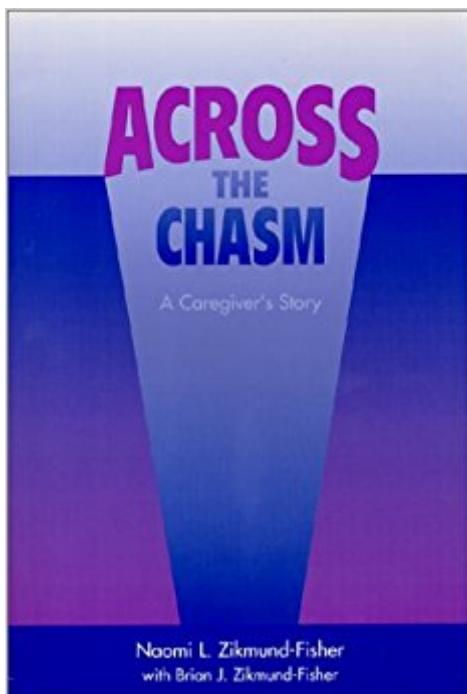


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Across The Chasm: A Caregiver's Story



Synopsis

Many fine books have been written by bone marrow or stem cell transplant survivors, but Across the Chasm: A Caregiver's Story offers a unique glimpse of the transplant experience - as seen through the eyes of a caregiver. Twenty-seven-year-old Naomi Zikmund-Fisher was six months pregnant with her first child when she learned that her husband needed a bone marrow transplant. In the two years that followed, she grappled with the fear, exhaustion, anger, uncertainty, exhilaration and disappointments that are the core of the caregiver's experience. Across the Chasm chronicles Zikmund-Fisher's day-to-day life, as she struggled to care for her husband, raise a young child, and maintain her sanity. With humor and candor, she offers a vivid picture of the emotions and challenges caregivers face.

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Across the Chasm gives an honest view of what caregivers go through daily, things only a caregiver knows and experiences. -- Jen Friedhoff, Caregiver for a Transplant Patient Across the Chasm is an excellent resource for caregivers and those who want to understand what caregivers feel and need.

-- Susan Stewart, Editor, Blood & Marrow Transplant Newsletter Naomi's book captures the transplant experience, and give words to the experience of families traveling the same journey. -- Moreen Shannon-Dudley, Director of Social Services, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

Across the Chasm is recommended reading for caregivers, as well as for patients, family and friends who are anxious to understand what a caregiver feels and needs.

While there is some good information I can glean from this for our circumstances, I found this to be very case-specific, and not as universal in its assistance. Well written, and I pray this couple is doing well now.

This book took longer to receive than any of the other books I have purchased.

For those interested in a truly honest account of the transplant experience, as seen through the eyes of a devoted wife, this is a real page-turner. It describes the challenges and frustration they endure, her determination to make her husband a survivor so that he can see their baby grow up, and is sprinkled with a sense of humor that will make you laugh. It doesn't sugar-coat the experience, but does help the reader to understand a lot of what people can expect to go through, hopefully preparing them to better deal with it themselves, if they need to.

Naomi Zikmund Fisher's book was a wonderful read. You want to know how the story ends. Ms. Zikmund-Fisher gives you the human face of a caregiver and the energy it takes to be one--not a white-washed version of the transplant process. You share her and her families fears and uncertainties. You also experience her joys and successes along the way. It contains practical information for caregivers and the friends who love and want to support those involved.

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