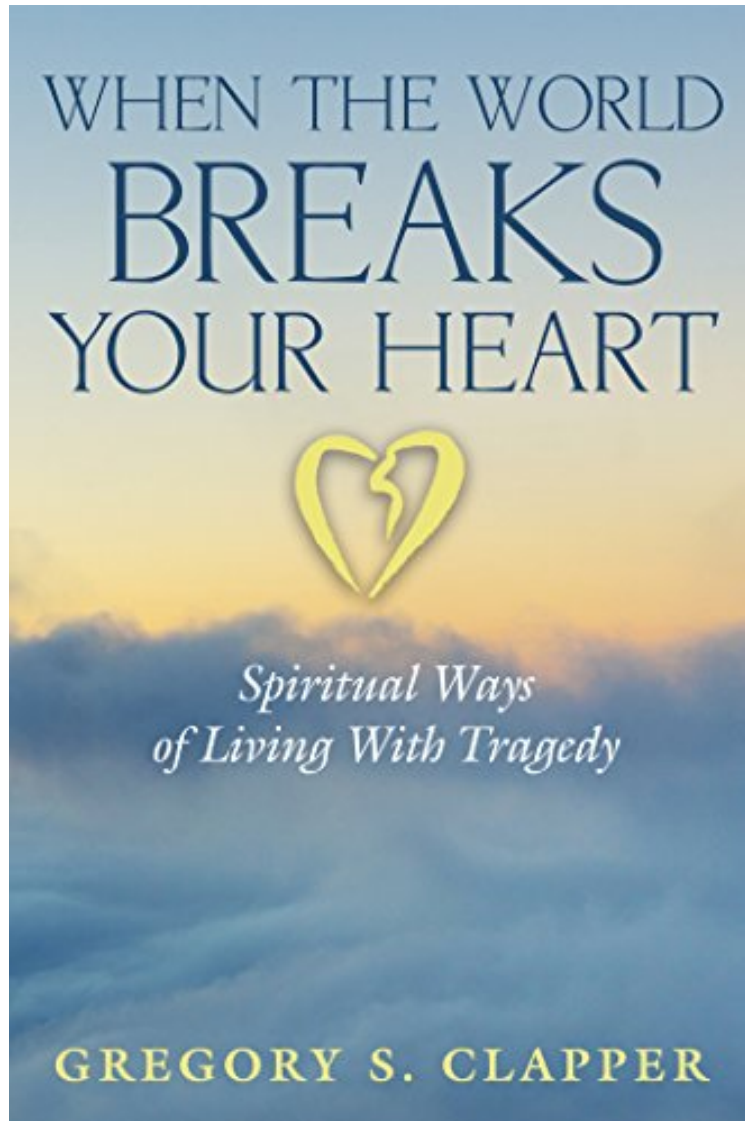


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hope in the midst of tragedy!Von Ein KundeGregory Clapper was an Air National Guard chaplain in Iowa when United

Airlines flight 232 crashed. Over one-hundred people. Clapper ministered to the families of the victims, those who survived, and even members of the various National Guard and governmental agencies involved in sifting the wreckage. His book is not a thrill-seeking story. It is a thoughtful spiritual reflection on the crash. Clapper examines small interactions and relationships. In these reflections Clapper offers six resources for living with tragedy, something which we cannot escape. His resources range from embracing the essential mystery of life to releasing the tears to living with hope. This evocative book brings forth tears and joy and a sense of God's reign in the midst of imperfection. Considering the numbers of tragic events (e.g., ethnic cleansing, high school and grade school shootings, natural disasters), this engrossing book is a must read. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Insightful Book for Survivors Von Ein Kunde This book feels real. It talks about faith and spiritual resources in order to live in the aftermath of the disasters that happen. That simply happen. No one's fault. Just there. I've lived through tornadoes, hurricanes, divorce, deaths. Enough to ask the "Why" question, but that seemed like the stuff of a never-ending all-night conversation. This book assumes that the horrors happen and then it helps people receive the spiritual resources to live through the tragedies. That may sound easy, but the author is not a fundamentalist with pat and trite answers. Clapper shows his intelligence by insisting that we accept the Mystery--not passively quitting, but actively accepting and living with Mystery. That is not an answer I've seen very many church preachers give, but the author builds well on this premise. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Helpful book for the tragic Von Ein Kunde Feels a little like reading the news online about the latest airplane tragedy, but the author is dealing with the aftermath of an airplane crash some time back. Despite the time difference, the author's focus on the spiritual ways to deal with tragedies (whether the crash of an airplane, a car accident, a tornado, a divorce) seems very helpful and should spark some conversation among religious people and religious seekers. How do we find the answers to the mystery of tragedy? Clapper does not offer anything easy, though he writes in a way that is comprehensible. A book worth reading before the tragedy happens.

Kurzbeschreibung When United Airlines Flight 232 crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1989, 112 people died, and 184 people survived. In this book Gregory S. Clapper, both a college professor and a chaplain in the National Guard, reflects on his ministry in the aftermath of this tragic event. Processing his chaplain experiences through the lens of his theological training, he reflects on six different resources from the Christian tradition that he saw transform people's lives during and after this tragedy. "This is a book that is transparent, in the best sense of the word. Pastorally oriented, it genuinely helps the Christian reader confront, think about, and deal with tragedy. It offers no easy explanations; rather, it is utterly straightforward, without pretension."--Roberta Bondi, Emory University "Throughout this book, [Clapper] delves into the mystery of suffering and how it has the potential to bring hope and healing, how our lack of control brings a sense of healthy humility and the amazing impact a gentle spirit has on those who require a tender touch."--Publishers Weekly "When the World Breaks Your Heart is worth more than a shelf-full of tomes on the preaching of funeral sermons, and more than a case of Advil for neck muscles that cramp as one pulls into hospital parking lots."--Anglican Theological "When the world breaks your heart--and who is able to avoid such pain--you will be encouraged by the strong word of confident faith in this book."--William H. Willimon, Duke University The Reverend Dr. Gregory S. Clapper is Professor of Religion and Philosophy at the University of Indianapolis, and he also teaches United Methodist History and Doctrine at Christian Theological Seminary. He earned degrees from Carthage College, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Emory University. While he continues his teaching career, he retired at the rank of Colonel from the Air National Guard after twenty-four years. During his military career he earned several decorations including the Iowa Meritorious Service Medal, the USAF Humanitarian Service Medal, two USAF Meritorious Service Medals, and the Legion of Merit. Dr. Clapper played himself in the ABC made-for-TV movie about the plane crash, *Crash Landing: The Rescue of Flight 232*, which starred Charlton Heston, Richard Thomas, and James Coburn (later released as *A Thousand Heroes*). His ministry after the crash was also prominently featured in the critically praised book *Flight 232: A Story of Disaster and Survival*, by Laurence Gonzales (2014). Kurzbeschreibung When United Airlines Flight 232 crashed in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1989, 112 people died, and 184 people survived. In this book Gregory S. Clapper, both a college professor and a chaplain in the National Guard, reflects on his ministry in the aftermath of this tragic event. Processing his chaplain experiences through the lens of his theological training, he reflects on six different resources from the Christian tradition that he saw transform people's lives during and after this tragedy. "This is a book that is transparent, in the best sense of the word. Pastorally oriented, it genuinely helps the Christian reader confront, think about, and deal with tragedy. It offers no easy explanations; rather, it is utterly straightforward, without pretension."--Roberta Bondi, Emory University "Throughout this book, [Clapper] delves into the mystery of suffering and how it has the potential to bring hope and healing, how our lack of control brings a sense of healthy humility and the amazing impact a gentle spirit has on those who require a tender touch."--Publishers Weekly "When the World Breaks Your Heart is worth more than a shelf-full of tomes on the preaching of funeral sermons, and more than a case of Advil for neck

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**Autorenkommentar** This has been well-reviewed and can help after tragedies. This book has found a receptive audience among those struggling with issues surrounding tragedy. There are questions at the end of each chapter which can be useful for either individual study or group use. Below is a review of the book by *Publisher's Weekly* which people might find informative.

Gregory S. Clapper of "When the World Breaks Your Heart: Spiritual Ways of Living With Tragedy" Gregory S. Clapper. Upper Room Books, \$9.95 paper (112p) ISBN 0-8358-0842-4 (Christianity/Spirituality) (This review is found in the April 26, 1999 edition of *Publisher's Weekly*) "Clapper (associate professor of religion and philosophy, University of Indianapolis, and associate director of the Center for Christian Vocation) was on his way to see a movie with his family when he noticed a plane flying low over the airport in Sioux City, Iowa. A dark cloud of smoke soon followed. Then came the radio announcement that United Airlines Flight 232, carrying 297 passengers, had crashed, leaving 113 dead. Clapper rushed to the scene, aiding the rescue workers in an attempt to pull survivors from the wreckage. In those hours following the crash, Clapper found himself being challenged to bring spiritual comfort and understanding to those around him. This text is a reflective look at the memories and lessons Clapper learned from this disaster and its aftermath of pain. The author quickly admits to feeling inadequate as he was called upon to deliver messages of hope to those injured both in body and spirit. He shares stories about relationships formed through mutual suffering and about his role as a spiritual leader and advocate. Throughout this book, he delves into the mystery of suffering and how it has the potential to bring hope and healing, how our lack of control brings a sense of healthy humility and the amazing impact a gentle spirit has on those who require a tender touch. Clapper writes with candor and obvious deep regard for those survivors whose courage has enriched his life immensely. (May)"