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"A thorough and compassionate workbook. The authors combine basic information, exercises, and examples in a highly readable and accessible format. This book will be particularly useful for readers taking their first steps on the journey of recovery from trauma."--Maxine Harris, PhD, coauthor of *Healing the Trauma of Abuse*

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"This practical workbook explains the impact of trauma and provides resources for coping. Survivors will benefit from the empathic tone and the personalized worksheets. Most important, this is a hopeful book that emphasizes that healing *is* possible, a much-needed message."--Christine A. Courtois, PhD, author of *Healing the Incest Wound*, and in private practice, Washington, DC

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"*Life After Trauma* is written by two attuned, experienced trauma professionals who connect with their readers' pain, resources, and determination. The reader feels seen, held, guided, and respected all along the way."--from the foreword by Laurie Anne Pearlman, PhD

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(*Milton H. Erickson Foundation Newsletter* 2010-03-12)

"This book is full of helpful, practical strategies for coping and self-care....Would recommend this book as a good self-help workbook that offers a useful place to begin helping oneself following a trauma."  
(*Transactional Analysis Journal* 2010-03-12)

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