

Review For **Nick's New Heart** on Amazon.com

This is the first non-fiction book I've reviewed; as well as the first one I've read in a long time that wasn't related to one of my college classes. But what a treat it was. Nick's New Heart is the journey of one family, from the time they find out their newborn has a bad heart, to the heart transplant at age 2, to dealing with typical teenage problems as a heart transplant patient. The story is touching, informative, inspiring and a must read for anyone and everyone. Written from the point of view of the recipient's family, Nick's New Heart is the only book of its kind.

Susan May immerses the reader into the life and death struggle her family faced the moment Nick was born. As a mother, I felt her pain. Even though I knew the outcome (did I mention that Susan is a friend of mine?), I cried throughout several parts of the story. I found myself right there as the new mother sat in a wheel chair, trying to hide behind a potted plant as she cried herself silly. I felt Susan and Andy's disappointment after the first false alarm call about a possible new heart. I was right there looking over their shoulders as they tried to figure out how to pay for it all. And, I wanted to break Nick's neck when the teenager decided for himself to cut back on some of his meds.

I know in my head that life is short. But until you're faced with the challenges this family has faced, you can't possibly imagine how precious each moment is. It shouldn't take a catastrophe to remind us to be thankful for what we've been blessed with. I thank Susan for reminding me of this. Nick's New Heart will always hold a place in my own heart as well as spot on my Keeper Shelf. Great job, Susan!!!

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