

Book review: Payment for Passage

Healing from unspeakable grief: one woman's journey from darkness to light

Here's the first line from part one of "*Payment for Passage*," by **Janie Wells**:

'After burying my daughter, I came to realize that the way I handled loss would carve out my soul's destiny in powerful ways.'

I knew as I read those words that I would not have a dry eye the entire time I was reading this powerful book, and I'm not ashamed to admit that I don't have a dry now, as I write this review.

In 2001, the author's thirty-year old daughter, Joann, was brutally murdered. How does a Mother recover from something like this? I don't think one *can* truly recover from such overwhelming and paralyzing grief. That said, Janie Wells fearlessly took this unrelenting tragedy and turned it into a search for the truth, and ultimately into a book that will help all of us who need to heal from great loss.

As she sat down to write this book, and wasn't sure where to begin, Janie asked her deceased daughter to please help her. Through automatic writing, Joann communicated with Janie, and told her that she would receive encouragement, wisdom and guidance as she wrote, but that the **'first intent of this book must be your own healing.'** I am in awe of the way Janie was able to emerge from the darkness of despair, step fully into the light, and create a tome of inspiration that will resonate with all who have lost a loved one, and all who are searching for the truth of our existence.

Run, do not walk, to your computer or bookstore and get yourself a copy of this book. And with a cover price of only \$12, you'll want a second copy to share with your family and friends.