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The world learned the horrendous details of Martin and Gracia Burnham's yearlong captivity in Gracia's best-selling, Gold Medallion Award-winning book, "In the Presence of My Enemies." In this follow-up, Gracia reflects on the lessons and spiritual truths she learned in the jungle and how they apply to anyone's life. Twenty-one brief, theme-based chapters squarely address the challenges each of us face as we pass through difficult times to take to the skies again. This book offers no pat answers or easy solutions, just the battle-tested wisdom of a woman who lived her greatest nightmare and came through it more convinced of God's grace than ever before.

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Sharon says

Gracia Burnham is a wonderful example of how God can turn an awful circumstance into a positive witnessing experience. Gracia spent a year in captivity with her husband, being led through the jungle by Islamic terrorists and her husband was eventually killed in the rescue escape that saved Gracia from her captors. Instead of being bitter and angry, she leans on God to bring her to a new level of faith and hope for her future. She tells us how to rely on God to overcome the trials in our own lives.

This book is not one to hastily read through, but it is one that should be slowly digested, taking time to let the lessons sink in to our heart and soul.

Sharon says

I had not read Gracia's first book, In The Presence of My Enemies, but was familiar with her story from the news media when her tragedy occurred. I really enjoyed this book about her recovery and subsequent speaking and book ministry. Gracia and Martin endured a harrowing experience in the jungles of the Philippines, at the mercy of a Muslim extremist group. She has a testimony full of her learning experiences that are available for me today when facing a crisis. The emphasis is on focusing on each day with God at the helm, not questioning our tragedies, finding God in the small details of each day, and a marvelous example of complete trust in the God of our salvation. I highly recommend this book.

Luann Habecker says

So much exhortation packed in such a short book! much dog-earing of pages occurred.

That being said, I strongly disagree with page 91 where it says, "I forgive you...and you need to forgive yourself."

No where do I find this supported in scripture. If I could forgive myself then what need would I have of Him and His sacrifice and forgiveness? We either accept His sacrifice or we do not. There is no more that I can add to what He did and that is FREEING! I can't forgive myself. That is the whole point!

I really think when people say 'I need to forgive myself' it is really 'I haven't accepted His forgiveness'

Carol says

Personal application stories from her "mom on the go" life back in the US after her year as a jungle hostage

and the death of her husband. If you've heard Gracia speak, or read her first book you'll like this one. She's so real you can picture her on each page. Delightful in that way, moving and inspiring.

Kristen says

This book has been an encouragement to me this month. It didn't so much teach me new lessons as it repeatedly reminded me of the truth. Her experiences with being kidnapped gave me perspective and helped me to remain thankful. Her honest confessions reassured me that I'm not alone in my struggle to walk faithfully with God in dark times.

Sherri says

Gracia Burnham has written a follow-up to her *In the Presence of my Enemies* in which she spent a year-long captivity and death of her husband to Phillipine terrorists.

This was an easy, quick read reminder of forgivenss, love, and moving on. I wasn't expecting a deep theological read, but rather an everyday woman who is trying to deal with what happened to her (and her husband) and how to go on with life.

Rebecca says

I read this book a few years ago, but wanted to read through it again. Gracia B. is the missionary who was kept hostage with her husband for over a year in Phillipines. He was killed when they were rescued. Here she talks honestly about her struggles and lessons learned after she got back home.

Esther says

This is a very powerful book.
Well written and to the point
A must read for those of you
with everyday and huge problems
with life

Joyce says

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Wonderful book! Reads too quickly :)

Wonderful truths from God's Word lived out in life. Draws from her experience as a hostage for a year in the Philippines with her husband, Martin, who is with the Lord, and her simple motherhood and life in general.

Tremendously practical, honest, and uplifting and encouraging and teaching. Couldn't be better unless it were longer.

Penni says

Gracia Burnham shares her journey through adversity, living through it with a focus on Christ and the joy He gives. She suffered tremendously that year she was held captive in the jungle, yet she has a wonderful, positive attitude and no bitterness in her heart. Few of us will ever have to deal with affliction of that severity, yet we all have difficult times. This book helps the reader to have a more realistic focus of the struggles we have in life. A must-read for all of us!

Lou Hunley says

Gracia Burham's first book, *In the Presence of My Enemies* is an amazing story. She and her husband, Martin were missionaries in the Philippines. While on vacation at a resort, they were kidnapped and held captive by terrorists for over a year. Martin was killed by the Philippine Army in an attempted rescue. It is an amazing story.

I enjoyed this book. It contained additional spiritual insights. There wasn't much in it that I had not heard elsewhere.

Georgia Herod says

After having attended an event at which Gracia Burnham was speaking about her life since her captivity and the death of her husband Martin, I was eager to read this book. The author is honest about herself, her grief, her struggles, her joy and thanksgiving in life and her characteristic humor! What an encouragement to anyone who is going through or has gone through great trial and tragedy. God is faithful! Easy to read, with excellent application.

Jrod says

With laughter and tears, Gracia takes her readers to some of the things God taught her after she and her husband lived a year in the jungle as hostages of an Islamic terrorist group. "To Fly Again" is basically spiritual lessons Gracia learned from her jungle captivity ordeal. This is theology fleshed out.

Sadly, I observe three theological problems that are subtly implied in the book: (1) limitation of the justice of God, (2) sketchy view of forgiveness (related to the limitation of God's justice), and (3) Keswick sanctification. These problems, however, are not explicitly stated and are only seen in a page or two.

Other than those problems, this book is encouraging, comforting, challenging, and definitely entertaining. This book is truly a blessing! I suggest reading "*In the Presence of My Enemies*" first before reading this one.

Barbara Hawley says

So well-written. Wonderful for anyone going through a trial. I almost liked it better than Gracia's first book, In The Presence of My Enemies. She's an amazing person. I love the title. Perfect, knowing that Martin was a pilot.

Judith Fleet says

This book is required reading for any who are going through a hard time and want to learn and grow as the path is unclear. I reread it recently as I had just lost a job I had been in for 26 years. It helped me gain perspective and God used it to speak comfort to my heart.
