

Chapter 1 : The God Box - a simple technique to reduce worry

Making a "God box" is an okay idea, if that's what you want to do, and maybe some people need to do that; I don't think writing little notes to God will make me feel I handed a problem over. I finished the book a month ago and haven't made a box, nor do I plan to do so.

Jun 15, brandy oliver rated it it was amazing This is a beautifully written book that is going to be kept on my top shelf; The book itself is gorgeous and has stunning pictures, beautiful cover, and is just a treasure! Just a wonderful story and I admire this author for writing such a heartfelt book about her own per This is a beautifully written book that is going to be kept on my top shelf; The book itself is gorgeous and has stunning pictures, beautiful cover, and is just a treasure! Just a wonderful story and I admire this author for writing such a heartfelt book about her own personal difficulties. I love the idea of a God Box and wish I would have started this years ago, but it is never to late to start one of your own! What better way to help others, keep your faith and share these special little notes for years to come. Her mother was a beautiful soul, inside and out, and this book will have you looking into your own heart and remembering that life is very short. I want very much to start a God Box of my own for my own children to see and read, rather than just wish and pray these hopes for others and our family, it would mean so much to our children if they could have something to read and look at when we are gone. I see how this has helped this family through such a rough time!! Thank goodness for this book, as it is filled with wonderful ideas, inspiration, and takes you through the healing process. You will not want to lend your copy of The God Box to anybody, unless you know for sure they will return it, I would suggest purchasing it as a gift for anybody who has or is going through such a tragic event in their lives. It makes an excellent gift and hopefully will spark their imagination and lead them to start keeping little notes for God. I knew I would relate well with the author since I had lost my mom to cancer in No matter what your age is or the age of your mother, losing my mom was the hardest thing I have ever endured. It is such a fog and you hope to see the one you love walking down the stairs or see them where ever you remember them most. Mary Lou was in the midst of preparing fo My thoughts: Mary Lou was in the midst of preparing for the funeral when her brother mentioned the God Box and Mary and the family went searching to find it. Mary found it but also 9 more! A total of 10 God Boxes from the last 20 years. This story is such an encouragement which reminded me to "surrender. If she was out to eat with a friend and they had a pain she would find the receipt write down the need and trust God to handle it. Once she placed it in the box it was like her faith rose and she was saying "I no longer will carry this burden as I will place my trust in God. This story was a very quick read as I read it in one day in two 45 minute sessions. I appreciate the challenge from the author to do a God Box not sure in which way but I absolutely love the idea. I think the biggest reason is just leaving something for my kids to go through and see how God worked things out, healed people, and other testimonies! Stay encouraged by joining one or all of the God Boxes social networks:

Since The God Box book was published in the spring of , so many readers have told me that they started their own God Boxes. I love hearing stories of children creating God Boxes and married couples joining their prayer and cares in a family box.

Prayer I just ordered a copy of this book for both of my daughters. However, after reading this book, I wanted them to each be able to hear this story. The book is The God Box. The author is Mary Lou Quinlan. Mary Lou Quinlan has written a fine book. Her mother regularly prayed for others. Many of these prayers came after others poured out their hearts to Mary Finlayson regarding their problems, worries, and fears. The book is well written and attractive. To see these prayer requests handwritten on pieces of paper is very moving. There is much to be said for the book. I especially appreciated the portrait of this mother who, in the course of her life, prayed to God regarding her husband, her children, her friends, and many other people. She exhaled a prayer. Family members, friends, and people she had just met poured out their problems and difficulties to her. She in turn took these petitions to God. These petitions were handwritten and then placed in her God box each time she wrote one. Upon her death, a number of boxes were found containing twenty years of these notes. The notes are simple petitions; however, they reflect a deep trust and familiarity with the one to whom she was praying. As I read these petitions, I was reminded that the beauty of prayer is not in ornate language or eloquent speech. Rather, the beauty is found in a childlike trust in God. Mary Finlayson expresses her petitions with great detail at times. She includes times, places, and the people who are involved in a particular concern. No vague generalities in these petitions! She expresses these particulars much like one would speak in a normal conversation. The book is about a close relationship between daughter and mother. It is also about a woman who gave herself to others. Many of us know what it is to carry with us the problems, worries, and anxieties of others. Mary learned to bring take problems and worries to the God box and leave them there. I am glad I read this book. Not only did this book inspire me to pray more about the ordinary moments of life but also to leave the cares and worries of others in the hands of God. The God Box is a reminder that there is someone else who is willing to bear our problems and those of our loved ones. I received a complimentary advanced copy for review.

Chapter 3 : Book The God Box by ScottQuinn - Issuu

Alex Sanchez is the author of the Rainbow Boys trilogy of teen novels, along with The God Box, Getting It, and the Lambda Award-winning middle-grade novel So Hard to Say. His novel, Bait, won the Florida Book Award Gold Medal for YA fiction.

Page 4 of 4 Discussion Questions 1. If you had to sum The God Box up in one word, what is this story about? What will you remember most? How would you describe this story to a friend? They were so close that some have called it a love story. How did this make you feel about your own relationship with your mother? As a mother to your own children? What was it about Mary that made her unusual? What about those times relate to you now? your neighborhood, your friends, your faith? What, if anything, would you wish were the same? Can families be like that today? Do you feel that it was real? Even though they had problems of health and loss, did you wish for more conflict? How did they resolve what came their way? Mary Lou describes her mother as someone who was very empathetic and caring. How does someone resolve being so giving without wearing themselves out or being taken advantage of? Where did Mary get her deep faith? Why did she write repeated notes for the same thing? Mary had a career, as did Mary Lou. How would you describe the difference between their approaches to work and why? Who are you more like? The men in the book particularly Ray, Jack and Joe are supportive but in different ways. Discuss how they are different from each other and how they are different from the men in your own lives? How do you resolve the deep love Ray had for Mary with his policy of ignoring or downplaying illness. When Mary placed messages in the God Box, what do you think she was thinking? Why did she keep the boxes over the years, rather than throw away the resolved messages? Do you think she wanted the boxes to be found? Why did she stash them on a shelf out of sight? Why was Mary Lou the one who found them? Talk about why you think Mary Lou kept her fertility issues to herself? Is there anything that you keep to yourself like that? If so, can you discuss it now? When Ray lost Mary, he tried to go forward in a positive way, though often long-term couples struggle after a spouse dies. Why did working on a house renovation during their grief create new energy for Mary Lou, Ray and Joe. Do you think they should have taken more time to grieve? Is there anything therapeutic in what is often a stressful process? What have you found to be therapeutic during stressful times in your own life? Do you think that spoke to their closeness on earth or was it a way for them to anticipate separation by death but seeing themselves still somehow connected? Why did Mary Lou wait so long to start her own God Box? Do you think if her dad were still living she would have still been waiting to start? And what about Jack? Would you consider keeping a God Box for yourself? How would you start? What would you write inside if you started one tonight? Would you share yours or stash it away as Mary did? Would you do it together with your children? Do you host a book club meeting that includes more than 25 members? If so, invite Mary Lou Quinlan to attend your reading group discussion. Just email her at This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Chapter 4 : The God Box - Alex Sanchez - Google Books

Take a look at the book trailer for bestselling book "The God Box: Sharing my mother's gift of faith, love and letting go" by Mary Lou Quinlan. Author, speaker and daughter Mary Lou Quinlan.

He does a remarkably faithful job of opening up long-abused biblical passages often used as proof texts to denigrate homosexuality. This book is a gift not just to teenagers, but to those who love and work with them. But when a new boy, Manuel, transfers to their school, Paul has to rethink his life. From *The God Box: How could I choose between my sexuality and my spirituality, two of the most important parts that made me whole?* Order your copy wherever books are sold in stores and online! Read an excerpt now! Sanchez addresses theological interpretations head on but through credible use of teen dialogue and ponderings. Identity--sexual, ethnic, and religious--are each compelling to teens, and this novel treats all three openly and honestly. Plus, the brewing romance An important, heartfelt book that deserves a wide readership. Sanchez captures the journey of navigating faith and accepting being gay as a gift from God with extraordinary insight and grace. I found myself in this story and wish that it had been there for me when I was growing up. This book is a must read for all youth, gay and straight. The God Box will help all of us open the windows of our hearts and souls to one another as one human family. Save a gay AND straight kid today! Steve Kindle, Clergy United www. This is a story that must be told and read and celebrated!! Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator, The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches "Sometimes fiction is the perfect medium for going deeper in our exploration of faith and sexuality. Although there are plenty of excellent novels out there that explore the complex emotions around coming to terms with sexual identity, few also explore the equally complex pull of religious belief. I only wish *The God Box* was around when I was a teenager!

Chapter 5 : The God Box by Alex Sanchez

The God Box by Mary Lou Quinlan touched me on so many levels I am not even sure where to begin. I requested this book to review several weeks ago.

Chapter 6 : The God Box book | Mary Lou Quinlan

The God Box is a truly noteworthy title in LGBT teen fiction. It captures much of the indecision, confusion, and fear that comes with being gay and Christian. I.

Chapter 7 : calendrierdelascience.com | The God Box book by author Mary Lou Quinlan

"The God Box is a book that you will want to keep by your own bed with your own new God Box. Mary Lou Quinlan has told the story of her mother in a way that entertains, moves and inspires. Mary Lou Quinlan has told the story of her mother in a way that entertains, moves and inspires.

Chapter 8 : The God Box - Discussion Questions

"The God Box" is a great, quick read. Targeted for a younger crowd, it follows a protagonist who begins questioning his sexuality after meeting a shockingly out classmate. Set in a small-ish town in Texas, the homophobia in the air of both the church and school is tangible and relatable.

Chapter 9 : The God Box Home Page

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