

Foreword

Healing.

It's a word that can mean very little—until your whole life depends on it. Then, that one word means the world. When you are suffering through illness, healing is something that you must hope for—to give up hope is to let the illness win. And, yet, hope is difficult: what if you have faith for healing and are disappointed? What if your hope for healing is unfounded? How are you supposed to feel hopeful when your symptoms are overwhelming? Where do you go when you *need* healing, and the ordinary world doesn't seem to help?

Healing Chronic Illness, first and foremost, is informative. The subject of supernatural—or divine—healing is clouded with confusion, misunderstanding, and myth. This balanced book brings the truth of supernatural healing to light, including how widespread it really is.

Discover why sickness isn't ultimately God's will for humanity, as well as the factors that unlock healing, as you gather resources that will enable you to receive from Him. This book will help you to learn more about His plan for healing and how that healing manifests in our modern world.

Healing Chronic Illness is filled with grace. There are no lines drawn in the sand, no shallow, one-size-fits-all remedies, and no judgments (subtle or otherwise). If you are searching for information and healing, you will be honored here.

Healing Chronic Illness is personal. In her work in the Lyme disease community, Connie Strasheim comes into contact with hundreds of chronically ill people. She never stops caring for each and every person touched by chronic illness. She tirelessly serves the chronically ill through writing and prayers, even as she struggles with symptoms herself.

Finally, this book is written by a fellow traveler. Connie is a dear friend, and I can attest: she knows what it's like to cry in desperation

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for a healing that has not yet arrived. And she knows what it's like to have faith for what has not yet been manifest. She knows the struggles of physical illness, as well as the financial and relational hardships that come along with that. And she is a testament of what hope really looks like, which is not, by the way, always pretty. I am astonished by her faith. And yet, as she stands in extraordinary faith, she is deeply human—which gives us all hope.

Read her story. You will receive hope here. You'll see what I mean.

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