

# Author and Fatherless Advocate Maria Martinez Launches New Website for 'The Apple Tree Wish'

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-- Author and fatherless advocate, [Maria Martinez](#), releases a new website "[The Apple Tree Wish](#)," an inspiring story of hope, healing, redemption and the love of the Heavenly Father. The website aims to inspire and enlighten readers on the issue of being fatherless.

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*Maria Martinez*

“The Apple Tree Wish” book author Maria Martinez recently launched a new website on [TheAppleTreeWish.com](#), developed by Christian entertainment marketing company Premier1 Studios. “The Apple Tree Wish” tells Martinez’s personal story as a fatherless child. Through the book’s website, Martinez is able to offer her own expertise and passion to bring hope and healing to the fatherless.

Visitors to the site will find a much more interactive experience and a new resources page in addition to the

ongoing informative and encouraging blogs. The website features a compelling overview of Martinez’s [adoption story](#) —from her childhood in New Jersey, to her quest for her natural father; from her spiritual healing to her new ministry to the fatherless.

Martinez’s book, “The Apple Tree Wish,” is a timely, inspirational memoir of hope and healing as the reader follows her challenging journey as a fatherless child. She emphasizes the important role that fathers play in each and every child’s life. Martinez uncovers the emotional and spiritual pain of growing up fatherless and reveals God’s amazing love to heal these wounds.

The fatherless issue is a widespread matter and impacts the family, society and culture. According to a study by the National Center for Fathering, it was found that older boys and girls from female-headed households are more likely to commit criminal acts than their peers who lived with two parents.

Martinez offers a growing list of resources to help those who are dealing with the fatherless issue in their own lives. “Having grown up fatherless, I understand the impact it has on one’s life

and ultimately, to society," says Martinez. "I've also seen its effect played out in the lives of many of my family members." To continue to raise personal and cultural awareness, website visitors have the opportunity to share their experiences, and engage in dialogue through a variety of popular social networks including Facebook, Twitter, Google + and Pinterest.

To obtain a copy of Martinez's book, "The Apple Tree Wish," visitors have three options to choose from—soft cover, hard cover or downloadable e-book. In addition, when visitors order directly from TheAppleTreeWish.com, they have the option of receiving an autographed soft cover or hard cover copy of the book. "The Apple Tree Wish" has already received praise from readers as a book full of deep love, transparency and openness for the fatherless.

For more information about Maria Martinez and her book, "The Apple Tree Wish," or to read a sample chapter and purchase a copy of the book, go to [www.theappletreewish.com](http://www.theappletreewish.com).

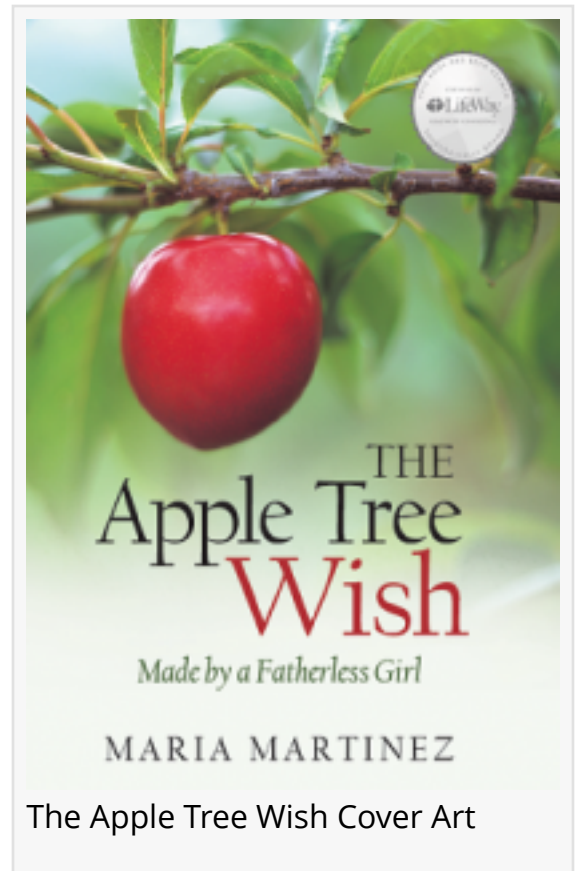
#### ABOUT MARIA MARTINEZ:

Maria Martinez is an inspirational author and speaker who knows firsthand the emotional and spiritual pain resulting from fatherlessness. At the age of three, she became acquainted with the stigma of "illegitimacy". Although she was too young to understand what it meant or its application to her life, it created deep feelings of rejection and shame. Martinez's journey to restoration and wholeness began when she accepted Christ in 1960. Today, as a devoted advocate for children of abandonment, adoption, divorce and other forms of fatherlessness, Martinez's passion is to make a positive impact on people with broken hearts regarding their parents and have them receive the transforming, healing power of their Heavenly Father.

Martinez is a former real estate business owner, a longtime Sunday school teacher and a featured, keynote speaker at various churches and women's groups. She and her husband, Al, are both retired with active lives in artistic hobbies and serving in their local church.

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