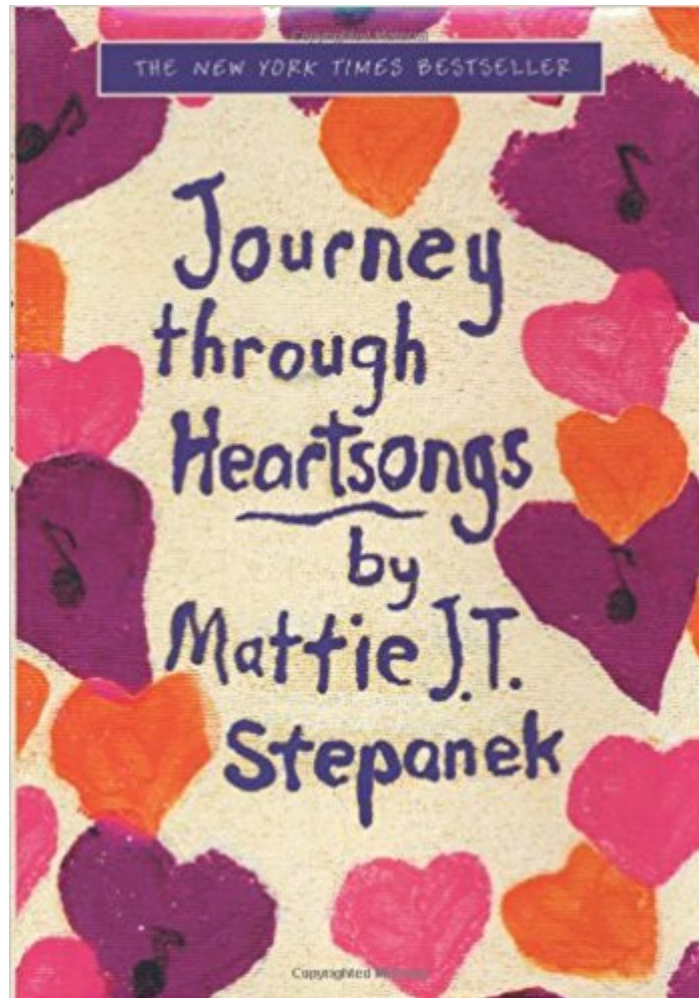




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Journey Through Heartsongs



Synopsis

Mattie J.T. Stepanek takes us on a Journey Through Heartsongs with more of his moving poems. These poems share the rare wisdom that Mattie has acquired through his struggle with a rare form of muscular dystrophy and the death of his three siblings from the same disease. His life view is one of love and generosity and as a poet and a peacemaker, his desire is to bring his message of peace to as many people as possible.

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"... (his) poetry reflects a heart and mind that soar beyond his 11 years..." -- Jerry Lewis"...Mattie has become a teacher whose words make the wisdom and beauty of creation available to us all..." -- Bernie Seigal

Matthew J.T. Stepanek, best known as "Mattie," was raised by his mother, Jeni, in Upper Marlboro, MD. He wrote poetry and short stories since the age of three, and his first book of poetry entitled [Journey Through Heartsongs](#) is a collection of his earliest works. Mattie was a frequent public speaker who appeared on [PBS](#), [ABC](#), and [CBS](#) and had his poetry published in newspapers and magazines nationwide. In 1999, Mattie was awarded the Melinda Lawrence International Book Award for inspirational written works by Children's Hospice International. In 2001, Mattie served as the Maryland State Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In 2002, he served as both the National

Ambassador and the State Ambassador for the MDA.

Little Mattie is a Master from the Etheric Realm. He came back to remind everyone of the Sound of "Love" within their Hearts...their inner symphony, and to align with that sound to feel peaceful, happy and create through that uniqueness.

I recently completed my new copy of Journey Through Heartsongs, by Mattie Stepanek. This book deserves a close and relaxed reading due to its healing message and Mattie's incredible insights. Mattie, was born with dysautonomic mitochondrial myopathy, a disease which led to his death in June of 2004. However, I am firmly convinced that Mattie was born with more: this book (and his other books) show clearly a precocious mind which borders on genius. His insights, and his honesty about life, pain, loneliness, death, global issues, joy, war, true happiness, and daily challenges often defy description. Former President Jimmy Carter was not joking when he said (in his funeral eulogy for Mattie) that Mattie was the most amazing person whom he had ever met. What this book conveys is clear understanding of what life is REALLY about, and Mattie has the taste to say it with grace, with wonder, gratitude, as well as a gentle spirit. But, you also see a boy who is also perplexed at times, fearful, sad, and even frustrated. But, in the final analysis, Mattie has faith in God and this faith is not mere "religious talk." This book showcases the mind of a young boy who has seen death upclose and can talk about it with honesty, while maintaining the joie de vivre (the joy of life). Among his first poems, were those lamenting the death of his brother, Jamie, who wrote those poems at age 3. This book is about the Joy of Life, and pain and close-to-death experiences are among the only things which can create such a rare and wondrous attitude. "Attitudes are contagious" as Mattie states, and this book is contagious. Change your life by reading about a boy who was magnificently changed by misfortune ... forever!---Jesse By the way, Mattie's surname (Stepanek) is pronounced :Ste - PON - ek. He states his own name at the beginning of all of the audio versions of his HeartSong collections, as he is the reader for all of his audio books.

Mattie's poems are amazingly smart for the youth that he was when he wrote this. These have a touching and sweet quality to them that are astounding. They are inspiring for adults and for children. This book is perfect for you and for a gift of inspiration.

gave to my children....they could not believe that a young boy wrote these even though he went through so much so young. they appreciate life more.

Again, I really enjoyed all of Mattie Stepanek's books. I was inspired by his writings and the way he shared some of his deepest thoughts and painful experiences. I would recommend all 3 books to everyone!

great book-great message-great kid-GOD BLESS

a quick read, too quick, but good; recommended by sister.

Had to get the book for a child's school project.

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