

A Widow's Awakening

By Maryanne Pope

Testimonials for Inspirational/Self-Help Niche Markets

“Your book is amazing and your story is an inspiration to everyone.”

Mary, Calgary, AB

“Told with brave candour and intelligent wit, *A Widow's Awakening* takes you on an enlightening journey into the worlds of policing, hospital trauma units, Orthodox religion, unsafe workplaces, and the unexpected areas our minds can wander into when life becomes almost too painful to bear. An inspiring story of coming to terms with the unimaginable in order to live a life with purpose and meaning, this book is a testament to the capacity of the human spirit.”

Shannon Lyons, Communications Consultant, Calgary, AB

“All I can say after devouring your book in 24 hours (which I have not done in three years!) . . . is that you could see me reading it in bed, on the seabus, on the couch . . . it is wildly energetic and honest and authentic and funny and real. I loved it . . . incredibly heartbreaking but life affirming at the same time.”

Alex, North Vancouver, BC

“I was deeply touched by your book. It got me thinking a lot about how to get back on track with what I deem success or a good life. Thanks for allowing your reader to taste the reality of your situation through your candour, cynicism, humour and hope.”

Darrell, Calgary, AB

“I am fascinated and empathetic to an individual's unique human journey. I couldn't help but hope that Adri would awaken with a vision of what would be her mission in life and by the end of the book, she would say, “I'm getting there.” Thank you...she did!!”

Ted, Montreal, QC

“What an incredibly powerful and moving book! Although I had tears in my eyes as I read each page, I think your messages are uplifting and are so important in challenging the human spirit to make our lives mean something meaningful in this world, by helping others and doing something more for society. It is so cleverly written and thought provoking. I haven't enjoyed a book this much since I taught classic literature to high school students a few years ago.”

Sarah Hourihan, Calgary, AB

“*A Widow's Awakening* was awesome! We drove to LA and I could not put the book down. By the time we reached Primm, Nevada, I had read the whole book. You are a credit to the female population...a fighter to stand up for yourself and what you believe is right.”

Darlene, Calgary, AB

“Your book was amazing, completely inspiring, raw and I am, as always, so impressed with what you do...but more importantly who you are!”

Lolly D, Calgary, AB

“I just finished reading *A Widow’s Awakening*. I laughed, I cried, I reflected. I wanted you to know that it had exactly the effect on me that I imagine you wanted for your readers. My eyes, ears and heart were opened to many things; the belief and trust in love and soul mates (which I myself have lost sight of), the tremendous loss of others when a loved one, especially an emergency services personnel, loses their life, and of course the importance of passion and commitment to the work that we do, regardless of what it is. I just wanted to thank you for your honesty and openness. The book was amazing.”

Sarah Polson, Social Worker, Calgary, AB

“I just finished *A Widow’s Awakening*. Thank you. I laughed, I cried, I laughed when I was crying, and I found a fellow Anglican who asks a lot of the same questions I ask. Reading your touching work has realigned my thinking in a way that Tony Robbins’ *Awaken the Giant Within* and Stephen R. Covey’s *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and Deepak Chopra’s *The Book of Secrets* all have. You’ve shone a light on many of the same issues I have been wrestling with in terms of writing and making a difference. Thank you!”

Tim Reynolds, Stand-up Comedian, Calgary, AB

“In January, my husband’s best friend took his own life. During one of our many weekly phone calls, she mentioned that she picked up a copy of your book recommended to her by a victim services worker who had recently attended an engagement at which you were speaking. You began as an inspiring writer, overnight you became an inspiring person and I just want to thank you for helping my friend.”

Stacey, Calgary, AB

“WOW! As soon as I read the first line, I couldn’t put the book down. The truth on soul-mates, hope, after-life, happiness, sadness...you definitely told your tale as it is. I can’t stop talking about this book. I’m glad you shared your story with us.”

Parveen, Calgary, AB

“I have just finished reading your *A Widow’s Awakening* and I had to drop you a note. I was tremendously impressed with your book. By being so honest and open in sharing your feelings and emotions surrounding this tragic event, you are helping me (and other readers) handle the losses and disappointments in our own lives. The book is a great read, interesting, funny...very human. It was very hard to put down and I know I will read it again.”

Nancy, Kingston, ON

“I just received your book at our bookclub. I must admit, your book is painful to read and raw at times, but I have not been able to put it down. Tonight I can’t sleep. I am not finished but already know from radio commercials that you somehow summoned the strength to establish a memorial fund and highlight the importance of workplace safety for all emergency personnel. I want you to know that John is not forgotten and that his memory is being kept alive by people like me; who are talking about your book and having to do some deep soul searching as a result. I also have some writing to do in my life (a master’s thesis) and have been continually putting it off for fear of failure. Your words speak to me in a way that touches me deeply and reminds me of my own reason for living. I thank you for sharing yours.”

Lorraine Bauer, Strathmore, AB

“*A Widow’s Awakening* is painful, numbing and often infuriating. It is also a tribute to the untapped strength we all have inside of us.”

Ian Wilson, Managing Director, John Petropoulos Memorial Fund

“I wanted you to know that your book was a huge help to me during my journey through grief. My husband was killed in the line of duty in August 2007 while attempting to make an arrest. It was the most horrible time of my life and it was comforting to know that the feelings I had were not “abnormal.” I could relate to your story all too well. I have worked very hard at re-building my life for my children and for myself. I feel happy again and have been able to move forward with my life. You were a true inspiration to me and I have shared your book with other young widows who I have met over the past few years.”

Sonja, York, ON

“*A Widow’s Awakening* is a poignant story about dreams, soul mates, pain, rage, grief, transformation and accountability. Even the cover strikes a cord in your heart. This book will awaken anyone who reads it to the truth of who they really are and what is ultimately important. I experienced every human emotion intensely as I read through its pages. It made me cry and it made me laugh. It made me soar and it brought me to my knees. It humbled me and it challenged me to ask the big questions of my own life. I salute Maryanne for her courage, insight, vulnerability, audacity and authenticity. I stand in awe of her ability to ignite the fire in each of us. I pay tribute to her mastery in awakening the light within all of us by telling a story that needed to be told.”

Veronica Hay, Inspirational Author, Calgary, AB

“*A Widow’s Awakening* is a brilliant tale of rage and redemption . . . prisoner, prophet, victim or visionary . . . Pope is a master of dialogue who lays her soul bare . . . an exhilarating ride!”

Claire Scott, Author, Butterfly Blessings and Butterfly Wisdom