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HOPE and COMPASSION for FAMILIES

*Beautiful Nate* offers valuable insights into what went wrong in a dedicated Christian family and how things might have gone differently—giving parents direction for raising their own children in a troubled world. Exploring the differences between fear-based parenting, child-centered parenting, and healthy intentional parenting, author Dennis Mansfield shares hard-earned wisdom and powerful ideas on what children need. Whether you're in the midst of parenting small children or have experienced the heartbreak of a child gone astray, you'll find guidance and hope for your journey in this poignant, real-life story.

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Even when you follow all the rules, LIFE CAN GO VERY WRONG. . .

Dennis Mansfield and his wife Susan planned for and expected every parent's dream but instead lived every parent's nightmare. This haunting memoir tells the story of a father who diligently followed all the parenting rules that he learned from conservative Christian "experts"; yet life with his son Nate went terribly wrong when the young man died at twenty-seven of drug-related causes. It wasn't that the principles Dennis followed were faulty; it was that the promised *guarantee* turned out to be void.

The author, a national leader in the pro-family movement of the 1990s, reveals what did and did not work in raising a child within the evangelical framework. But rather than losing his faith and abandoning the God he'd trusted, Dennis eventually found new joy and purpose—with a more compassionate and realistic view of the roles parents play and the rules they follow.

As you read this sobering yet refreshing account, you will find direction for your own parenting style and encouragement after life's disappointments. midst of parenting small children or have experienced the heartbreak of a child gone astray, you'll find guidance and hope for your journey in this poignant, real-life story.

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