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Editorial Review

Review

A brave and beautiful memoir, told with compassion and tenderness, that will open up conversations about some of the most neglected, shadowy corners in our human experience. Sarah Griffith Lund has given the church a gift: the chance to walk, as Jesus did, in the company of those who bear the blessings and marks of a crazy cross. --Anna Carter Florence, Columbia Theological Seminary

Sarah Lund offers a beautiful and brutally honest account of mental illness in her family and its impact on her ministry. There is neither romanticism nor hopelessness in these pages. Rather she shares a story that is both introspective and prophetic, and invites us all to share in this lifelong struggle between shadow and light. --Stacy Smith, editor, Church Health Reader; co-author, *Bless Her Heart: Life As a Young Clergy Woman*

Sarah's book is a detailed, personal story-telling of the impact that the mental illnesses in her family has had on her life. As she wrestles with her experiences, she affirms that to tell the true story is to heal. Her faith comes alive in the telling and we, as readers, can find hope in her words. --The Rev. Alan Johnson, United Church of Christ Mental Health Network and the Interfaith Network on Mental Illness

About the Author

Sarah Griffith Lund is passionate about loving her family, God, and being part of faith communities. She is an ordained minister and has served as pastor to churches in Brooklyn, NY, Minneapolis, MN, and New Smyrna Beach, FL. She holds degrees from Trinity University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Rutgers University, and McCormick Theological Seminary. She currently serves as a Vice President for Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. Sarah received The Bob and Joyce Dell Award for Mental Health Education from the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network in 2015 for "her outstanding authorship and leadership in breaking the silence about mental illness in family and on church and offering healing and hope." She blogs at sarahgriffithlund.com and at huffingtonpost.com.

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