

Held in Heaven's Hand

Hannah Grace

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"...joy and sorrow are inseparable... together they come and when one sits alone with you ... remember that the other is asleep upon your bed." —Kahlil Gibran *The Prophet*

Hannah Grace aims to provide solace for children grieving over the death of a peer or other loved one. Angels have a dominant place hovering near hospital beds and providing guidance in Heaven. The earnest author shares her conviction that the afterlife holds wellness and relief from suffering: "There are no tears where they are now only smiles and the ability to play;"

The author was encouraged to write this book after a friend experienced a stillbirth and another friend lost a child. Hannah Grace's previous children's books are *Forgiving the Monsters* regarding abuse and *Heavenly Hugs*. Illustrations of children and angels use a balanced array of racial backgrounds.

Grace avoids dealing directly with the most difficult part of her subject perhaps out of a desire not to alarm. The events of *Held in Heaven's Hand* are presented in no particular order and do not focus on any given family. This book breaks little new ground but is dominated by positive thinking. It may be reassuring to grieving children from Christian families providing a springboard for further discussion.

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