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**How a doctor's glimpses of eternity confirmed everything he believed about God, suffering, life on earth, and what happens after death.** Dr. Chauncey Crandall knows his patients well. When they are dying, he sits at the bedside with them and holds their hands. He prays with them. Sometimes he can feel what they feel and see what they see. At other times his patients have near-death experiences and "come back" with astonishing descriptions of the afterlife. In TOUCHING HEAVEN, Dr. Crandall reveals how what he has seen and heard has convinced him that God is real, that we are created for a divine purpose, that death is not the end, that we will see our departed loved ones again, and that we are closer to the next world than we think.

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# **From Reader Review Touching Heaven: A Cardiologist's Encounters with Death and Living Proof of an Afterlife for online ebook**

## **Esther says**

Everyone needs to read this book. It's a timely message and well written. God bless this family for sharing their story.

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## **Joan Bogorae says**

This was a very interesting read for sure. It really made you question your beliefs about the afterlife. I wasn't expecting as much of the biblical lessons as were presented throughout. Nevertheless I recommend it.

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## **Ginny says**

I am in need of proof of an afterlife and that was my motivation to read this book. Like Dr. Crandall, I also have lost a son. My loss is recent and I know I have a lot more grieving to do. This didn't comfort me in the way I was hoping but it was a well-written and thought-inspiring book. I know it has and will bring comfort to many.

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## **Kathleen (Kat) Smith says**

"Every human is guaranteed a forever; it's just a matter of where "forever" will be spent."

Scripture says, "People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment" (Hebrews 9:27-28). The ungodly, the rebellious "will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:46 NASB).

"There are no ordinary people," C.S. Lewis reminded us; everyone we see, meet or know is an immortal being, destined to live our eternity in Satan's realm or God's." I've heard Reinhard Bonnke say, "The border to eternity runs parallel to this life and is just one step away. It may be crossed over any time by anybody." The question is "What are we going to do with that? We have a choice to make."

"Depending on which side of eternity's question you take, death is either dreadful or desirable; the greatest loss or the consummate gain. Charles Spurgeon preached, "Death to the wicked is the King of terrors. Death to the saint is the end of terrors, the commencement of glory." No one can anticipate advantage, benefit, profit in death - except for the Christian. If we don't live for Christ, dying means hell." (pg 110).

In his latest book, *Touching Heaven: A Cardiologist's Encounters with Death and Living Proof of an Afterlife*, Dr. Chauncey Crandall shares his many years of witnessing healing, loss of life including his own

teenage son, and resurrections of many of his patients that he now prays for all of his patients as part of his practice and God has come through and shown him so much, he can no longer deny that God is real, and heaven is an eternal realm that goes beyond our senses. He has observed that when people are dying, they either register frightful reactions, including shock, torment or despair...or they reveal peaceful reactions such as calm and restfulness. There is almost never a middle ground - it is one extreme or the other, regardless of their symptoms or medication. He shares some of these first hand accounts that help him confirm that heaven does exist for those who believe in Jesus and hell awaits those who don't.

I received *Touching Heaven* by Dr. Chauncey Crandall compliments of Faith Words, a division of Hachette Book Groups for my honest review. I did not receive any monetary compensation aside from a free copy of the book, in exchange for my fair and unbiased personal opinion. What I love are the stories of what he experienced as well as those of his patients, all coupled around what the Bible says about heaven, God and what believers can experience in their faith through Christ. There are scriptures referenced throughout to back up the claims of what he or his patients observed as well as Bible verses to conclude each chapter. I have no doubt that what he has seen and witness is true and look forward to the day when I too, step into my eternal life in heaven one day. This is a true testimony of the power of faith and what a life with Jesus awaits those who breathe our life. It also gives hope to those dealing with their own grief and loss until we are reunited one day in our eternal home. I give this book a 4 out of 5 stars.

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## **Thomas Begley says**

### **Expected More**

Dr. Crandall is a great man of faith. His story is appreciated yet the book is a bit too preach for me. More concrete examples with more depth would have made the book better.

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## **Connie says**

The small blurb that I read about this book didn't begin to do it justice. This book is a personal spiritual journey that the author set off on because he had a huge desire to know God better. It's a story about his family and especially about one of his twin sons who had leukemia. It is interspersed with tidbits about patients he has seen in his practice as a doctor. There are also personal accounts of experiences he has had as he traveled to third world countries to be a part of aid efforts. The author has quoted famous Christians and added well-researched information about heaven and the after life.

In other words, there is a lot packed between the covers! The most amazing part of this book is how many prayers he has seen answered--often in very dramatic ways. This book is sure to encourage any reader to keep searching for that closer relationship with God. I am hoping that he also reaches readers who are not Christian. There are some stories that will, hopefully, seriously give them some food for thought.

I highly recommend this book.

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### **Kerri says**

I received Touching Heaven: A Cardiologist's Encounters with Death and Living Proof of an Afterlife as a giveaway from Goodreads. Dr. Crandall is the chief of the cardiovascular transplant program at a Florida cardiovascular clinic and his life bears testimony that there is an Afterlife. He takes you on his journey of reconciling his childhood beliefs, science, and the overwhelming evidence witnessed by him on a daily basis that our "Spirit" continues after death. Each chapter gives you personal accounts and scriptures in support of life after death. I enjoyed the book and think you would too!

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### **Nikki says**

I won this book as a Goodreads Giveaway.

I am fascinated to know what doctors and nurses have witnessed in the course of their careers regarding their patient's end of life or near-death experiences. Dr. Crandall has clearly given much studied thought and put biblical research into this book. The conflict of being either 'science' minded or 'spiritually' minded must often tug on the minds of these caregivers. Quite an interesting and worthy read!

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### **Sunshine says**

I am very impressed by the faith of this Cardiologist and his love for healing the hearts and lost souls of the patients he encounters. The stories this Dr. shares on witnessing people who have come back from the brink of death are awe-inspiring. I'm touched by the prayers he gives to his patients and he seems like a very genuine person. However, he is quite charismatic in his beliefs and I found some of his stories very hard to believe; specifically, the written words in the sky story, and the story of a woman that was born with one leg that was 5" shorter which he says grew to full length right in front of him in his office. But having said that, I also believe in miracles and that nothing is impossible for God, so it really does not matter whether I believe this Dr. and his stories or not because God's work speaks for itself!

All I know is, we need more doctors like this who know that science can only go so far and that ministering to the patient is how you really save their life.

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### **Tonya Baysmore says**

Dr. Chauncey is a blessing in his field. Hopefully, maybe he can write a part two "Touching Heaven" that will concentrate on more near death experiences that his patients had encountered.

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### **Barbara M says**

I received this book as a Goodreads Giveaway. I am grateful for having received it and read it. The author, Dr. Chauncey Crandall is a cardiologist and man of faith. He describes encounters he has had with his

patients who have had near death experiences - their experiences "touching heaven". I found these stories very interesting.

The author also had twin sons, one of whom lost his life to leukemia. He dedicated his life to God after losing his son and did mission work all over the world helping patients in desperate need ex. cholera camps in Haiti. He experienced a terrible loss but moved on with his life and work.

The book includes Bible quotes re: heaven - I think nearly every one in the Bible. He did a lot of research.

As a critique, I found the book very preachy. He also lost me when he described patients who he felt were possessed by the devil and how he prayed to have the devil leave them. I have worked in hospitals for years. Hearing from patients who had near death experiences is interesting and faith confirming. However, I never encountered patients possessed by the devil. Patients can become depressed, have problems with their brain chemistry, etc. I don't think it is possession by the devil as he sees it. However, I believe he is sincere in his belief. I just haven't experienced that in many years working in a hospital. I do believe that pray can lift patients up and help them get well.

I wish Dr. Crandall well with his life and work. The mission work he is doing will surely help many people in need.

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### **Mary Jo Malo says**

The author's personal and professional experiences make for a very compelling read. However this account is very heavy on Bible scripture specifically from a Pentecostal reading. I didn't feel there were enough experiences outside, or for that matter within, the Christian perspective which Dr. Crandall must certainly have encountered in his practice. The book seems to entice readers from diverse backgrounds who are interested in God and Heaven but doesn't deliver in this regard.

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### **Karen Wiser says**

Touching Heaven by Dr. Chauncey Crandall is a very unique and thought provoking book.

Touching Heaven by Dr. Chauncey Crandall piqued my interest for many reasons. At the top of my list is that the author is a cardiologist. Dr. Crandall's experience and background in medicine is impressive. The book states that, "He is chief of the cardiovascular transplant program at the Palm Beach Cardiovascular Clinic in Palm Beach Gardens and is on staff at three medical centers." Having worked for fifteen years as an RN, CCRN in a Cardiac

Intensive Care Unit myself, I am always drawn to the medical story, especially acute cardiac related events. There are many detailed stories within the book that chronicle the resuscitation procedures given to a dying patient. I was quickly immersed in the bedside care and high level of energy that fuels these life retrieving protocols. One particular narrative Dr. Crandall shares, where by the defibrillator did not fire when discharged, had me on the edge of my seat. That is a nightmare scenario for a code blue team!

A close second on my list for reading this book is the idea that Touching Heaven intersects faith with facts. The collision of spiritual and physical will always make for an interesting read. I am a very logical,

formulaic, algorithm sort of gal, so when I have an opportunity to be stretched outside of my comfort zone to a place that is intangible, I will never turn that opportunity down.

Finally, I was drawn to this book simply because the author is courageously discussing heaven within the context of his personal experiences and observations. Given today's culture, I feel this is a brave thing to do. I have much admiration for anyone who will take a stand on their convictions with such passion and unwavering resolve. I wanted to digest an evangelical physician's perspective on healing, heaven, and our earthly purpose. I was not disappointed.

Touching Heaven is a very personal story of life events in the author's life. Dr. Crandall's desire to share the importance of inviting Christ into every situation could not be missed. He effectively communicates the message that we do not need to wait to "go to heaven", but rather the kingdom of God is wherever believers call upon the name of Christ. One of the most powerful statements in the book encompasses this idea. Dr. Crandall writes, "As we take up our spiritual authority, the situation we're in switches from defeat and darkness and death to victory and light and life. This is the invisible but very real power of the kingdom of heaven."

Dr. Crandall boldly interprets a large volume of scripture references throughout this book. His Biblical knowledge and application of God's word within the pages of this work are inspiring. The unfathomable premature death of his son in the peak of his life, make the author's testimony personal, credible, and urgent. Crandall's transparency and willingness to share the painful grief, questions, and finally the assurance he found in Christ, provide enough content for an entire book all on its own!

I read through the pages of Touching Heaven by Dr. Chauncey Crandall with an open mind, as well as a sensitive heart. I greatly appreciated all of the faith filled stories of healing that the author conveyed have taken place in a direct response to Jesus being "invited into your situation." This is a beautiful and intriguing work. Crandall's writing has the potential to challenge boundaries and tear down walls of hopelessness.

Thank you to Faith Words Publishing, a division of Hachette Book Group, Inc for requesting my review and supplying me with a copy of Touching Heaven by Dr. Chauncey Crandall. I was not required to write a favorable assessment, but only to completely read this book and give my honest opinion.

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### **Sally Lindsay-briggs says**

A church friend loaned me this book. I loved Dr. Crandall's stories about the healing, the amazing instances where people almost died, yet came back to life with more peace than they'd had before. He has really experienced many spiritual miracles. Awesome! I liked the ending of each chapter where he listed meaningful Bible verses. I learned much about heaven and the Christian life here on earth. Some of this story became a little too instructive. Yet, learning as a child of God is important.

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### **Zann says**

Part memoir, part instruction and education on heaven, the power of the Holy Spirit, and healing of the sick-whether it be physical, emotional or spiritual.

A good book for believers. Inspiring.

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