

# MARIAN POEPPLEMEYER

## FINDING MY FATHER



### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SOUND LIKE YOU'VE READ THE BOOK

#### ABOUT MARIAN

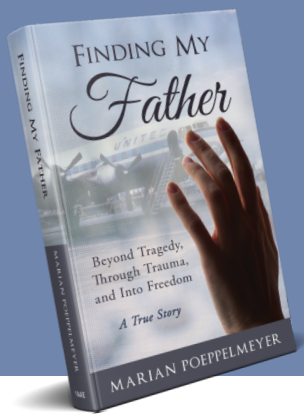
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Marian Poeppelmeyer, nominated Top Ten Finalist in 2020 Global literary Award, enjoys seeing others live fully free as God intended. As an author, speaker, and coach, she helps individuals walk through trauma into lasting freedom and become Road to Freedom Igniters, giving to others what they've received. Having lost her dad in the first-ever plane bombing (Flight #629) over US soil on November 1, 1955, Marian brings a timely message of hope and healing in an era of great uncertainty.



Since 9/11, mass killings, cop killings, and senseless murders occupy the daily news with increasing occurrence. Families are altered forever, and children left fatherless, motherless, or both. Marian possesses more than sympathetic awareness of the haunting suffering of the victims' families. She has lived it and has walked beyond tragedy, through trauma, and into lasting freedom. She understands not only the healing process but also the power of forgiveness when it hurts too much. Trained and certified in trauma coaching, Marian has helped many through their times of crisis and loss.

Living life to the fullest, Marian has devoted years to reaching out to the homeless, immigrants and refugees, and inner-city communities. She has enjoyed managing teams of volunteers and serving as community liaison for hospice patients in a ten-county region. Marian and her husband have two grown children with wonderful spouses and one grandchild. She refers to herself as being just a mom in tennis shoes and enjoy's a great cup of coffee with friends.



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### MARIAN'S MISSION

Marian Poeppelmeyer possesses a burning passion to see others living fully free as God intended. As an author, speaker, and coach, she helps individuals walk in lasting freedom to ignite their passion, discover their purpose to pursue their destiny, and become Freedom Igniters, giving forward what they've received.

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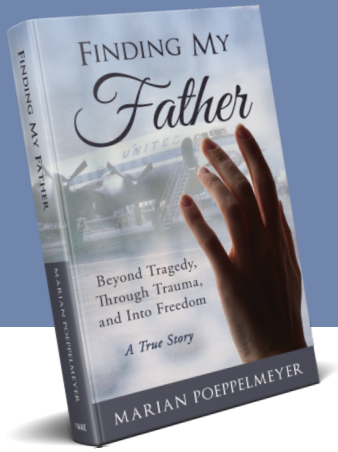
### TRAGEDIES AND TRAUMA

Everyone faces tragedies, trauma and difficult life situations to varying degrees. Undealt with trauma can carry ripple effects throughout a lifetime, leaving its victims entangled in a web of after effects and resulting emotional wounds. Often, we feel stuck, stymied, or frozen in life. We do not know who we were created to be, but also do not know why we secretly feel this way. Past trauma haunts us and we cannot escape from it until we become liberated and healed, once and for all.

### HOPE AND FREEDOM

Finding My Father speaks about the courage of a widow raising two babies left fatherless after the November 1, 1955 plane bombing. Forty years later, Marian thought there was no answer, she discovers hope and strength as she is divinely led out of her emotional collapse.

More than a historical narrative on Marian's life journey, more than a spiritual journey, within this compelling story, readers may just find themselves on their road to healing and freedom. From COVID19 to cities on fire, riots, and shootings, Finding My Father brings a timely message of life and hope for all.



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### BOOK SUMMARY

**EVERYONE IS SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING.**

**NOT EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR.**

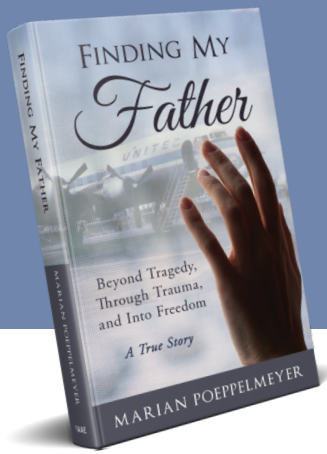
The night of November 1, 1955, Marty Hobgood found herself instantly widowed with a toddler and a newborn on the way. One evil act changed their world forever.

Finding My Father delves into the ripple effect of tragedy and trauma in the life of this family who lost a husband and a father in the first-ever plane bombing (UA Flight #629) over U.S. soil

Marian Poeppelmeyer takes you on a reeling ride forty years later when she begins her relentless pursuit to know her father. In this search, she discovers her real dad and the need to understand forgiveness in a way she never asked for.

Her compelling story beckons every reader:

**WHAT COULD YOU DO IF YOU WALKED IN LASTING FREEDOM?**



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### WHY MARIAN'S MESSAGE IS RELEVANT

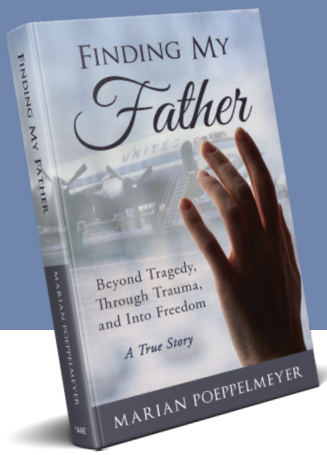
**Tragedies and traumatic national events continue to rise since 9/11.** Chronic traumatic events -- whether caused by nature or evil acts -- without the skills to rise above each one -- can be likened to a boxer getting hit over and over again and can leave emotional and psychological scars felt for generations.

**The Coronavirus Pandemic is fueling high level of psychological trauma in our nation.**

Fear and anxiety grip millions. Loss of lives, income, and businesses have already shaken our nation at its core. Adjustments to a new normal will need to be made, forcing change upon our culture and each person. Many can be at risk for drowning in the ripple effect of trauma. (Barbash, PhD., Elysa, Coronavirus: The Psychological Trauma and PTSD Event, March 24, 2020. PsychologyToday.com)

**Since 9/11, mass shootings and killings, have accelerated.** Between 9/11 and 2001, each year averaged five mass killings, compared to only one per year from 1960-2001, a 20% annual increase. As each tragic act of evil began to occupy the daily news, the nation felt tertiary trauma. Children left without their parent(s) suffer severely over a lifetime. It doesn't matter who does the killing, loved ones never return home and families are left to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives.

**Increasing fatherlessness pervades our culture with correlating rise in adverse social behaviors.** The number of households without a father has exponentially grown from 3% in 1960 (5.2 million children) to 8% in 2017 (24.7 million children, all ethnic groups counted). Fatherless children are faced with social ills such as: poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, physical and emotional health, lower educational achievement, crime, sexual activity, and teen pregnancy. [www.fathers.com/statistics-and-research](http://www.fathers.com/statistics-and-research).



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### Book Excerpt - page 25

"Yes, Marty, we checked. It was Hobby's flight, United Airlines Flight #629 heading to Portland."

"It just can't be! NO-NO-NO!" Marty screamed into the phone without thinking.. The shock overwhelmed her., and she sloppily laid down the phone off the hook."

All Marty could hear was "No survivors...no survivors...It looks like it exploded midair, outside of L Longmont, Colorado...all 44 passengers declared dead." The words "Everyone died-no survivors-explosion-no survivors-plane blew up-all dead" riveted nonstop through her entire being as if she were in an echo chamber. Her body trembled from head to toe with shock and horror,

Everything happened within moments. Before the men could say anything more, Marty darted as fast as she could back up the stairs into Nancy's room. She scooped her baby girl, held her tight against her chest, and screamed and screamed and screamed. Not just a short scream, but with loud wailing, long and hard as if her very life was being sucked out. Grief, fear, and panic screeched uncontrollably.

### Book Excerpt - page 92

My journey has been one of dysfunction to function, disorder to order, and from high anxiety to peace. It took me beyond tragedy through trauma into lasting freedom. It's a wild, painful passage toward healing from the brutal killing of my father and his resulting absence in my life. In the search to find my natural dad, I was led down an unexpected path, full of surprises.

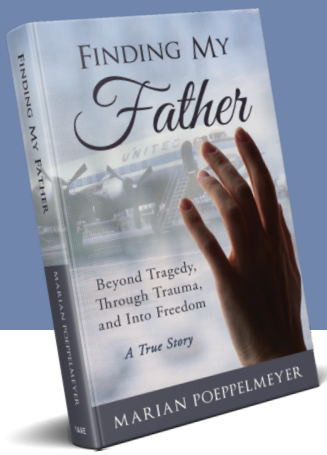
Once thrust onto this road, there was no turning back. My past finally crashed into my present. I was desperate. It's a path I did not initiate. I didn't know when or if healing would ever come. I had no recognition I needed to embark on such a spiritual roadtrip with God. But, then again, none of us do when we find ourselves on His journey.

### Book Excerpt - page 278

In that moment, I had a choice - to choose life or death. Hanging onto that hate would imprison me forever, bringing death. Choosing life meant doing the impossible. Frodo fought that same choice.

My mission? To completely forgive the murderer. And, the evil ring that held power over me? Hate, anger, and their companions - bitterness and resentment. I knew it was now or never or I'd be forever swallowed by those evil entities...





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### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

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-- I want to thank you for the gift of your book. I was moved to change in so many ways after reading it. Thank you for allowing God to work through you to share your journey. Laura S.

-- I was touched so much by your story, that I have read the book twice and have given copies to friends. They, too, said they cannot put down the book and are re-reading it. Thank you! Mary M.

-- My 90+ year old mother as read the book multiple times. It's brought healing to her in many ways. Thank you, Lori V.

-- I bought two copies of the book, one for me and one for my wife. We are reading it together, discussing it, and your story is bringing healing. Dave M.

-- When I started reading Marian's book, *Finding My Father*, I had a preconceived idea of what her book was all about. It didn't take me long, though, to realize my preconceived idea was just a tip of the iceberg. Marian's book is so much more! Her journey triggered so many emotions and I was cheering her on as only a spellbound reader can! I'm a better person for having read Marian's book, *Finding My Father*, and as a result I have an even greater appreciation of my own Dad and of God above. Vicki Veasey, author of *Good Morning I Love You, Maintaining Sanity and Humor Amidst Widowhood, Caregiving & Alzheimer's* -- Amazon review

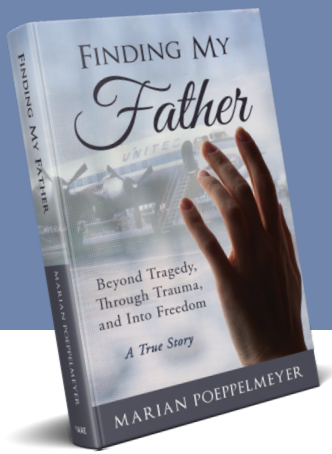
-- I was compelled to read every page as Marian describes with painstaking detail the story of her restoration that leads reader into the very Presence of God who gives each person saving grace who asks Him...this should be a movie. Peter Y., MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary

-- I finished reading your book last night. Look what I found on the ground in the parking lot near where I live -- a red "Father" ribbon! My Heavenly Father is speaking to me! Deb S.

-- If you want to be blessed, read this easy to read fascinating account of not only a true life account but how God has worked in Marion's life to heal and comfort her. She has done an amazing amount of research not only on the tragedy of the event but also on the physical aspects of what takes place in the pre-birth experience. So, if you would like to be brought closer to the Father God of all comfort, enjoy this book. - Lin, Amazon book review

-- I had already been through much healing from past trauma and abuse, but after I finished reading your book, I had a major healing shift. Thank you so much! Sheri R.

-- Thank you for painstakingly going thru your own trauma & allowing me to accompany you on the journey to my own healing as well! Your book is an incredible tool that God has used to peel layers off of my life. Thank you is insufficient, but all the earthly words I can say. -- Valerie C.



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### SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In 60 seconds, what is Finding My Father - Beyond Tragedy, Through Trauma and Into Freedom about?
2. What is the historical backdrop to Finding My Father and what made you consider writing this book?
3. You're telling us that your father was killed on the first-ever plane bombing (US Air Flight #629) over US soil the night of November 1, 1955? What can you tell us about that event? How did it change your family, and how did it change the nation?
4. Many remember where they were the day of the 9/11 attacks. How were you affected?
5. Sounds like you can identify with the families of the victims, in what ways?
6. You took a lot of risks writing this book. You wrote with gut-level transparency and you've structured the book into ACTS, not Parts. What can a reader expect as they pick up your book?
7. You touch on deep topics that are pertinent to today: trauma, loss and grief, fatherlessness, the impact of evil acts, and forgiveness. What would be the one or two messages you want to leave for our audience or reader to leave with?
8. If someone today is facing a critical trauma crisis, loss, or simply wants to move forward in their lives, but can't seem to do it, what would be your advice?
8. What is the one thing a person can do to get started on their Road to Freedom today and gain resolution from their past hurts and trauma?