

# Target Outreach

## May I Walk You Home? Sharing Christ's Love With the Dying

BY MELODY ROSSI (BETHANY HOUSE/BAKER)

When Melody Rossi's mother, father and stepmother died within just 28 months of each other, she became intimately acquainted with grief, death and the unique pain of watching unbelievers in their last days. For Rossi, however, each death was preceded by a beautiful decision to accept God's grace.

"All three came to the Lord," Rossi says. "God worked so powerfully in their lives during that time, and changed hearts that I thought would never open to Him."

It's this personal knowledge of the subject matter that impressed our panelist Kem Meyer. "Rossi's experience gives her a voice of credibility because she's been there. Her heartfelt stories lead to practical and easy-to-understand life applications for others."

Rossi is already seeing the spiritual impact of her book, exemplified by a letter she received about a 10-year-old boy who bought a copy for his father to read because the boy's grandfather was dying.

"He didn't want his grandpa to die 'without meeting Jesus,'" Rossi says. The boy's father later wrote her a letter about the role the book had played in his and his son's life. "He said it had taught him how he could serve his dad and show him Christ's love instead of just preaching to him."



In the book, Rossi advises and counsels those in similar situations.

"I think anyone facing the death of a loved one—especially an unbeliever—needs a glimpse into the experiences of others who have been there," says Rossi. "My prayer is that readers will be encouraged to become missionaries to the dying."



### Finalists

**THE CHRISTIAN AND THE PHARISEE**

by R.T. Kendall & Rabbi David Rosen (FaithWords/Hachette)  
 "The letters between Kendall and Rosen in this book are candid, challenging, inspiring and friendly as they defend their own issues and beliefs. It's a shame there aren't more 'debates' that follow the spirit and tone modeled here."

**COMMUNITY CHAPLAIN EMPOWERMENT KIT**

(Corporate Chaplains of America)  
 "Most people don't have a pastor to turn to during a time of crisis, so volunteer chaplains are called to a unique ministry. This extensive kit could arguably represent three years' worth of college and seminary."

**NEW START FOR SINGLE MOMS: Small Group Kit**

(Thomas Nelson)  
 "This study—on topics like letting go of the past, breaking the pain cycle, turning stress into strength and creating a healthy home based on faith, not fear—might have helped me become a better parent when I myself was a single mom."

**UN.ORTHODOX: Church/Hip-Hop/Culture**

by Tommy Kyllonen (Zondervan)  
 "Kyllonen equips church leaders to understand and engage the hip-hop culture that's in our schools, communities and homes—a captivating case for one of the Church's biggest mission opportunities right outside our window."

*Commentary by Kem Meyer*