

Name: Charleen Burghardt

One sentence that describes me and my writing: I am a chaplain and write inspirational nonfiction.



Brief bio: Charleen Burghardt is a former educator and chaplain. After raising her three children, she went to seminary to become a chaplain. She worked in hospice and the hospital setting for over a decade. Charleen writes online devotions for a pregnancy loss group and has been published in Christian Devotions, Upper Room, Breakthrough Intercessors, and Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death. Besides writing, she leads grief groups, advocates for special needs, and speaks. She loves all things chocolate. Her new book, *Where Hope Rises: 60 Devotions for Walking Through Grief with God*, draws on her years as a chaplain. She realized that people grieving want something short and hopeful to read.

Charleen had a blog - www.CharleenBurghardt.com

Why I write: To encourage and inspire

I write:

Fiction: ___short stories ___books Genres:

Nonfiction: ☒articles ☒personal experience stories ☒devotions ☒books Genres: Grief and Loss, Devotionals

Other: ___poetry ___scripts

My audience ☒Christians ___general public ☒xwomen ☒men ___teens ___children

I'm currently working on: Marketing my new book, writing my blog, and writing articles

My greatest joy and/or struggle in writing is: My greatest joy is knowing others are comforted and encouraged. My struggle with writing is due to dyslexia.

I'd like to meet writers who:

☒I belong to a writers' group that is open to new members.

___I would like to find a writers' group.

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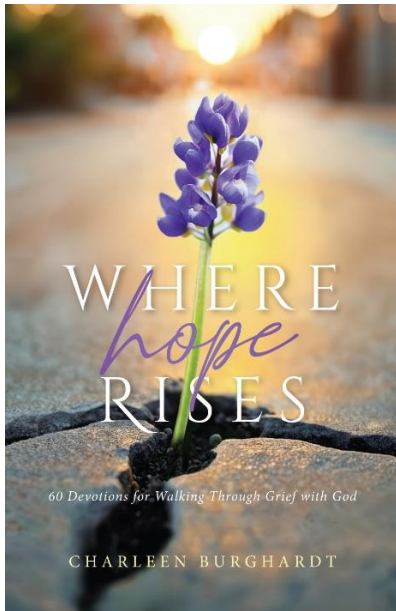
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___I'm not yet published ☒I've been published in periodicals ___I have published one or more books

Title Where Hope Rises: 60 Devotions for Walking Through Grief with God



Date and publisher: August 2025

Description of book.

Grief breaks in many ways—through death, divorce, disappointment, or by slowly losing that which once brought joy. In *Where Hope Rises*, chaplain and author Charleen Burghardt invites you into a sacred space where sorrow meets the steadfast love of Christ.

Grounded in Scripture, this devotional gently guides the brokenhearted through the wilderness of loss. With the heart of a shepherd and storyteller Burghardt draws deeply from her experience to offer companionship for the journey—a reminder that God sees, hears, and walks with us through every shadowed valley. She offers presence, hope, and healing.

Each short devotion is in bite-sized pieces, offering comfort and hope. At the end of each devotion, readers are guided through grief with a suggested response, a reflection prompt, and a journaling exercise.

Book length: 212 pages

Available on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/4naP2Wk>

Available at other book outlets

Cost: \$17.99