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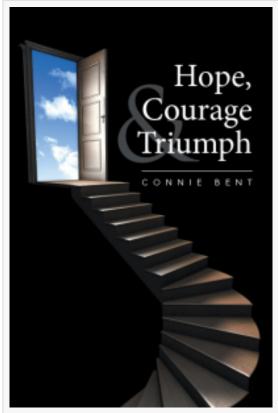
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For a celebrated author like Connie Bent who earned a Master's degree in clinical social work from Kansas University and spent the next thirty years providing therapy for people who suffered from mental illness, one can't imagine how she was able to withstand the same illness lurking in her very home, with her husband Jerry who is a schizophrenic.

Hope, Courage and Triumph is a touching tale of love and sacrifice. Connie allowed her readers to see how the mental health of Jerry affected her and how she muddled through the tides to survive the ordeal and remain steadfast in her love for Jerry.

The author undoubtedly delivers a heart-wrenching tale that strikes right in the heart of what it's like living with a loved one suffering from a severe mental illness.



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She lived to tell the story as a mental-wellness warrior, who completed a family therapy externship at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, specializing in providing family therapy and play therapy, fighting for those who need it the most.

About the Author:

Connie Bent was born in Brookfield, Missouri, in 1941. She has been a very determined person from the moment she was born. If she wanted something, she went after it. Bent grew up in a small town in Missouri and married at the age of sixteen. She quit school before her senior year, but knowing education was vital, she wanted to graduate. During that time, mothers were not allowed to return to school. Bent, being the tenacious person she was, convinced the school board to allow her to come back to school and graduate, becoming the first mother to graduate from her school. Bent knows tragedy well, for she became a widow at the age of twenty-five years old. She is a mother of three children.

Bent earned her master's degree in clinical social work from Kansas University. She completed a family therapy externship at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas. Bent spent the next thirty years employed in a community mental health center, providing therapy for people who suffered from

mental illness. She specialized in providing family therapy and play therapy, which she felt were important to families who were dealing with a mental illness.

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