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## LINDA M. KURTH



Linda M. Kurth is a writer and a divorced and remarried Christian living with her husband in the home of their hearts in northwestern Washington state. She writes for both children and adults.

Linda's memoir chronicles her twenty-five-year marriage, her struggle to make the decision to divorce, and God's provision in the aftermath. Linda was condemned by some Christians and churches and supported by others. This experience prompted her to begin her blog, [Help and Healing for Divorced Christians](#), where she gives helpful advice and encourages churches to fully embrace divorced people.

Linda is also the author of several other books and has written numerous articles and short non-fiction books for adults. Linda has an MA in Art Education with credentials in Library Media.



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BOOKS



**Books by Linda M. Kurth**

***God, the Devil, and Divorce: A Transformative Journey Out of Emotional and Spiritual Abuse***

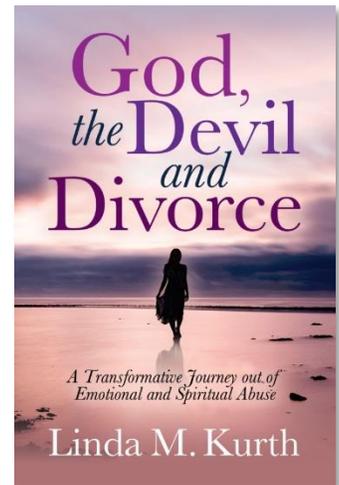
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***Home of the Heart***, is a clean "career romance" based on Linda's experience as an interior designer. It's been recently revised and available on Kindle.

***Welcome to the Land of Enchantment: A Short Memoir of a Young Marriage*** (a prequel to *God, the Devil, and Divorce*), ***Finding Joy in being Single after Divorce***, and ***Ballroom Dancing and Other Life Lessons***.

These are "Quick Reads" available on Kindle.

***Keiko's Story: A Killer Whale Goes Home***, a non-fiction school and library book, inspired by her acquaintance with Keiko, the whale star of the movie, *Free Willy*.



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REVIEWS FOR GOD, THE  
DEVIL, AND DIVORCE



I was drawn in by this positive and life-affirming story about a woman who finds herself and her strength as her marriage deteriorates. She fights for her marriage, her husband, and herself, battling unseen enemies. This is an engaging book about the struggle of knowing when to fight, and when to give up and make a new life for oneself.

—Susy Flory, New York Times bestselling author or co-author of over a dozen memoirs, and director of West Coast Christian Writers Conference.

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In this compelling, readable, and highly relatable memoir, Linda M. Kurth takes us deep inside what could be so many American homes and reveals the pain, joy, and discovery of motherhood, womanhood, and sexuality. Looking at Christianity from both the inside and outside, Kurth writes honestly about how her faith supported her as well as the challenges she faced when the choices she made conflicted with some of her fellow Christian's mores.

—William Kenower, author of *Fearless Writing: How to Create Boldly* and *Write with Confidence*

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Linda Moore Kurth is a soulful, big-hearted survivor whose suffering has somehow not made her bitter but passionate--passionate to help others escape abusive situations and to cultivate advocates for those who are suffering. I'm honored to know her and pray you will be blessed by this fierce, vulnerable book.

—Chad R. Allen, writing coach, blogger, speaker

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One of the greatest gifts we can give another person is to do the hard work that turns our pain into their gain. Linda Moore Kurth has taken the time, the energy and put in the work to do just that. Her gift in sharing the process of her pain and her insights into what you might gain from her experience makes her book worth reading and sharing. Divorce is rampant in our culture and help in dealing with it is invaluable. Make this resource a gift for yourself and others.

—Cliff Tadema, President, Christ The King Network, Ministry Made Simple

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If your heart aches over your broken marriage--even one filled with crazy mixed messages, a tug of war between love and hate, and abusive neglect--*God, The Devil, and Divorce* is for you. If you've felt

judged by those who don't know the full story, this book is also for you. Linda invites us on her honest, vulnerable journey from love to heartache as she battles first to save her marriage and then to let it go. Writing as a trusted friend, Linda shares journal entries, encouraging bible verses, and inspiring quotes from her step-by-step healing journey. Even if your story isn't exactly like hers, you will experience understanding, renewed faith, and assurances you are not alone.

—Rebecca L. Mitchell

Author of *From Broken Vows to Healed Hearts: Seeking God After Divorce Through Community, Scripture, and Journaling*

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A divorce is a death – a death of a marriage you expected to last a lifetime. Linda shares her journey working through the difficulties encountered in marriage and two divorces before finding that lasting marriage. She shares her struggles with lack of church and Christian support for what she is going through. She writes her story to enlighten other Christians who may be struggling for support and understanding surrounding divorce and marriage issues

—Marlene Anderson, mental health counselor, motivational speaker, author

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In her memoir, Kurth bravely shares her journey of faith, heartbreak, and crushing judgments from segments of her Christian community after leaving a marriage fraught with crazy-making and loneliness as she works to rebuild herself.

—Lizbeth Meredith, author of *Pieces of Me: Rescuing My Kidnapped Daughters*

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Emotional and spiritual abuse can often be worse than physical in that there are no obvious scars. Linda M. Kurth's writing is raw and honest, making her story feel authentic. She exposes her own vulnerability while presenting her husband in a realistic, multidimensional way. Her characters come alive on the page. Her story will give hope to countless women who feel trapped in an abusive relationship.

I highly recommend this well-written memoir to women who have been abused, to health care providers who care for them and to anyone who would like a glimpse of emotional and spiritual abuse.

—Kathleen Pooler, Kathleen Pooler, author of *Ever Faithful to His Lead: My Journey Away From Emotional Abuse* and *Just the Way He Walked: A Mother's Story of Healing and Hope*.

Marriage isn't for the faint-of-heart. Linda M. Kurth knows that all too well, yet over time she has triumphed over failures, lack of faith, and disappointment. *God, the Devil, and Divorce* explores wide-ranging issues—practical, emotional, and spiritual—as well as providing a wealth of resources concerning these issues. If you're a Christian in a troubled marriage, if you're divorced, or a church leader, you'll want to read Linda M. Kurth's inspirational read.

—Linda K. Thomas, author of two memoirs, *Please, God, Don't Make Me Go: A Foot-Dragger's Memoir* and *Grandma's Letters from Africa*

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In her memorable memoir, Linda M. Kurth describes the intimate and gradual breakdown of her 25-year Christian marriage. She looks for help and guidance, but when one faith counselor threatens, "If you divorce, Satan wins!" she prays for enlightenment. You can sense the author's joy when she finally allows God to light her way and leads her to the man of her dreams. In an engaging and authentic style, Linda shows how things went wrong, and what it took for things to go right!

—Larry J. Dunlap, author: *Night People and Enchanted*, Books 1 & 2 of *Things We Lost In The Night*, a memoir of love and music

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In reading *God, the Devil and Divorce*, I was privileged to join author Linda M. Kurth on a fascinating and sometimes agonizing emotional rollercoaster ride of love, joy, happiness, adventure, sadness, helplessness, futility and hope. I found myself experiencing a deep sadness coupled with huge frustration that, at times, people of faith offered her little help and in some cases, more disillusionment. Linda's beautifully vulnerable sharing of her life is so real and relatable that you can't help but find yourself walking alongside her in her journey towards hope and freedom.

—Vic Woodward, co-founder and leader, Marriage Mosaic

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## INTERVIEW TOPICS



Christian divorce

Divorce Recovery

Emotional and spiritual abuse

Crazymaking

Forgiveness

Divorce Recovery

The church and divorce

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SAMPLE QUESTIONS

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1. You write as if the events happened recently, but in fact, they occurred some time ago. How could you possibly have remembered so much?
2. Why do Christians have differing opinions about divorce?
3. The subtitle of your memoir includes the term, "spiritual abuse." What does that term mean?
4. What do you mean by the term, "emotional abuse"?
5. One of your counselors told you your husband was a "crazymaker." What is a crazymaker and why didn't you simply tell him to stop trying to make you crazy?
6. Why do you believe your story is relevant today?
7. You've been divorced twice. How did these experiences impact your spiritual journey?
8. You listed twenty characteristics you were looking for in a mate. Don't you think that was a little excessive?
9. Why do you think you had so many arguments about food and what was so important about those arguments?
10. What is the takeaway of your story?