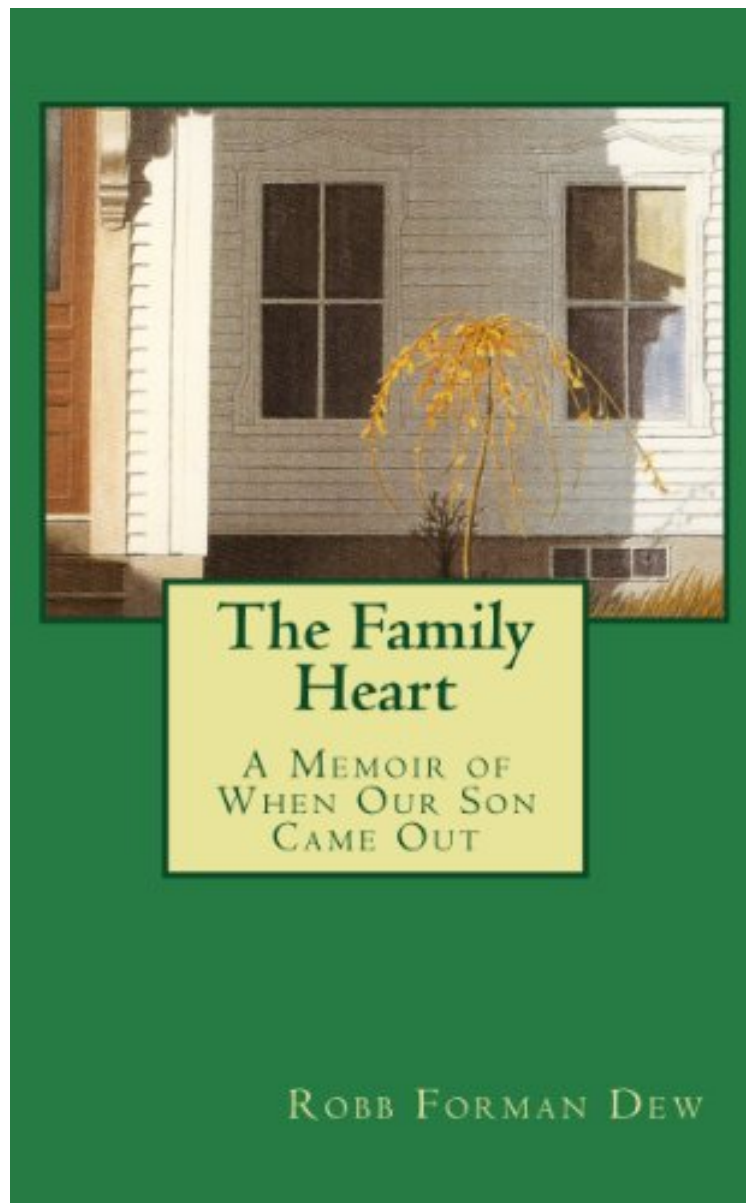


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An American Book Awards Winner now writes her own storyVon Helen R. EarlyWhen R.F.Dew's son came home from Yale and said "I'm gay", the family changed forever. There was no change in his parents love for him, but learning to deal with homosexuality was something else again. She says angrily of Dr. Spock and his ilk, "They knew!--and they never told us." There are many "coming out" books, but this is by a professional writer--and it shows. As a PFLAG member I have bought many copies of this book--and I wish the audio tape were still available. One young gay man who was trying to come out to his parents played the tapes when he had his parents as a captive audience in his car.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. required reading for *everyone*Von Ein KundeThis book, while it has its drawbacks (not all of us live in an area like Williamstown or in a college community, and there are different issues that come up when you're dealing with a family/people of color and of a different class), is necessary. I think that Dew is able to flesh out, in her own way, what it is to really deal with homosexuality and homophobia -- whether it is your own, your child's, your parent's, your friends', etc., etc. Her reactions and lessons learned gave me enormous insight into my own parents' experiences of when I came out as a lesbian. I am finally able to forgive my parents and understand them better, and they me, and this has lead to a much much better relationship, and just more open, honest, loving lives for all of us. And Dew's epiphany of the suicidal consequences of homophobia, even in its most subtle and quiet forms, is invaluable and is something everyone should learn more about and be more aware of. Our lives and the lives of our families depend on it.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Brilliant writer. Timely subject. Magical book.Von Ein KundeRobb Forman Dew teaches us all about REAL family values...the kind where you love and support your children, rather than destroying them. Dew is a master storyteller, and her search for truth and love make this heart- wrenching fiction...except that it is NOT fiction. It is real, and it is a story that most people NEED to read, because every day there are many people who learn that they have a gay son, daughter, friend, relative or co-worker. Everyone NEEDS to read this book.

KurzbeschreibungFamily happiness was a subject Robb Forman Dew believed she understood in all its complexities. And then one spring day her older son, home from his first year away at college, told her that he was gay. In THE FAMILY HEART she navigates deep emotional waters in order to accommodate this knowledge, turning her attention to her own husband and two sons, all of whom were suddenly navigating uncharted territory. Over the space of the following year the four of them unwittingly began a process of evolution as a family--of love and enlightenment that left not one of them untouched. What happens when parents find out their son or daughter is gay or lesbian? There is no literature available--no advice books, no self-help tomes--even now, that alerts expectant parents to remain flexible as their children discover their sexuality. Mrs. Dew finds herself enraged by her ignorance about a subject that sometimes is of life and death importance. She excoriates the doctors who were the revered advisers of her day: Dr. Spock, and Dr. Terry Brazleton, for failing to pass on possibly life-saving information about which they were well aware. This is an important book for all sorts of reason, but it is invaluable for expectant or current parents of any child in the world. Robb Forman Dew's account of that moment of revelation in her life, and of the subsequent journey she makes with her family from confusion to clarity, is a book everyone should read. In this extraordinarily honest and often amusing examination of maternal, familial, and communal attitudes toward homosexuality, Robb Dew not only wrestles with her own mistakes and dreams, but moves us to reflect on the American attitude in general. Although THE FAMILY HEART was written in 1994, this book is perhaps even more relevant in today's changing culture and divisive political atmosphere.A New York Times Notable Book "With generosity and perception, Robb Dew first takes us into her home and into the heart of her family and then leads us with her eloquent prose into experiencing how it feels to discover another part of being human. THE FAMILY HEART is eloquent in the best sense."--Gail Godwin "Amen from any mother, every mother."--Anna Quindlen, The New York Times "At the heart of this memoir lies a true epiphany: the author's sudden, galvanizing awareness of the suicidal consequences of homophobia. It is a chilling moment, and it is described with a writer's eloquence and a mother's rage...Dew's intense imagination, combined with her ignorance of homosexuality, was as much a hindrance as a help, and it is to her credit that she has recorded the occassionally wacky assumptions and painful readjustments of her own odyssey with such care and humor."--The New Yorker.deMost books about parents dealing with their child's announcement of his or her homosexuality are cast as "self-help" or educational. In the absence of informed, nonjudgmental material, these books are important, but more personal stories are also important. In Family Heart: A Memoir of When Our Son Came Out, novelist Robb Forman Dew tells the story of what happen to her--and her family--after her son Stephen came out. There are no melodramatic scenes, but Dew's story is breathtaking in its emotional detail and its explication of everyday life. What is daring, and surprising, about Dew's story is that the moral weight is not upon Stephen to deal with the confused reactions of his parents, but upon the parents to deal with their own mixed emotions and the negative reactions of their friends. Homophobia, not homosexuality, is the problem here. Dew's prose, like her award-winning fiction, sparkles, and the insights she offers are not simply about sexuality but about the myths and secrets we all create to "protect," "defend,"

and ultimately distort what a family should--and can--be. --Michael Bronski

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