



Grief recovery handbook reviews

John James and Russell Friedman's grief recovery manual is an invaluable tool for treating emotional pain and loss. It saved me after my parents died and my divorce, which all happened all at once. He shows us how to write letters of sorrow to our dear loved one and read it to the listener. This simple eye contact with another man, who just needs to keep quiet and accept our grief, pain and tears yes, creates astonishing healing. That's why... God has put tear ducts in our eyes, says Dr John Townsend. If you have lost a sweetheart, you can buy only 2 copies, find a grieving partner who also had a loss and follow the book. Letters of sorrow can be clear to you, and then you will be complete and healed. You may not need this blog. But I had a childhood trauma, and neither my parents, nor my ex, were clearly loved. There was a lot of muddy pain and pain; I'm stuck with the death of a lesser loved one. I had to walk an intricate path to figure out how to grieve. From Don't Try This at Home, Chapter 5 (not yet on my New Book tab) ... It was March 2009 and my choir pool friend Steve was in a sea of emotional pain from his wife's death; I advised him back in 2008. I thought it was my problem to replace my ex with a new romance, so I got their second book, Moving On. [FN1] But Steve, always an engineer, was determined to deal with the pain scientifically. He looked at the book and bought me another copy. This is an emotion retraining program, he announced. You need it, too. [FN2] So began our three-year saga with the Manual of Recovery from Grief or GRH as Steve gladly called it. We wanted to get off the train of pain, and bad ones. Heartbreak is like a flat tire. Waiting for time to heal your heart without taking action, it's like waiting for the air to jump back into a flat tire, grh begins. That's what the grieving process does. It's an action we can take... First comes the action, the feelings follow, it repeats itself. Do not wait for you to act until you feel better; you'll never feel better if you don't act. Most of what you know about emotional distress is wrong, the book announces next - we all specifically taught Six Myths that are a hoax. These myths make grieving difficult, forcing us to continue to carry pain around, often for life: 1. Do not feel bad. (Jon't feel. Feelings are bad. Fill it up.) 2. Replace the loss. (Get a new spouse, just like a new cat.) 3. Grieve I (Go to your room. Grief is rude. You're bad.) 4. Just give him time. (Just sit there; will peek into the tire.) 5. Be strong for others. (Your feelings don't matter, nor do you.) 6. Be busy. (Distractions help us cram it in.) In a glossy Article Pay Me Now or Pay Me Later, James and Friedman compare the heart to a car engine. It is an imperfect world, despite the fantasies of perfectionists, so loss and pain often begin at an early age. You may recognize a title from an advertising slogan for an automotive product a few years ago, they write. The idea was that if you spent a little money on maintenance now, you might save a huge amount by replacing the whole engine later. [FN3] There was no change in the oil filter now or buy a brand new engine later. As we go through life, they say, stuffing when we're hurt instead of grieving, this crud builds up around our hearts break or divorce, and we don't realize it, but it triggers all those past pains that we've never grieved. Our hearts break from the inside – but our heart is so hard outside, because of the fat crud, that we can't see out, so let's go in the tail. Now we're in big trouble and with decades cruding around our hearts. What to do? Grieve thoroughly for today's loss; this can also help grieve for the past, they advise. Immediately after the loss, we have a direct path to our relationship experiences, they say. Death and divorce both tend to trigger memories of emotional aspects of relationships that may never have been communicated or completed... But as time sos on, those memories are harder to access, so we need to start now. Otherwise the accumulation of emotional 'crud' around the heart almost automatically tends to cause us to limit or limit the type of interactions that require an open, caring heart. We're becoming incapable of really connecting with safe people, so we're only finding more bad relationships. Grief Letters, Grief Partners What about the action? That's what you asked for. [There is something wrong with my software; click on the image to the right of my 2009 cartoon Flatten Me. GRH details actions that are concrete, detailed, extensive and time-consuming – i.e. credible and frightening as hell. We would have to chart the history of losses detailing the most pain (bese); and then write a separate Letter ending the recovery of grief to each of these individuals. – p145.) We start with the individual we feel the most pain (bese) and then write a separate Letter ending the recovery of grief to each of these individuals. – p145.) We start with the individual we feel the most pain (bese) and then write a separate Letter ending the recovery of grief to each of these individuals. about and chart relationships about big losses related specifically to them. let's abstract incidents in the individual's relationship chart into recovery of grief (Letter of Sorrow hereinafter) to that person. Then we turn the components for that person. Then we turn the components into a letter of end to the recovery components into a letter of end to the recovery of grief (Letter of Sorrow hereinafter) to that person. relation to whom we have felt significant loss or pain! Doing all this will take a big bite out of our lives, and we moaned about it in advance: Good grief, Charlie Brown. Complicated? Overwhelming? Sure. But wait - there's more! We also need a Grieving Partner to join us in doing all these homework. They have to meet with us weekly so we can read our homework; and then later read our Sorrow Letters to each other. It takes as many weeks, or months, until we felt we were seen enough and heard to ease the pain. To be fair, James and Friedman don't want anyone to stuff him, so they urge readers who really can't find a partner to make their own steps if necessary. Nevertheless, they make it clear that the partnership provides the best relief. I was the only way to be relieved. That's why I tell people that God put tear ducts in our eyes, I read two years later in a book by Dr. John Townsend. Sadness is a relational experience, and your pain must be seen face to face with another person. Someone should be watching us cry, and we should be looking at him or her. Then we know we are not alone and that our tears are seen and heard. July. Steve and I immediately saw that the partner would be the key; so we hated starting all that homework without getting leads on our partners. What if we get too far ahead, with no one working with us? Now the real fun has become our dark buzzword. We couldn't work with each other; Mourning some details with the opposite sex was too embarrassing. We needed a girlfriend for me and a guy for him. I went to a local hospice and community groups looking for others in grief who also needed relief, while Steve wondered in the office and choir. But it soon became clear that people did not like to admit feelings like this, or if they did, that they had the (as society requires) to reduce losses and put on a happy face. I'm too pressed for time after all to get into grief much - let alone systematically and scientifically. After two months of searching, at the end of June 2009, The New York Times reported that 1,000 People's 1,000 People's 1 attended weekly hospice meetings for the bereaved, but I was too embarrassed to discuss my divorce because I had no children, or that Mom's death because of my terrible run-in with her. The official pamphlet hospice described this as a complex sadness and said it was particularly difficult; GRH called it the loss of a lesser loved one and agreed it was difficult. With all these people crying about how much they miss their loving parent, I'm afraid to upset them by discussing their nasty feelings, I said. I don't fit in anywhere, not even here. You're not a freak, he replied. Just because you have complex grief doesn't mean you're imposing on other mourners. In the end, I asked Greg, as a professional, to sit down and hear me read my History of Loss Graf. Interesting coincidences began to occur. In December 2008, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison. I knew it so well that all the sopranos followed me, except when I sat between each chorus and melted in a pool of sobbing. A kind soprano took pity on me, invited me to a girl group and gave me her e-mail. I blocked it. The Loss History Graph I finally emailed Sherry Dexter in March and 18. I sat there every Wednesday and when it was my turn to speak I said: I'm in a lot of pain and I really need to work on this Grief Manual. Could any of you be my grieving partner? After two months of this Sherry could no longer hold on and at the end of June, two days after I spoke to my hospice consultant, she volunteered to be my Grieving Partner. Suddenly I had two people to hear my chart of the history of loss. On July 3rd, I took a room on the beach for the summer and had on my first assignment, my loss history graf. This opener is not about any person in our lives, but about a list of all the major losses we have ever felt. I didn't know it, but I ran into the ocean for a reason; This was supposed to be too much without any comfort. The exercise delighted me; I saw that I had a lifetime of loss. My emotional pain and losses came back as far as conscious thought was concerned and they just kept coming. Graf was assigned to fit on one page, but I needed two and that would only hold my worst losses in my smallest scribbles. My first memory was swallowing a coin for about 4 years; I'm also the other terrifying experiences with my mum aged 4.5 and 6 in Chapter 3. At 5 my best friend Helen next door fell off our swing, broke her arm and was never allowed into our backyard again; I was devastated. When I was nine, I smashed a lamp and was told I had ruined an invaluable inheritance. During the Cuban missile crisis, being easying under the school pews made me feel somehow more terrified than the other kids and I'm completely in agony. Then came the assassination of JFK that terrified me to the point that for no reason anyone could figure it out, I started crying and sobbed in my room for weeks. Finally Dad came in and said, That's enough now, cut it off. Mum and he were unhappy when I cried as a child and it was a signal to keep quiet. Besides, Dad didn't show up for the graph. I wrote on the margin of Never Home; he never told the truth that Mom was crazy, not me; I never stood up for me. My high school boyfriend Jim got so depressed when his brother committed murder, Jim broke up with me. Being shunned by Jim was my first major long-lasting romantic date; I was absolutely devastated. I cried and hid in my home for a year. No one, led by me, could understand why my fall was so great; The rejection seemed like the ground had fallen at my feet. I haven't actually recovered from it in many years; I just kept moving. When I was 19, I met my college, Beau Larry; Then I fled to Japan when I was 21, graduated from medical school in Manila, came home when I was 25 and was ostracised by my family when I stopped medicine. Losing that I couldn't see my sister alone anymore was an incredible amount of agony. Then I fled to Japan when I was 25, starting with a horrible abortion in 1982. In the first chart, there was no room for all the losses of the marriage; He would later get his own Larry Loss Graph and Larry Grief Letter. We then lost our international business due on September 11, 2001. When I finally left our home in the East in 2006 and headed to California, I had to add to the loss of my house and home, all my friends, a 25-year singing career, a beloved pianist (truly unique), and all the finances in bankruptcy. What followed was the losses I got in two nasty comeback affairs. My jaw dropped as the loss after the Ithe with all that glorious music and world travel! My heart is like a car that was in total approximately at birth, and I never got any gas or oil, but I just kept driving, I wrote. I've ridden in the Grand Prix to the moon and back a few times - and now I'm opening the hood, and my engine is crumbling onto the tarmac in a pile of rust. In the margin of Loss Graph, I wrote: Unwanted pregnancy would accept all this to get any self-checking like in 'Yes, you're okay for being born.' You're useful for something in the world. You need to prove that you have a right to exist, contrary to the message you received. On July 8th I had my first Grief Partner meeting with Sherry and when I came to the JFK assassination, she knocked me on my heels saying: But it's okay to cry! No one's ever in he didn't say something like that; I was alone No words. I always thought crying was the ultimate sin and depravity. Well, it was certainly the catchment of life— so I spilled the water I did. I regretted for about 20 minutes while she held my hand, and continued to moan for the next year or two. I will always love Sherry Dexter until I die for what she did for me that day. It's literally the deepest emotional release of my life. He came to a place where I would cry when I saw her, which became a jeg between us. Long after two years later when Sherry showed up for one of my concerts, all I had to do was catch a glimpse of her in the third row and I started whining. And she'd beam at me. On July 15, my calendar says, I finished my Loss History Graph and read it twice, to my hospice counselor at noon and then to Sherry at 4:30. Flatten me Next came the question: which relationship hurts the most - which letter of sadness to write first? I've been with my parents. My divorce was the latest hit and crisis that has thrown me into this whole mess. On the other hand, Mom was the first person I met (ghost) and the most painful relationship possible. On July 20th, I met Greg again at the hospice and he agreed that I'd better start with my mom. You can't get around the grief; Pain is why you're here. The only way out is to get through it and grieve, he said. You still have to do it because you have spent so much time doing other things to avoid doing it. So, now: Grieve. They're going to flatten you for a few days. Then you'll be done. As GRH directs, I took my mom's items from my life chart of loss history and turned them into a Graf of relationships with my mom. On July 22, I read Graf about my relationship first to Greg the professional and later that day to Sherry. Since the incidents on my relationship graph, I've written down my mom's recovery components. Recovery component incidents must then be identified as modifications (incidents for which I must atone), forgiveness (I love you, I hate you, etc.). The following had to be turned into my Mama Grief Letter. It opened the trap door to a flood of terrible pain, more than I ever wanted to know I had, and it was all heavily accumulated crud around my heart. For days in a row I stared at the sun or moon on the ocean through the balcony of my bedroom window and demanded to know Here is so beautiful; How can I feel so terrible? I'm living the dream in California; Why do I feel like I want to die? Why does this hurt so much? How an I ever going to get through this? Well, it's just one letter, I told myself. This is going to be rough. It will flatten you,' he says. You're going to feel really bad, forcing yourself to remember how bad Mom is. you, you. But this is final, and when you are done with this task and have the exact letter written, rigorously according to the instructions, and read the letter to the person, you will be done with pain. I drew a self-portrait of a stick figure with the big hand-distorted words Flatten Me! and with this line of markings: Don't jump – Just play the flute as they walk through the wall of fire, unharmed, to their goal. It seemed preferable to jump from the second floor balcony in pain. I didn't want to do it; My intentions were good. It was all an accident. A letter to recover my mom's grief recovery letter, grh said, should only be a few pages, but my losses were so huge that I disobeyed instructions on the is the word, so don't go past me on the issue. First we make redemption for that individual, for everything we regret what we did or didn't do respecting them, which remains unresolved. We do it to make sure we don't demonize anyone, and because without full redemption, we can't let go of the guilt or longing to do what we failed to do. Second, we write down our Forgiveness just in case we feel they have hurt us. GRH instructs us to only record objects with the intention of reading at first, but they insist that we try and just see what our feelings do. We must take action; they insist: Actions first, feelings follow. Third, in Significant Emotional Statements we say anything else that has to be said for us to communicate key non-communicate demotions, such as I Love You, I Hate You, I'm Very Depressed About XYZ and so on. Here are some excerpeds from my Letter of Sorrow to my mom, read 27. I put a number of statements from the books about the attachment that I read on which I became very emotional, thinking that I would have to read these objects until I no longer felt so bad or I just got bored with it all. This proved to be a very important concept. Dear Mom, I've been fighting to talk to you since you died. Here are the things I have to tell you, because we all have immortal souls. Changing mom, I apologize if I got too smart too young, became obnoxious, answered back and hurt my feelings. Mom, I apologize for cheating on my kindergarten homework and erasing my B grade to make a higher grade; Mom, I apologize for resenting you. towards me. Mom, I apologize for resenting you. towards me. Mom, I apologize for resenting you. running away with Larry. Mom, I apologize for all the years that I rarely could stay calm when I talked to you and I often lost patience or nerves. I'm sorry, Mom, I forgive you for texting me that I was unwanted, so I often wondered as a child, why did you have a baby if you didn't want one? Mom, I forgive you for texting me that I was unwanted, so I often wondered as a child, why did you have a baby if you didn't want one? he cries and no one reacts, he dies. I forgive you that the message was still, that no one would ever answer. Mom, I forgive you for not, whether I got A's or not, whether I finished medical school or not. Mom, I forgive you for being hysterical at the drop of a hat, so I felt responsible for upsetting you. I forgive you for thinking that the saber-rattly tiger was always there, so I always had to be in a fight, a run, a fear of a way to panic. Mom, I forgive you for constantly saying it was my responsibility to do X, y or z to make you happy, so I always had to be like Avis and try harder to try to control uncontrollably: your anxiety. Mom, the theory of self-deed cohesion says that a child has a compelling need to look in her mother's face and see a reflective back, eyes that say you're wonderful and the smile it says makes me happy. Mom, I forgive you for telling me for about the smile it says makes me happy. Mom, I forgive you for telling me for about the smile it says makes me happy. four years that you don't love my friend Michelle because she's not your daughter, but you like her; however, you love me because I am your daughter—but you don't like me. [And so on with all the many items on my losing graph] Mom, I forgive you for locking dad up every night in a controlled approach and making him so uncomfortable, he never wanted to come home. Mom, I forgive you for being so hostile while Dad was in the hospital dying that I almost couldn't visit him. Mom, I forgive you weeks of hostility and hysteria while you were in hospice and I took care of you until the end. Significant emotional statements mom, I wish we had much better communication and connection. Mom, I've always had unrealized hopes and dreams that one day we'd mend fences, that we could forget the past... and then you'd finally say you'd fully embrace my life and say, OK, I accept you, you're my daughter and I love you. Mom, thank you for Bluebird Mobile. Mom, thank you for having my little sister Linda and when I told Gimme, the day you brought her home from the hospital, thank you for letting me hold her even though I was only 4 1/2 years old. Thank you for letting her play with me and my friends and letting me share her in life and be my best friend and love each other so much. Mom, thank you for those wonderful walks in the park with the sun's fleas shining through the high trees and watching the creek and stream rocks mom, Thank you for not telling Linda and me with the sleds in the snow to buy Christmas trees and bring them home and trim trees so nicely because no matter what the neighbors said, the kids should have Christmas trees and bring that the lilacs were always blooming for my birthday Mom, thank you for reading me all that poetry. Mom, thank you for reading me so many books and for always expanding my vocabulary OK Mom, I love you very much and I'm glad we could remember all this for which we can be grateful. Beauty and pain are so mixed; but it can be excessive. Beauty has worked wonders in my life, but the pain and beauty began so young, that sometimes the irrational blurring of the line between joy and pain, lack of stable grounding and excess almost destroyed me many times. Now I really have to let go of all the pain and all the excess, and find a rest. Rest gently, Mom; - At the end of my first reading of this to Greg at the hospice, then I read a text from Keats's Ode on the Greek urn - Beauty is truth, truth is beauty. That's all you know on earth and everything you need to know. Then I broke down crying for the N's time, in the conflict between pain and beauty. I tripped downstairs, collapsed on a metal lawn chair in the hospice yard, cried a little more, fell asleep for two hours in broad daylight, then called Steve and said, I just buried my mom today. == Friedman, Russell, Moving On: Dump your relationship baggage and make room for the love of your life, M. 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