

Endorsements

"Jeanne Damoff beautifully weaves a tale of finding what is lost at the same time as grieving what can never be again . . . and learning to love better in the process. Insightful, haunting, a tale of trial and acceptance, loss and rebirth, and the unexpected graces God gives when He has seemed to take away that which we most held dear, this book is for anybody whose life didn't turn out quite the way they expected."

Lisa Samson, Christy Award winning author of *The Church Ladies*, *Quaker Summer*, and *Justice in the Burbs*

"Parting the Waters is a book about authentic, gritty struggle during loss. Author Jeanne Damoff paints a vivid picture of her family's journey through her son's drowning accident, but she does so with broad enough strokes that the reader gleans comfort and wisdom to face any personal tragedy. If you are suffering from grief, worry, shattered expectations, or anger, Parting the Waters is a much-needed oasis to your soul."

Mary E. DeMuth, author of *Thin Places*, and *Ordinary Mom, Extraordinary God*

"Parting the Waters demonstrates the way in which divine grace and human prayer can alter what we expect the course of events to be, such that those two mighty forces in modern American life, namely medicine and law, are, to their own great surprise and joy, thoroughly disrupted and outflanked. And thereby redeemed. The pictures Jeanne Damoff draws of doctors and judges

being confounded by turns of events—and being glad of being confounded—are heartbreakingly beautiful. And the combination of fearless honesty, deep Christian faith, and utter matter-of-factness in her way of telling the story make the book a great read. It is my pleasure to give *Parting the Waters* my strongest endorsement."

Dr. Rick Steele, author and professor of theology, Seattle Pacific University

"I first met Jacob when Natalie, his best friend, shared the story of their friendship in *Real Teens, Real Stories, Real Life*. This is more than a story of a near-drowning experience, it is a beautiful example of faith, love, perseverance, and hope in the face of tragedy."

T. Suzanne Eller, author and speaker and founder of Real Teen Faith