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Mail on Sunday

‘How do you say thank you to someone for giving you their heart? It is the greatest gift a person can ever give.’

Marc is a promising young footballer of 15, growing up in Scotland. A few hundred miles away in England, Martin is a fun-loving 16-year-old. Both are enjoying their summers when they are suddenly struck down by debilitating illnesses. Within days, the boys are close to death.

Although their paths have never crossed, their fortunes are about to be bound in the most extraordinary, intimate way. One of them will die and in doing so, he will save the other’s life.

This is a deeply powerful and dramatic story. It is extremely rare for the family of a donor to have any personal contact with the recipient of their loved one’s organ. Yet remarkably, the mothers of these two boys meet and become friends, enabling the extraordinary, bittersweet moment in which a mother who has lost her son meets the boy he saved. Reaching out and placing her palm flat against his chest, she feels the heart of her son beating away inside another. Her boy, the boy who gave his heart away.

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Alison Crawford says

Wow! I work for a children's heart charity so perhaps found this more fascinating than some people would. However my dad also found it very moving without having a particular interest in the subject matter. Two boys and both seriously ill and the journey the families face for survival or death. Truly amazing to hear both sides of the journey and live through the emotions. Heart transplants are a medical miracle and the book really moved me.

Sharon says

I caught the tail end of a radio interview about this book and having knowledge of heart transplants I was keen to read it.

It's excellent, well written and definitely not all doom and gloom.

Jo Inglis says

An extraordinary story beautifully & sensitively told. The writing is not at all oversentimental (which it easily could be) and allows the story to shine

Sue Haskins says

Organ donation about martin and Marc . so sad .

Joanne Parkington says

unbelievable book .. read this .. have a moment and then sign up to donate ... you will either save lives or help the research to do it.

Shelly Lincoln says

A good read - sympathetic, not maudlin, well told - but it just seems to be missing something.

Naomi Lawrence says

Thank you Cole for writing this book. I could honestly hear your voice telling me the story. The way you have written it is just how you speak. I loved it even more for that. I wept at all the significant moments but the big one was in the station at their first meet. I managed to read it in 3 days which for me is outstanding! Thank you for sharing this story and for bringing these families into our lives. Simply beautiful xx

Louise says

I received this book free through GoodReads

The Boy Who Gave His Heart Away is a wonderfully written book that moved me to tears many times.

The families involved were faced with the most heartbreaking situations that any parent can face.

When tragedy struck one family, amidst all their grief they made the selfless decision of organ donation and this true story walks you through that process.

This book allows you to understand the process from all perspectives. Not only from the donors family but also the medical staff involved and the recipients of the organs and their families.

I feel blessed to have read this book and now understand things about organ donation that I didn't truly appreciate before. It has opened up many conversations with my loved ones regarding organ donation, which we had never discussed before and for that I am thankful.

My eyes have been totally opened and my views on organ donation have very much changed.

This book is a must read.

Louise Hill says

The book is written using interviews with all those involved in the story, which was very interesting and informative. You learn so much about what goes into heart, or any organ, transplant & how it's not as simple as giving the patient a new heart, but all the aftercare & realistic expectancy too.

Such an amazing & life changing book, which had me crying a few times.

Would definitely recommend, but not if you're already in a sad mood!

Sophie says

A very well written account of the transplant journey, for the donor and recipient. Engaging and moving.

Sarah says

Gripping and so powerfully emotional I found myself putting the book down to dry my eyes. Left me questioning my own thoughts on the whole organ donation thing and asking others too for theirs. A powerful and dramatic true story that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Angela Sandford says

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By Cole Moreton

Indescribably moving true story of two boys and their parents. Both children were critically sick, but only one would survive. In order for Marc to survive, Martin's heart was transplanted into the body of Marc who's enlarged heart was failing.

Several years later the two families met, and Sue placed her hand against Marc's chest and felt Martin's heart beating away.

As a mother who has lost a son myself, I can imagine some of the pain they went through - no parent should have to bury their own child. It's the hardest thing in the world I've ever had to do.

Margaret Madden says

Review to follow

Caroline says

One of the most moving books I have read for a long while.

Such a powerful story, heartbreaking at times. I must admit I was moved to tears on numerous occasions. Wonderfully written.

This certainly makes you consider organ donation.

Many years ago I lost a special friend. Her family granted permission for her organs to be used for transplant and I know this gave them some comfort. Her husband said she always helped anyone she could in life and she would want to when she passed. A very special gift.

I was lucky to receive this through Goodreads Giveaways. Highly Recommended.

Vanda Deosar says

Apa yang ada di benakmu ketika mendengar transplantasi jantung? Sebuah keajaibankah? Atau malapetaka? Fakta yang ada, 80% pasien yang dapat hidup setelah melakukan operasi jantung, dan hanya 50% yang dapat bertahan hidup diatas 5 tahun, kabar yang sedikit menggembirakan untuk dunia kedokteran dan harapan bagi pasien yang menderita penyakit jantung.

Jika dahulu transplantasi hanya bisa diterima dari jenazah, di jaman modern ini, yang ingin mendonor dan masih hidup serta sehat walafiat dapat memberikan sebagian organnya, misalnya hanya jaringan jantung, hati, ginjal atau paru-paru ke penerima donor, karena beberapa organ tersebut dapat beregenerasi dan manusia tetap dapat hidup jika kehilangan salah satunya. Pendoror yang ingin memberikan seluruh organnya, hanyalah pendonor yang sudah mati batang otak, keadaan dimana seluruh organ masih berfungsi namun otaknya sudah mati.

Dalam buku 300 halaman ini, pembaca diajak untuk menyelami kehidupan dari Martin Burton (16 tahun) yang tinggal di Inggris dan Marc McCay (15 tahun) yang berada di Skotlandia, keduanya adalah anak-anak yang sehat walafiat, tampan dan kebanggaan kedua orang tua mereka. Mereka tidak mengenal satu sama lain. Namun, takdir mengikat mereka dalam cara yang tak terbayangkan. Dalam kisaran kurun waktu yang sama, Agustus 2003, keduanya mendadak sakit, yang satu terkena virus dalam jantungnya dan lainnya, terkena virus di otaknya.

“Anakku yang malang sedang diambang kematian...” – Linda McCay (Hal. 3)

“Ayo, bangun! Ayolah!” – Sue Burton (Hal. 31)

Namun, untuk menyelamatkan yang satu, harus ada yang meninggal. Ini yang membuat sang ibu dari penerima donor merasa bersalah setiap harinya. Bagaimana ia dapat bersyukur jika anaknya hidup karena ada orang lain yang mati? Bagaimana dia dapat begitu bahagia ketika ada kabar bahwa hidup anaknya dapat terselamatkan tetapi di bagian dunia lain ada seorang ibu yang harus kehilangan anaknya?

“aku memikirkan anak remaja dengan ayah ibunya yang baru kehilangan dirinya, dan merelakan jantungnya didonorkan paa orang yang sama sekali tidak mereka ketahui. Sulit kupercaya mereka sanggup melakukan hal ini. Mereka bahkan tidak mengenal kami, orang-orang semacam apa kami ini. Hadiah apa yang lebih berarti yang bisa kau berikan kepada orang lain selain kehidupan? Aku mereasa sangat bersyukur. Aku turut berduka atas kehilangan mereka...” (Hal. 114)

Umumnya dan bijaksananya keluarga pendonor dan penerima tidak dibiarkan berinteraksi secara langsung. Namun, apa jadinya jika ibu dari kedua ini dipertemukan? Apa jadinya jika sang ibu pendonor memegang dada dan merasakan jantung anaknya, jantung yang sudah ia bawa selama 9 bulan dalam kandungannya dan sekarang ada di tempat orang lain? Bagaimana kehidupan pemuda itu setelah mendapatkan donor jantung?

Sudut pandang buku diisi bergantian oleh ibu Marc dan ibu Martin. Tiap bab berjudul Marc, lalu Martin dan ada bab tentang Marc dan Martin. Ada juga sudut pandang dari dokter dan suster yang menangani, ayah, kakak serta adik mereka. Tak pernah terbayangkan bagi keduanya bahwa anak laki-laki mereka yang masih muda dan penuh dengan cita-cita harus berada di ambang kematian. Keputusan keduanya membuat iba di hati para pembaca. Menurut mereka, tak seharusnya orang tua menguburkan anaknya.

Dengan pelukan dan kecupan terakhirnya, sang ibu berbisik di telinga anaknya dengan : “Tidurlah dengan damai. Kami mencintaimu selama-lamanya” (Hal. 104)

Kisah nyata yang sungguh menggugah hati. Kita akan terus diajak bersyukur dalam hidup bahwa setiap detiknya sangat berharga. Walaupun kita dalam titik rendah hidup, kita masih dapat menolong orang lain. Menurut saya, buku ini menjadi buku yang mengharukan dan membuat saya sedih sepanjang saya membaca buku. Tiap lembarannya menyadarkan bahwa hidup kita saling terkait dengan satu sama lainnya, maka berbuat baiklah selagi kita hidup.

“Dia terpilih untuk memiliki jantung pemuda lain. Dia hidup sebagai sang juara, tak mengenal lelah...” (Hal. 300)
