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"I found *The Widow's Journal* so enlightening. The author beautifully illustrates in her thoughtful manner what we all dread, grief. Whether you are a new widow or the passing of your loved one has been several years, this journal will help you immensely! Each question is so carefully and respectfully worded that it makes you very comfortable answering personal and intimate questions. I found writing all my feelings to be very therapeutic. I would highly recommend *The Widow's Journal* to all widows to help them through a very sad time."

- **Dawn Allen Cashion**, from Virginia. Widowed in her 40's.

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About the Author

Carrie P. Freeman, PhD, holds a doctorate in communication and society and works as a tenured associate professor of communication in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Freeman has authored numerous scholarly publications on ethics, journalism, and social movement advocacy. Prior to her academic life she had a human resources career focused on professional development and personal growth training.

Dr. Freeman has been a widow for more than a decade, losing her husband to cancer just before her thirtieth birthday. A lifelong journaler, she used her personal writing to help deal with the loss—and ultimately created *The Widow's Journal*, a valuable tool for others experiencing the heartbreak of losing a partner.

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