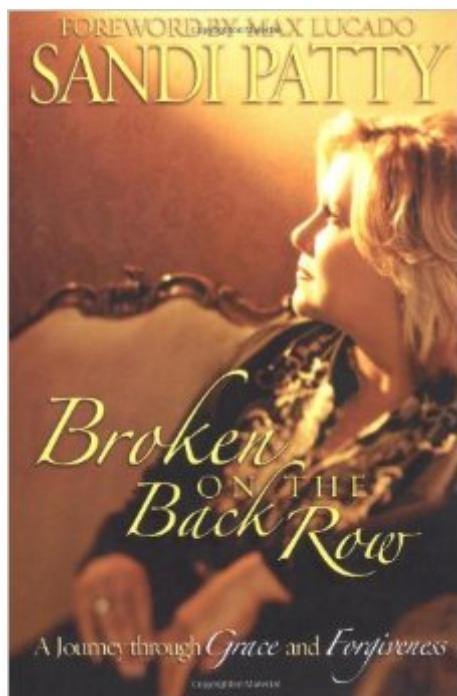


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Broken On The Back Row: A Journey Through Grace And Forgiveness



Synopsis

The heart of a mom is wrapped up in the people she loves -- her children, her husband, her co-workers, her friends. She wants to give them the very best of herself, but sometimes her busy schedule gets in the way of the most precious gift she can give them -- her prayers. With this unique tried-and-proven prayer system, even the busiest moms can have a rich prayer life that impacts the people she loves the most. Author Lisa Whelchel offers seven categories of prayer that can be used as they are or modified to fit each mom's special needs. By investing just ten minutes a day, in one month, a mom can bring nearly one hundred and fifty matters before her heavenly Father. From requests for her childrens' protection to wisdom in her personal life to praise for God's constant faithfulness, this simple plan brings order and purpose to prayer.

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Customer Reviews

Something like ten years ago a talented and popular recording artist made a confession that rocked the Christian world, destroyed a marriage and nearly ruined a career. Christian recording artist Sandi Patty, at the time known as Sandi Patti, a spelling error of her last name that stayed with her for several years, was at the peak of her career: Grammy Award winner, recipient of multiple Dove Awards, even the Female Vocalist of the Year in 1984, frequent guest on the Johnny Carson show, a guest at the White House, wife and mother of four, the world was Sandi's oyster. But behind the scenes, in her private life, everything was falling apart and she seemed incapable of stopping it, and through it all she made some very bad choices. An extra-marital affair and then lying to cover it up

just about drove her over the edge. When she comes face-to-face with God and realizes that she has to set things straight, she begins a long and painful journey to Grace and Forgiveness. If you're looking for titillating details and salacious tidbits, you'll be disappointed. You won't find them here. Instead you'll read an honest and soul-baring account written by a woman redeemed. You'll read of a life ridden with guilt, hurt, anger and fear, told openly yet private things are kept where they belong - private. If you know Sandi's story, perhaps you can appreciate what it took for her to write this book. She holds back nothing, blames no one but herself for the poor choices she made. What happened in her life has forever scarred her career and her family. But God does forgive, and Sandi's story as presented here proves that our God is a God of second chances. *Broken on the Back Row, A Journey through Grace and Forgiveness* with a forward by Max Lucado, is a very personal yet open book of confession, forgiveness and redemption. Peggy Phifer ©2005

Being a long time fan of Sandi's who was eager to read the book, I have since read it twice. It is the heart of a dear woman who has failed in her marriage, in her relationship with God, and with her fans yet found herself broken at the foot of the cross ready to do whatever it took to find forgiveness and restitution for her poor choices. It is not a book of excuses or justification but a heart-felt story of hope and forgiveness and grace that is available to all of us. Sandi shares about her beginnings in the music industry and a little of her first marriage. She shares about the difficult years when she strayed from God and subsequently found herself divorced from her first husband, the subject of talk in the public eye for the affair she was in, and the damage it did on her family, her career, and ultimately her relationship with God. But the story does not end there. She continues and shares how she found herself back to God and the steps she took with her church and pastor to restore her relationship with God, her family, her church and her career. For anyone finding themselves ever broken on their back row, you find comfort, encouragement, and hope as Sandi shares her private journey to restoration.

Even before I bought and read this book, I couldn't believe some of the harsh, bitter, judgemental and un-forgiving reviews that are posted about it. I presume that these reviewers are Christians like myself, so that makes it even more appalling. This is the story of a beautiful and very talented singer(who happens to be a Christian) and the good, bad and ugly of her life. Sandi gives us enough info about her choices and mistakes but avoids being a "tell-all" book full of lurid details. She takes full responsibility for her actions as well as the consequences she and her family must now live with. It is clear that she has dealt with these issues in the proper Biblical way, but she has

also moved on with her life. Through God's mercy and grace, she now has a blessed marriage, beautiful children, as successful a career as ever, and a wonderfully happy life! We should be rejoicing with her and praising God for His favor, not condemning her!! The Bible says that Jesus will leave the other sheep in the fold and go after the one that strayed away, and that's exactly what this whole book is about. It should give any Christian hope beyond description! If Jesus can see fit to forgive and restore us, who are we to not do the same with each other? I am so sorry to see the intolerance and criticism rampant in the Christian community. It's just not right. So praise God for His mercy and enjoy a good read!

If the events surrounding Sandi's past were in any other genre of music, they would have long been forgotten and forgiven. But she was in the Christian music industry on a pedestal where her fans and the industry placed her. Her fall from grace caused her to be shunned from the very industry she helped build, and from the very people who should have helped her find her way (and I am not talking about getting her cd's played on the radio). But God knew a way to find her, even on the back row in the balcony as He set up the events that would lead her to freedom, which is what this book stands for. It is obviously the only way she would be at the place she is in today: happy and appreciative of what she has, and willing to share her forgiven past because she knows who holds her future. Broken on the back row is for anyone who wants to be inspired to find peace no matter which row of life you are sitting. Shine on.

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