



Inside *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Cancer Book*

For millions of people worldwide, a cancer diagnosis can feel like a death sentence. It's compounded by feelings of loneliness and isolation, prompting many patients to withdraw from friends and family. But what if cancer inspired you to do just the opposite? What if it meant a call to community outreach, a mended family relationship, or a fresh perspective on life's priorities? *Chicken Soup for the Soul®* has brought cancer patients and their loved ones the courage and strength to face the disease head-on.

"For those of us who have been in the "cancer club" – as survivors or family members – the stories in this book are not just brilliant and moving and often funny. They reach down in a variety of ways and touch us in the deepest place, where fear and hope reside."

- Jonathan Alter, *Newsweek*

Contributor Demographics

- Stories from 60 women and 40 men
- Contributor ages ranges:
 - Children & teens: 11-19 (14)
 - Twenty-somethings: 20-29 (18)
 - Adults: 30-39 (24), 40-49 (20)
 - Boomers & beyond: 50-59 (14), 60+ (10)
- Personal stories from 25 states: New York (13), California (12), Massachusetts (9), New Jersey (7), Pennsylvania (5), Michigan (5), Washington (4), Connecticut (3), Maryland (3), Utah (3), Florida (3), Illinois (3), Indiana (3), North Carolina (3), Georgia (2), Colorado (2), Kansas (2), Oklahoma (2), Texas (2), Alabama (1), Ohio (1), Minnesota (1), Virginia (1), Tennessee (1) Arizona (1)
- Personal stories from four other countries : Canada (4), Germany (2), Guam (1), India (1)
- Stories touch on nearly 30 types of cancer: Breast (24), Non-Specific (19), Brain (6), Neuroblastoma (5), Childhood Leukemia (5), Hodgkin's Lymphoma (5), Colorectal (4, plus Elizabeth Bayer's memoir), Lung (4), Leukemia (3), Ovarian (3), Bladder (2), Kidney (2), Myelodysplasia (2), Prostate (2), and more.

Notable contributors

- Sean Swarner - Two-time teenaged cancer survivor, first survivor to summit Everest and person in the world diagnosed with both Hodgkin's disease and Haskin's sarcoma, author of *Keep Climbing* (Atria Books), sought after inspirational speaker
- Hester Hill Schnipper - Chief of Oncology Social Work at Boston's BIDMC, two-time breast cancer survivor, author of *After Breast Cancer: A Common Sense Guide to Life After Treatment* (Bantam)
- Marc Silver - Journalist, *National Geographic*, author of *Breast Cancer Husband* (Rodale)
- Matthew Zachary - Founder/CEO, I'm Too Young for This! (www.ImTooYoungForThis.org)
- Barry Katz - Founder, Lotsa Helping Hands (www.lotsahelpinghands.com)
- Dave Balch - Founder, The Patient/Partner Project (www.thePPP.org)
- Oncology field professionals -
 - Lillie Shockney, R.N., BS., MAS - Oncology nurse, breast cancer survivor, and Distinguished Service Assistant Professor of Breast Cancer
 - Mark McKinlay, Ph.D. - Chief Scientific Officer: TetraLogic Pharmaceuticals
 - Pius Kamau, M.D. - Denver-based doctor for nearly 30 years, has contributed to *The Denver Post*, NPR and other national media
 - Paul Winick, M.D. - Practiced pediatrics for 45 years, currently teaches pediatrics at the University of Miami School of Medicine
 - Glen J. Bubley, M.D. - Oncologist at Harvard teaching hospital for 30 years, specializing in prostate cancer
 - Sharon Parkes, R.N. - Oncology Nurse at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston
 - Michelle Lau, M.D. - Oncology Fellow at Harvard University