sell Well Writer's Intensives

Education

2002 Master's Degree in Practical Ministry
Wagner Leadership Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1979 Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma

Perfecting the Craft

2005-2012
Screenwriting Conference — Santa Fe, New Mexico

2004
Glorieta Christian Writer's Conference — Glorieta, New Mexico

2003, October
Act One: Writing for Hollywood — Hollywood, California
Santa Fe Screenwriter's Conference — Santa Fe, New Mexico

2002
Santa Fe Screenwriter's Conference — Santa Fe, New Mexico

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1994	
Roundtable Writer's Conference	Dallas, Texas
1993	
Guideposts Mini-Workshop	New York City
1992	
Professionalism in Writing	Tulsa, Oklahoma
1991	
Professionalism in Writing	Tulsa, Oklahoma
1991	
Guideposts Mini-Workshop	New York City, New York
1990	
Amarillo Pen Women	Amarillo, Texas
1990	
Professionalism in Writing	Tulsa, Oklahoma
1990	
Central State University, Children's Literature….	Edmond, Oklahoma
1989	
Guideposts Mini-Workshop	New York City, New York
1989	
Professionalism in Writing	Tulsa, Oklahoma
1988	
Guideposts Writing Workshop	Rye, New York
1987	
Professionalism in Writing	Tulsa, Oklahoma
1986	
Creative Writing Conference , City of Faith	Tulsa, University
1986-1989	
Studied creative writing	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1985	
O.U Short Course on Professional Writing	Norman, Oklahoma

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Chapter One

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One Man's Date with Destiny

Excerpt…

The jury's verdict rendered me speechless. The courtroom burst into a cacophony of sound, but all I heard were my four daughters sobbing, "No, Daddy, *no*!" I took one last look at my wife's stricken face before being led away handcuffed and shackled.

When I arrived at the county jail, there was no place for me to sleep, except on the floor with my head near the urinal. Men stepped over me to use it, and I shuddered each time I was showered with overspray. I lay awake on the cold, hard floor, hardly able to breathe for the stench, and realized that the nightmare I was living was real.

Life as I'd known it was over.

Nowhere in my dreams for the future had I imagined this scenario.

On June 5, 1963, I had graduated from the Air Force Academy and received my commission from President John F. Kennedy. The sky seemed the limit for me, and I spent plenty of time in the skies as I flew over 3,000 hours. My career soared as I gained the rank of Captain, Pilot, and Aircraft Commander flying from bases in Alaska, Spain, England, and Japan. I won numerous awards and medals before opting out of the service after Vietnam.

It was the beginning of what they call the "Financial Planning Movement." I had a nice nest egg, and was one of four people to start a corporation called Capital Planning Associates. I attended one of the first meetings to form an association for financial

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planning, and I became their first national president. Two years later, I was the chairman of the board. My associates and I were often flown to Wall Street for meetings with people who were considering acquisitions or joint ventures with us. Our corporation was one of the leaders in the field, and I was one of the top earners. In 1972, we had somewhere around $2 million in sales. The following year our sales reached $100 million.

The wheels began to fall off in 1975 with the Arab oil crisis. Interest rates soared to 15%, which looked good compared to the 20 to 25% range they reached later in the government's desperate attempt to keep inflation under control.

When you have tens of millions of dollars borrowed at variable interest rates, you have a problem. That's $700,000.00 extra interest a year per $10 million for a seven percent increase on an annual basis. And we had an $83 million dollar bond. We didn't have enough cash reserved….

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