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shares the personal stories of ten bereaved men as they cope with the trauma of losing their spouse.

"Nothing can bring your dear wife back, but there are ways to comfort yourself. Other men have figured it out, and so can you. From learning how to live by yourself successfully to deciding to remarry, there are numerous paths you can take to rebuild your life. The men interviewed in this book have shared their stories in the hope that what they've gone through will help you, the new widower, cope with your loss."

-excerpt from The Widower's Guide to a New Life

Whether your loss is recent or you've been without your wife for several years, this book will help you handle some of the most common challenges facing widowers, including:

- how to console yourself through friends, work and prayer;
- how to start over in terms of new activities, dating, and social life; and
- how to know when and if another love relationship is right for you.

Guidelines are provided at the end of each section to help the grieving widower begin a new and fulfilling life.

The book is divided into four parts. Part One deals with grieving. Part Two is concerned with consoling yourself. Part Three discusses starting over. Part Four focuses on the "new life."

The author deals with the big issues, such as being alone on holidays, self-esteem, loneliness, aging, socialization, venturing out, and falling in love again. She also deals with the nitty-gritty, little issues, such as learning to cook, caring for children, and cleaning out the closet. The book also contains a helpful index.

The author is not only knowledgeable about the subject of her book, but also she has thoroughly researched, and more important, as a widow, has lived a parallel form of it.

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