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From Publishers Weekly

In 2001, the six-member King family had just relocated to a new home in Baltimore when tragedy struck: 17-month-old Josie, wandering unsupervised, turned on a hot water tap and was badly scalded. Rushed to Johns Hopkins hospital, Josie spent 17 days in recovery and was scheduled to be released, but sudden cardiac arrest killed her before she made it out. The hospital admitted their mistake: improper hydration and a mistakenly administered dose of prescription painkiller methadone. Even more shocking, the Kings learned that theirs was not a unique tragedy; in the U.S., somewhere between 44,000 and 98,000 people die every year from medical errors. Using their \$1.5 million settlement, the Kings founded an advocacy group, the Josie King Foundation, which, in partnership Johns Hopkins, spearheads a national drive for patient safety programs. This painful but inspiring memoir is a compelling drama of family grief amid the dysfunctional U.S. health care system, buttressed by a 20-page resource guide for patients, families and health-care providers.

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Review

“Sorrel King is a heroic figure in the healthcare movement. Josie's story and Sorrel's determination are making care safer for millions of patients. At its core, this is a powerful and immensely moving love story.”—Charles Kenney, Quality and Safety Consultant to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

“Josie’s story has served as a beacon for me and thousands of other healthcare professionals.”—Dr. Louise Liang, former Senior Vice President, Quality and Clinical Systems Support, Kaiser Permanente

“Sorrell’s story . . . teaches us that listening is as important as doing, reminding us that our learning is a journey, and that our true teachers sit in front of us in hospital beds and on exam tables each day.”—Dr. David Shulkin, President and CEO, Beth Israel Medical Center, NY

“I am confident that Sorrel has saved countless lives by sharing her story and challenging physicians and administrators to critically examine how they provide care. She made a difference for our children’s hospital and we are forever grateful.”—Craig Cordola, CEO, Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital of Houston, TX

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