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How much impact can someone have on your life if you've never met them face to face?

In this electronic age of E-mails, electronic publishing, and social networks, quite a lot.

Through his emails, stories and blog, author Patric Michael has touched numerous hearts, minds and lives from the start of his career and further as he now takes us along on his journey to battle cancer.

Along the way, Patric shows us a side of life that not many truly see-- how we are all a part of something larger than just ourselves, and how we are each touched by others for the betterment of all.

Now, those that have been touched by Patric and his words have joined together to give something back, to him and to us all through something he values highly – words.

In this compilation, short stories, poems, and anecdotes combined with excerpts from Patric's blog and a few entertaining, educational group posts reveal, and celebrate, the man who has touched so many hearts and minds.

This collection is a gift from all our hearts to celebrate Patric and give strength (and a little levity) to others. The price reflects this; no one is receiving royalties or payment from the sales. Use it to celebrate life, celebrate words, and possibly inspire someone who needs it.

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Leyna says

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Morgan says

i read a few short stories before school (i couldn't sleep) and i was crying. really crying with like snot and everything....not a good way to start a school day (you know how that kind of crying can give you headaches?) ~sigh~

so terribly sad.

still in process of reading though its a great read

Star says

I cried buckets

This really left me an emotional mess. I loved seeing how each person interpreted there thoughts on the subject and found Patric's way of seeing the world. He didn't hide his anger or fears and also his joys. I didn't see this book as inspirational but as someone who never gave up and learned. I like how he questioned everything to understand what was going on, so many people just except Doctors as gods. I see people with education in medicine, other see them as the answer and except anything their told. Not Patric he wanted to know what was being put in him and why. Loved this book

Cryselle says

I don't want to assign stars here -- the work should be beyond rating, because it's a true journey that Patric Michael allowed us to take with him, and it's painful, uplifting, and his. Punctuated with stories from other authors, this is a good reminder of our humanity and fragility, and it's still making me cry to think about, days later, but in a good way.

Trisha says

I don't think I can even begin to explain how much this book touched me. I hope all who read this book are as touched as I am.

Alex says

Overall

There is no way to rank this book, to judge it, to compare it to anything else. There are stories, some of them funny, some of them heart breaking (I'm looking at you Amy Lane). Between the stories (or perhaps the stories are in between) are blog posts following Patric Michael's experiences dealing with cancer and everything that goes with it.

This is a longer book as far as books in this genre go, and it took me a while to get through, one because I struggle with anthologies anyway, two because there are a lot of heavy topics on this book and three, I'll be honest, I was reading a lot of books at the time. I'm glad I continued through and finished it though. I'll be honest, I cried the last half an hour of reading.

Because my normal review style isn't appropriate, I'll be looking at the blog and the anthology separately.

Blog

Patric is a talented author and wrote some very lovely blog entries which illustrated his struggles, as well as some other entries that he wrote during that time that lightened the mood. Some of them were very difficult to read and some of them hit me over the head and told me to *wake up and live your life*. Sometimes they were one in the same. Sometimes they were sad, even if that wasn't their purpose. I'm glad they were shuffled in with stories because I couldn't have just read the blog straight through without going a little crazy from empathic stress!

Patric chose to print the blogs as they originally ran, so no editing was done, which made me twitch sometimes, but knowing about it ahead of time saved me from being growl-y. I don't know Patric, and I've only read one of his stories, but I have a strange (and false) sense of knowing him. Maybe it's more just knowing myself more now. I don't know, and I don't know if I'll ever have a chance to figure out which it was.

Anthology

As anthologies go, this was fairly strong. Some were hits, some were misses, but nothing terrible. "When Angels Fall" by ZA Maxfield and "Dreams of a Terrible Brightness" by Amy Lane were two of my favorites. I'm fairly certain there were others I enjoyed as I went, but those two jumped out the most to me. "When Angels Fall" was the happy ending I needed and "Dreams of a Terrible Brightness" (the one I wept over) was the horrible honest I needed.

This is a free book. Maybe it will help you understand others going through similar experiences. Maybe it will help you in your own struggles. Maybe it will just make you pause and consider all the wonderful things you have in life without heavily guilt you into it. I recommend everyone take the time to check this out.

You can find my other reviews on my blog.

Marsha Spence says

This review is just for Mary Calmes "Linchpin". Beautifully written and so poignant. It's heartbreaking but still somehow filled with hope.

Tamara (?) says

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Maddie Lowman says

I don't think I have ever read a more touching book than this. It's a book that I simultaneously couldn't put down, and couldn't continue reading, but in the end I read it all in one sitting. I am not ashamed to admit that it reduced me to tears, and nearly so even more than that once. Past the typos and punctuation errors that are present not only in the blog entries, but also in the short stories, there is so much "real" ness that they seem to fade away. This was a very intense read, and definitely worth all five stars that I've given it. Go read it. It will bring you to tears, and make you think exactly how much life should be appreciated and not taken for granted. Absolutely stunning.

Kerry says

There just are not any words for how this book touched me.

Lora says

Simply the most powerful collection I have ever read. I cried myself stupid, I admit it. An absolute must read.

ErinSC says

I *wish* that I had found and read this book sooner, as unfortunately Mr. Michael died last month. I also wish that I could explain how much this compilation touched me. The stories and tributes were beautiful, but Patric's blog entries were my undoing. He made me laugh, cry and alternately want to cheer for/rage at the various people in his life. I will try my best not to look away Mr. Michael, and always share a smile. The bleakness that his absence will bring will surely be far exceeded by shine left by his memory...even for those of us who never had the pleasure of knowing him.

OkayKim says

Just Being by Jamie Samms
Patric Hates AIM by Jacqueline Lichtenberg
When Angels Fall by ZA Maxfield
So If You're Sand, Not Rock by C. Zampa
In the Light by Lex Valentine
Technical Terms by Patric Michael
With this Flower by Karella Colcroft
The Silver Shard by Tame Adams
Is a Prostate Worth Finding? by Patric Michael
The Lost Ones by Victor J. Banis
Mushrooms by Brian Holliday
The Mentor by Jambrea Jo Jones
Linchpin by Mary Calmes
Stupid Human Sex Tricks by Patric Michael
Dragonfly by Jan Irving
A Tale of Three Curmudgeons by Jean Lorrah
Through the Mist by Chrissy Munder
Leaves by Moira McCain
The Better Part by Clare London
Holding Purpose by D.W. Marchwell
A Place to Belong by Taylor Lochland
Dreams of Terrible Brightness by Amy Lane

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Karin Wollina says

it isn't easy to rate this book. The stories are all thoughtful and touching and I liked them very much. But the story that is told by the blog entries something special. I am working in oncology for ages, with children and grown-up patients and always tried to be as good and understanding a doctor as Patric's Doc is, I know how important it is to take the patient seriously. And I really never knew how much the Fatigue is impairing in the day to day live.

I will give the book to friends of mine to read...

Thanks for telling this tale

adrienne says

don't read unless prepared to tear up.
