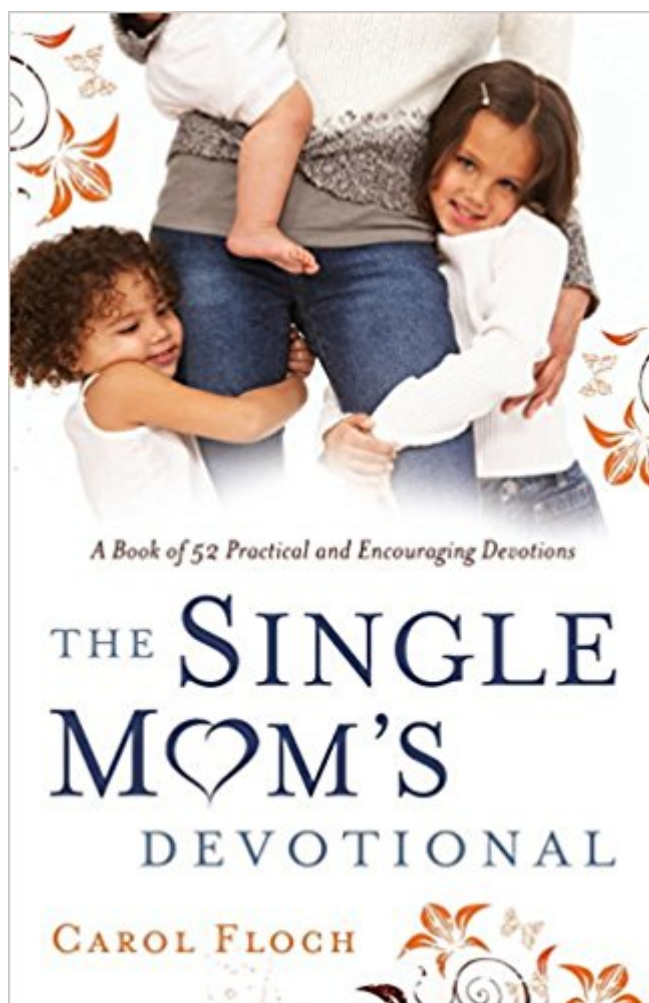


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The Single Mom's Devotional: A Book Of 52 Practical And Encouraging Devotions



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Single mothers, whether on their own after a divorce or a husband's death, will discover how to find true life in Christ and allow the strength of that inner life to be the compass by which they navigate an unpredictable future.

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Customer Reviews

When Carol Floch realized that her marriage was about to end and that she was about to join the ranks of moms raising their children on their own, she could not stop crying. She mourned her shattered hopes and the loss of the family she had always dreamed of. But mostly, Carol cried for her children. Into her grief, regret and fear, God's Spirit came with a message from Psalm 84: "Build your nest near My altar, and I will be your children's source of security, protection, provision and blessing." In *The Single Mom's Devotional*, Carol tells her story and shares how to build your family's "nest" in the protective shadow of God's presence. Whether you are on your own following a divorce or after a husband's death, you will discover how to find true life in Christ and how to allow the strength of that inner life to be the compass by which you navigate an unpredictable future. Near God's altar • the cross of Christ • is where you'll find life through relinquishment, power through dependence and hope through surrender. You will experience daily security and hope as you nourish your soul and nurture your children in the nest you build, day by day, near the altar of God. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Carol Floch has ministered to women in every stage of life for more than 25 years. She has written Bible studies and numerous articles for Focus on the Family's Single Parent magazine; has led retreats, workshops, and support groups; and has mentored women.

I have been a single mom for 15+ years and am now in single mom ministry. I came across this book at a local book store on clearance. It has been the best book I have read in a long time. Not just for single moms but ANYONE who has hurts to heal, wants to draw closer to God and wants practical ways to help their children do the same. I loved the book so much I ordered several (paying full price) and gave them as door prizes at Oklahoma's Survive-N-Thrive, a regional summer conference for single moms. I plan to do the same in November for Jingle Jangle, a single mom holiday event. This is a keeper that I will read and reread over the years.

This book has been such a gift for me. I have been a single mom to two little girls for the past three years. My family lives overseas, my former spouse disappeared out of our life. Both facts gave me an important lesson on self reliance. All single moms are human beings. All of us deal with fear, self doubt, exhaustion, worry. And that is why Carol Floch's book comes to our rescue. Carol has been there, she had done that. She has a compassion and at the same time she knows what an overwhelmed single mom needs. A reassurance, encouragement, love, patience, faith. Her book offers all this plus much more. This book always picks me up when I am feeling low. I highly recommend it. Another book that I found helpful is The Suddenly Single Mother's Survival Guide by L. Patricia Kite. Both books will lift up your spirit. Each in a different way.

This book is absolutely wonderful. Carol so eloquently describes the apprehensions and fears we face as we endeavor upon single motherhood. The stories are so relevant, interwoven with real situations I have either faced or am facing. This is much more than a daily feel-good snippet seen in most daily devotionals. These devotionals could be used throughout a week. Each devotional has a couple of pages addressing some of the many issues faced by single moms, such as Fear of the Future, Redefining Life, Disappointments, Forgiving the Unforgivable, Trust, Waiting, Injustice, Running on Empty, Worry, Shame, and even Forgetfulness. Each of the 52 devotionals is broken into parts: A two-page reading, multiple relevant verses, topics for reflection, introspective questions that relate the topic into finding our place at His Altar (a theme throughout), suggested activities to involve your child(ren), and a place for writing notes. Her introductory writings tug at my heartstrings:

"How is it possible to be numb and feel pain at the same time?" (page 15), "God condescended to meet us at the broken places of our lives." (page 20), "Life... was like being shipwrecked during an extended hurricane season." (page 139), "When other relationships and roles are stripped away, the cross of Christ remains fixed in time." (page 28). There is so much identification, application and encouragement all bundled up into this treasure. When it seems like the most vocal and well-respected Christian writers and speakers are part of intact traditional family structures, this book provides biblically-based encouragement from someone who really understands the heart of a single mom, as one who walks in our shoes daily.

I HIGHLY recommend this book!! Yes, it's title implies that it's for single mom's (and it's wonderfully/awesome for those walking that journey), but it's SO much more!! This morning I've read and reread the first chapter FIVE times! It's got that much goodness in it!! This book is a must-have devotional book!! The first chapter alone is worth the price of the book!! It's not just a "feel good" book that you can read quickly and then go about your day never giving it another thought. It's rich with truths you can "sink your teeth into". Here's just a tiny bit of what Carol says in chapter one: "Relate God's name and His character to your child (and to yourself!) as you discuss situations or challenges your child is facing. What name of God does your child need to rely on today?" I've decided, since there are 52 chapters, that I'll read a chapter each Monday and then reread that chapter every day that week. Hopefully I'll have digested every single bit of wonderfulness in it by the end of the year. Thanks for writing it! I can't imagine the horror of walking that path with 3 little girls..... but look what God did on the other side!! Sheila

I looked online for a devotional for my massage therapist who is a single mother. This one caught my eye. I received a text from her between appointments telling me that this book was helping her more than I could ever know. When I saw her at my next appointment she told me she was often moved to tears while reading it and that she had just received a text from her sister to whom she had loaned the book. Her sister's text simply said she'd taken the book to work with her and should have brought tissues. Although my babies are grown and gone, I think I will ask her if I can read this when she's through loaning it out.

I'm doing my single mom support group around this book

really enjoy reading this devotional, i do like that it has interaction with your child. my child is two so

some of the activities are more for older kids. but all in all i really am enjoying it.

Great in addressing the areas that single moms have to deal with. Highly recommended.

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