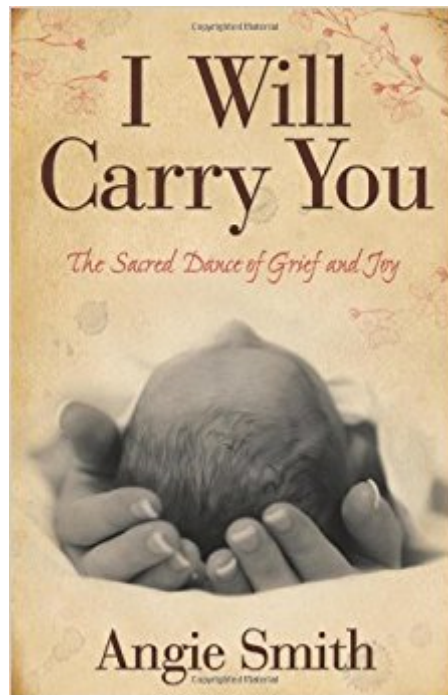


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# I Will Carry You: The Sacred Dance Of Grief And Joy



## Synopsis

In 2008, Angie Smith and her husband Todd (lead singer of the group Selah) learned through ultrasound that their fourth daughter had conditions making her incompatible with life. • Advised to terminate the pregnancy, the Smiths chose instead to carry this child and allow room for a miracle. That miracle came the day they met Audrey Caroline and got the chance to love her for the precious two-and-a-half hours she lived on earth. Upon receiving the original diagnosis, Angie started a blog (Bring the Rain) to keep family and friends informed of their journey. Soon, the site exploded in popularity, connecting with thousands who were either experiencing their own heartbreaking situations or simply curious about how God could carry someone through something so tragic. *I Will Carry You* tells the powerful story of a parent losing her child, interwoven with the biblical story of Lazarus to help those who mourn to still have hope "to find grace and peace in the sacred dance of grief and joy. Endorsement" This is a beautiful and tender book that would touch any woman's heart, no matter her age or realm of experience. It is about a relationship so intimate with God that it carves a safe place for crises of faith, for faith proved genuine and for divine callings willed, sealed and fulfilled. Yes, this is one mother's moving story. This one mother also happens to be a true writer. We will hear more from her. Angie, I am so proud of you. May Christ continue to tip the ink jar toward your gifted quill." - Beth Moore Best-selling author and speaker

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## Customer Reviews

Angie Smith is the wife of Todd Smith (lead singer of Dove Award winning group Selah) and author

of the popular blog entitled Bring the Rain. She holds a Master's degree in Developmental Psychology from Vanderbilt University and lives with her husband and daughters in Nashville, Tennessee.

It's been almost six years since I gave birth to my full-term sleeping son. I heard about this book before, and found great solace in the song "I Will Carry You", but I never picked it up to read it. I opened this book last night and have read it through in less than a day. It is so easy to relate to Angie, yet the way she includes the story of Lazarus opened my eyes and heart. I've been struggling lately with some things that this book touched on. I'd recommend this to any women who've lost an infant. Angie's raw honesty in this book is a breath of fresh air as a Christian woman who has struggled with seeing God's goodness in the death of my son.

Our book club read this book. We all got a Blessing. Right after I read this book I encountered someone who had just found out that a family member had miscarried. I was able to use the book to witness to this person. Highly recommend for any lady to read.

My niece is expecting a baby that, without a miracle from God, won't live after birth. Our family all read this amazing, heartbreaking book to help us minister to her and her family. What a testimony to the Grace of God and how He carries us through our most difficult trials.

Excellent read for providing hope and encouragement during difficult circumstances! I ordered and read this after receiving a similar diagnosis with one of our children. It was great to walk through such similar circumstances with the author's Christian perspective. The scriptures at the end of each chapter on grief, suffering, and hope were so very helpful; I kept a list to refer back to frequently, and still have that list that I pass on to others. This is a great read for anyone suffering through infertility, miscarriage, or other struggles along the lines of fertility/child bearing.

Truly an inspirational story of loss and dependence on God to see them through to the other side. Angie is very open and honest as she relays the details of their story and the loving way God helps her family cope. No one could do this in their own strength. My loss is not of a child, praise God, but of a relationship I treasure very much and did not expect to ever have to face being without. It was a timely reminder that even though I don't want to be on the journey God has called me to travel, He has me wrapped tight in His arms through it all and He truly will carry me through if I allow Him. I

cried through nearly the entire book, both for my own heartache and for the Smith family. Have plenty of tissues on hand when you start reading, it's hard to put down.

I had heard Angie speak about losing her daughter on the Lifeway Woman's cd and her story touched me to the core. I googled her and found her blog and started reading Audrey's story from the beginning. Along the way I discovered Angie's books and ordered all 3. Even though I knew the story about Audrey through the blog, the book went much deeper. I have never lost a child, and it is not easy to read about someone going through something so tragic, but what kept me reading was seeing a woman going through such a heartbreaking time in her life, and praising Jesus in the rain, being honest with her feelings, very raw, and real. Being a Christian is tough, everything isn't rainbows and unicorns just because you know Jesus. Angie let us in on those details and inspired me in a way i just can't completely put into words. We have all had hard times in our lives and Angie inspired me to open up my Bible and start digging into Gods word in a way that I never have before. To get off the seashore and love God in the deep, where things are scary and unknown, but where you can see Jesus in a whole new way. Angie is a gifted writer, I am currently reading her second book now.

Wow! Read the book in one day! I've never lost a child but my best friend's family lost their 2 year old daughter on Christmas Eve 2012. I've read a lot about loss since then and this was, by far, the best at helping me understand their grief. Thank you!

I was never able to have children of my own. When I married I "gave birth" to a relationship with my husband's daughter but, by then, she was a young adult graduating into a world of her own. I am grateful to be part of the life of this precious and amazing woman, but the sting of barrenness is never too far away. Why, then, would this book be one I choose to rate so highly? Because the "what-ifs" of a child's missed life, as expressed by Mrs. Smith, are similar to those questions I've spent decades asking myself. While I will never relate to any physical part of what this author has endured, I understand, even if only slightly, what it's like to wonder what my son or daughter would be like had things been different. Though she may not agree, Angie Smith's faith is heroic, and I appreciate so much her willingness to be so vulnerable, even in the midst of her pain. I thank her for sharing her story.

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