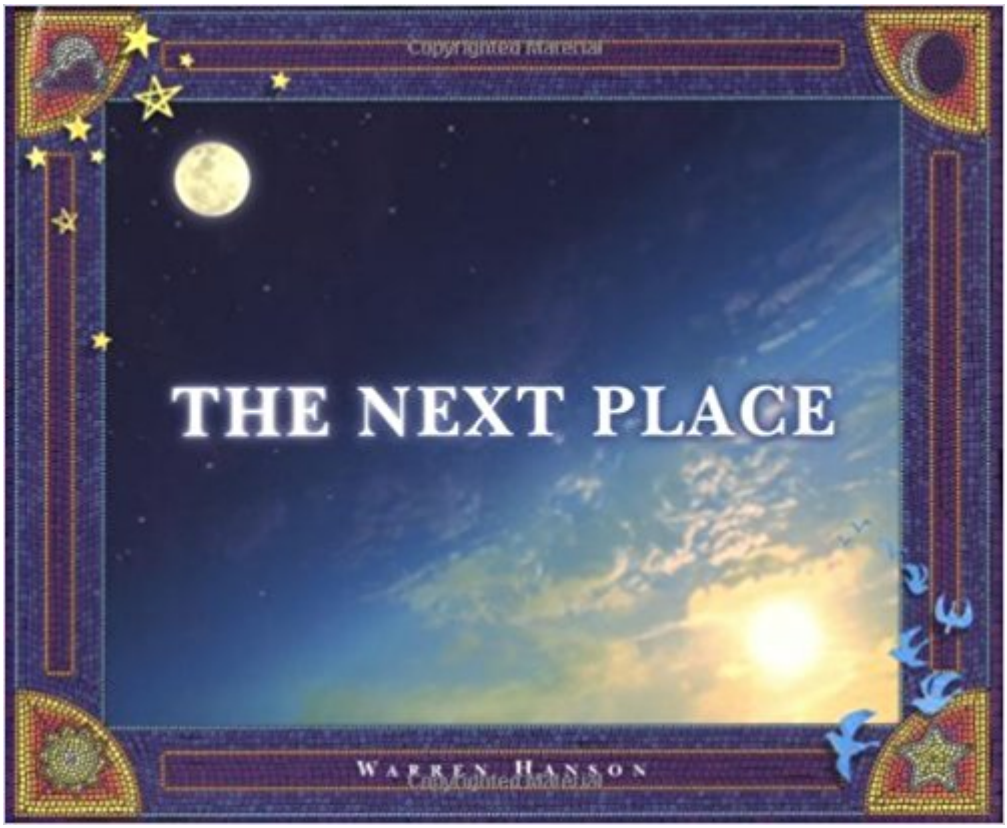
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Synopsis

"The Next Place" is an inspirational journey of light and hope to a place where earthly hurts are left behind. An uncomplicated journey of awe and wonder to a destination without barriers.

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Customer Reviews

"It is quite simply, a treasure! It is one of those rare books that will sell & sell & sell..plus, it will enrich the lives of those who give it and receive it." (Bookstore Owner)"The concept of timelessness, perfection, love...eternity are all brilliantly and literally portrayed." (Hospice Chaplain)"I love the book and I am very choosy about what I pick out for our resource center. This book is a treasure!" (Director, Fernside, A Center for Grieving Children)

Warren Hanson is an author, an illustrator, a musician, and a public speaker. He wrote and illustrated such beloved books as THE NEXT PLACE, OLDER LOVE, BEGINNING, RAISING YOU ALONE, PAW PRINTS IN THE STARS, TODAY'S SPECIAL, DEAR ME,and more. He is the illustrator of Tom Hegg's classic CHRISTMAS TEA and PEEF books, Richard Jorgensen's READING WITH DAD, and Rick Kupchella's TELL ME WHAT WE DID TODAY, and is the author of GRANDPA HAS A GREAT BIG FACE, THE SEA OF SLEEP, BUGTOWN BOOGIE, and IT'S MONDAY, MRS. JOLLY BONES!Warren is a favorite of both students and teachers for the many school visits he does each year. He is a frequent speaker at churches and banquets, and at

conferences on literacy, caregiving, marriage, and life in general. His business card describes Warren Hanson as "illustrator, author, amateur". As an amateur, he goes back to the word's Latin root, which means "someone who does something purely for the love of doing it". Warren Hanson loves what he does. And it shows. Learn more at WarrenHanson.com .

Someone dies. You want to have the right words for the person(s) who are left behind, for those facing a profound loss of a loved one. This book does it for you. It is beautifully written and illustrated. Very simple, exquisitely poignant, and completely uplifting - it touches and lifts the heart. It was given to me when my dear brother died and is a treasure. I have given it again and again to others. There is space to add photos if you want though it was not meant specifically to be an album. For me it became a beautiful memory book. Hansen also wrote another amazing book called Paw Prints in the Stars, another memory book (this one intended as a journal and album) for people who have lost four-legged fur-faced animal companions. Thank you Mr. Hansen for your healing gift!

A family member had started the tradition of giving a copy of The Next Place tofamilies who have lost a loved one. We have picked up the tradition as well, ashave many of the individuals we have given copies to. The graphics are spectacular,and the text is beautiful, and seems to give comfort to the grieving. It is not justa children's book--it's for any age. Instead of sending flowers when a friend orfamily member passes on, we give the book.

This is an excellent way to comfort children after the death of a loved one. Written in the first person, as if the deceased is speaking to the child, it explains death in a very accessible way without stepping on the beliefs of any religion. I have purchased several copies over the years for different young family members & friends, and it always helps the child find peace and closure. The paintings that accompany the text are beautiful and add to the overall effect. It was read at the memorial of a woman who had spent her life working with children, and it was a great comfort to all those present. I recommend this book to anyone trying to explain to a little one where "Nana" has gone.

Our neighbor suddenly died, leaving two small children to cope and attempt to understand why their lives were turned upside down. This book was perfect. I read it before I bought it, because it was that important. It's not religious. It's not a story. But, rather, conveys messages that help the mourning to understand what they're going through, and why their deceased loved ones can't hear them. The theory is similar in ways to many religions, although not obvious to anyone, or any

specific religion. It explains a lot in terms that can be digested by the young, so that they can continue on, with hope and understanding. It's been almost two years since my neighbors' loss, and they're just finally coming to grips with it. The one thing I keep hearing from them now is how much they appreciate the book for its message that they believe helped them.

This is a wonderful book particularly when you don't want to send a grieving friend flowers (which ultimately die too). This is a nice keepsake that you inscribe a heartfelt note inside of the front cover.

This gentle, loving, and visually compelling book is perfect as a gift for someone you love who has lost a dear one of any sort.I keep 2 copies on hand. Because I never know when a friend will have a sudden loss. It is especially nice for children. We fell in love with this book in our family when my Grandson's great-grandmother died.He was about 3 years old then. We have since used it around the time his grandfather died when he was 5. It is ideal for reminding children about the continuity of Life and the continuation of our Loving relationships with our Loved Ones who have passed over to "The Next Place'. The magnificent art work is inclusive of all spiritual traditions.

I ran across this book 2 years ago when looking for toys for my great niece and nephew. It touched me then and I never forgot this book. Two weeks ago, the father of these children died suddenly. I bought this book for them and it provides more comfort than anything else I have read. The next place is where we will all be perfect and at peace. Even those of us who aren't very religious, but spiritual and still searching for some peace in the afterlife.

I first heard this read at a memorial service. I was entranced. So I bought a copy for myself & have put it in the large envelope of ideas for my funeral / memorial service!

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