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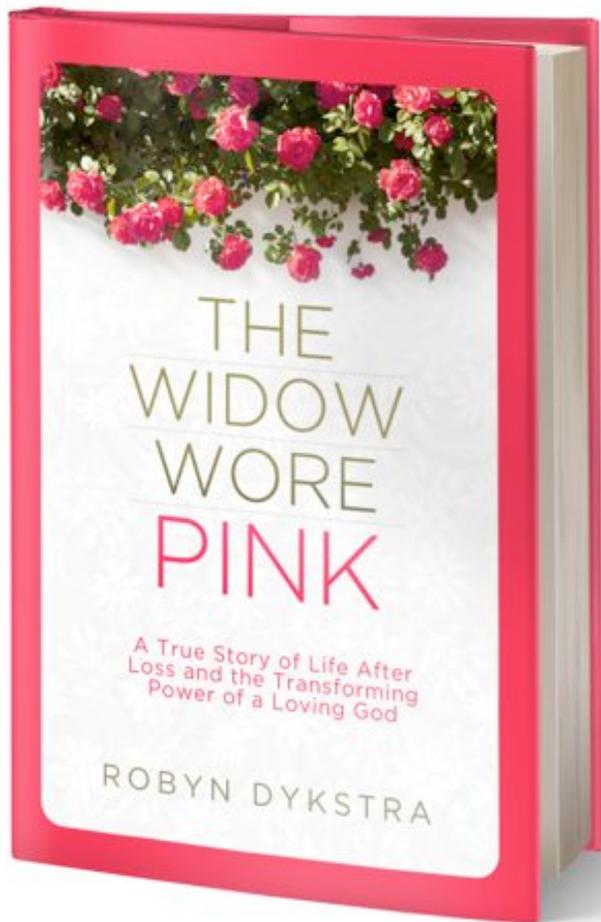
# About Author

Author, speaker Robyn Dykstra became an accidental expert on the faithfulness of God and finding joy during difficult times when she buried two husbands in four short years. She's the author of *The Widow Wore Pink. A True Story of Life After Loss and the Transforming Power of a Loving God*. As a former Playboy Bunny with a reckless disregard for God, Dykstra speaks with authority to women with wayward pasts who believe it's too late for God to accept them. Dykstra helps women suffering the loss of a husband to find peace, hope and joy so they can become whole and happy again. Thousands of women attending her retreats and conferences each year find hope and healing through her inspiring stories and lessons. Although her topics are deadly serious, Dykstra is a witty and delightfully funny guest.

*The Widow Wore Pink* available on amazon.com and bookstores everywhere.



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## About Book

Robyn Dykstra spent years as a Playboy Bunny, oblivious to God's master plan for her life. But she escaped a life of drugs, alcohol and promiscuity for a fresh start with Jesus. Cleaned up and happy, with a handsome husband, a nice house, and two wonderful children, her life seemed perfect. Then, the unthinkable: In an *instant*, everything changed. That one instant triggered a series of changes.

Can you relate? In an *instant*, the marriage is over, the job ends, the car's wrecked, the money's gone, the diagnosis is pronounced... and your dream is crushed. All you can do is cry, "Why?" You long for the lost to be found, for the broken to be fixed, for the stolen to be returned. You want your life back!

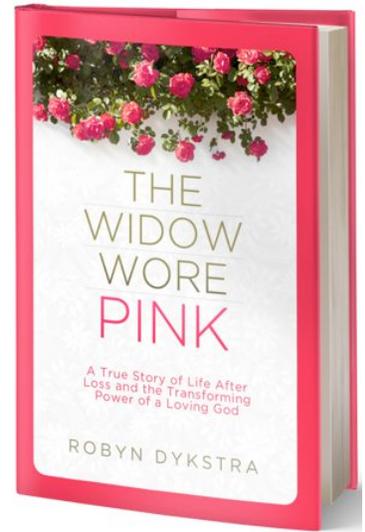
In ***The Widow Wore Pink***, you'll discover that the God who was faithful to Robyn will also be faithful to you as well. Learn to face the unwelcome changes in your life by knowing and trusting the promises of God for yourself.

# ENDORSEMENTS



" This remarkable book is a page-turner and you will be struck with the honesty, vulnerability, and practical biblical truth woven throughout each chapter. Don't miss this powerful book! I highly recommend it. You will want to buy one for yourself and ten more copies to give away."

**Carol Kent,** President of Speak Up Ministries  
Author of *Becoming a Woman of Influence*



"I was just introduced to Robyn Dykstra. I find her to be delightful. Please take time to lean in and listen."

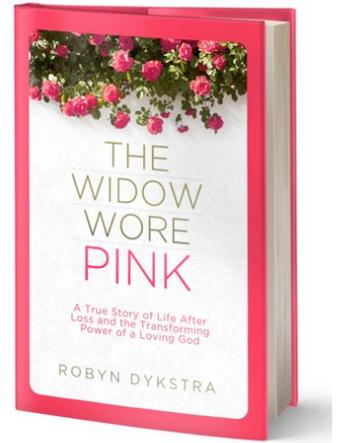
**Patsy Clairmont,** Best Selling Author –  
*You Are More Than You Know & God Uses Crackpots*



"The Widow Wore Pink is an honest look into Robyn Dykstra's past, and how her myriad of experiences — some shocking, some devastating and distressing, some heart-warming — have shaped her into the dynamic, engaging, and Jesus-loving woman she is today."

**Cindy Bultema,**  
Author of *Red Hot Faith: Lessons from a Lukewarm Church*

# Target Audience



## WHO SHOULD READ

- women who have suffered loss
- someone who's made a red hot mess
- women needing inspiration
- event planners or coordinators
- widows
- friends and relatives of widows
- church leaders

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## BOOK BENEFITS

- challenged by the message
- entertaining and uplifting
- hope
- fresh outlook, fresh start with life
- inspiration
- clear gospel message of salvation in Jesus Christ



# Book Summary



A Playboy Bunny Met God  
By Robyn Dykstra  
as featured in Shattered Magazine Spring 2016

Being a Playboy Bunny wasn't something I aspired to. I didn't grow up with a burning desire to be walking porn. It happened the way most sin happens. Gradually. Insidiously.

Don't get me wrong; I chose it. I wasn't destitute or forced into it. I had a great home life. Though not spiritual, my family was responsible and moral. I had the benefit of an excellent education. I was smart and pretty, but I chose to toss brains aside because beauty was easier.

## **The Perfect Job**

I saw the ad for Playboy bunnies when I was looking for work after my first year of college: Great pay! No experience required. Apply in person.

Perfect.

That certainly sounded more interesting than working a tedious clerical job or doing backbreaking factory work. My professional resume may have been unimpressive, but since the Bunny job was based almost entirely on appearance, my face and figure were the only credentials I needed. I made the cut and started the job a week later.

It was the perfect job for me. I tucked boatloads of tips in the cleavage of my custom-made costume. I wore elaborate makeup, had my nails done and wore my hair in fancy up-dos. I drove new cars, bought pretty clothes and artfully decorated my apartment. I was chosen to be in the magazine and on TV. Men lined up to date me. I became an expert in bartering what men desire for the things I wanted—clothes, dinners at fancy restaurants, drinks, drugs, favors, you name it. I had it all.

I had it all and it wasn't enough.

## **Looking for More**

After four years of Bunny-ing, partying and indulging, I quit. I left Playboy and got married to Hot & Hunky, a football player I'd met in college. I thought being someone's wife would be the fulfillment I was seeking.

Hot & Hunky was an attentive, protective provider. I enjoyed his undivided attention for seven years before we reproduced a Hot & Hunky clone. That went so well that we made another one three years later.



Since Hot & Hunky went to church, believed in God and followed Jesus as a teacher and a Savior, I knew that at some point soon I would have to be prepared to answer our children's questions about God. I enrolled in a Bible study to get some quick answers. But as I studied the Bible, I found a God who loved me, who always had and was waiting for me to love him back. He offered me not only love, but forgiveness for my past and a fresh start for my future. All I had to do was believe it and accept it. At first I choked out the words, "I am a sinner. I need a Savior. I believe God the Father sent Jesus His Son to die for my sins. I believe Jesus rose from the dead so I can have eternal life." But as I continued to study the Bible and model my life after Jesus, my life worked/got better and better! One area of nastiness after another fell away from me. I quit drinking, using drugs, and flirting with men I wasn't married to. Our life and marriage looked like a fairy tale well on its way to happily ever after. We had two beautiful children, a nice house, cars and clothes and friends. I began teaching the Bible at church while Hot & Hunky became Salesman of the Year for a Fortune 500 company. I had never been happier.

Just when things couldn't get any better, Hot & Hunky died of a heart attack. He was only 39 years old. Our boys were 7 and 4.

### **Comfort in the Grief**

"What? Why? NO!"

I barely got the words out of my mouth when peace overwhelmed the terror. I felt like I was wrapped in a warm fuzzy blanket that shielded and comforted me. The soft voice in my head kept saying, "I know you don't like this, but trust me. I'll be with you." There were those who called it denial; others labeled it shock. But I knew it was God.

Before the day was through, God started to fulfill His promise to be with me in my mess. He mobilized an army of women who came to my door with everything from chicken casseroles for dinner to circus tickets to distract my children. Friends came to the house, and they came to the funeral parlor, and they came when I called. They took care of me, and they took care of my children. They answered the phone and they answered the door. They answered God's call to take care of widows and orphans.

And I got better. Better enough to boldly ask God for another husband and He said yes.

## Better Until...

I married an Adventure Boy. He came with an airplane, a motorcycle and a passport. And did we have fun! We took vacations to exotic destinations. I earned my pilot's license and bought my own motorcycle so we could each take a boy for rides and ice cream and adventures. It looked very much like God had restored all that had been taken from me, and more.

Then Adventure Boy's plane disappeared off the radar on a routine cross-country flight.

Hours turned to days, which turned to weeks before his remains were located inside the wreckage of our plane on a mountain in Pennsylvania.

Five women sat vigil with me when Hot & Hunky died, celebrated at my wedding to Adventure Boy, and again they sat in prayer with me during the long search and through his funeral. They brought their lives to a screeching halt because mine did. Still other women who barely knew me swooped in with cards or cash or cookies. They didn't know what to do or say, so they did what they could. It all helped.

Crushed again, I looked to God, and He did not fail me. He was again with me in Spirit, providing peace and comfort like an invisible force field around me. My friends and women from other churches prayed for me and with me. They took me out on date nights, celebrated my birthday, invited the boys and I into their homes for holidays, carved those slimy pumpkins for Halloween and paid to have my driveway plowed. They wrote me love notes and sent me flowers on my wedding and funeral anniversaries. They shared their lives and their time and their prayers with me.

How do you survive burying two husbands in four years? Faith in God is foundational. Believing in God and knowing that my dead husbands were in Heaven so I would see them again was comforting. Experiencing His peace and protection was enabling. Being cared for and supported by the church was powerful and healing. I wouldn't have made it without my faith in Jesus or the community of women who showed His love to me in my darkest hours.



# Interview Questions

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Why did you wear pink instead of black?

2

In your book you talk about a lousy tradeoffs. What is a lousy tradeoff?

3

Did you really have a grave marker in your front yard?

4

What do you tell a woman going through the grief process now?

5

How can friends and relatives help or support a new widow?

6

Your children have suffered great loss, how are they now?

7

How did the children process the losses?

8

Is it really possible to have joy when your husband dies?

9

You say in your book that well meaning people say hurtful things. What advice can you give a widow to deal with those comments?

10

Is there any way to prepare for the loss of a husband?

11

You weren't raised in the church. How did you end up a "Jesus-girl"?

12

You started your spiritual search in your 30's and had some exciting adventures before then, didn't you?

13

You were a Playboy Bunny for four years. Did you ever meet Hugh Hefner?

14

Can you share how to discuss a wayward past with your children?

15

What is the difference between believing and trusting God?

16

Is it ever too late to have a come-to-Jesus moment?

17

What do you say to the woman who thinks her past is too bad for God to love or accept her?

18

Can you tell me how a woman begins a spiritual journey?

19

What are some ways to help or support a new widow?

20

What is your best advice to a new widow?

# STORY IDEAS FOR REPORTERS:



**1. When tragedy strikes:** How do you help and support a new widow?

**2. 75% of women in the US will be widowed by age 56.** They will lose their support. Is there anything to prepare?

**3. Five steps to grieving:** How long does it take? Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance.

**4. Missing husband:** What to do during the search.

**5. Why widows need not wear black:** The day of the funeral will be the best day she will have in a long time to come. Does pink feel better than black?

**6. Prayer and Presence:** You should be in prayer for a new widow.

**7. The lousy tradeoffs of being a widow:**

**8. How to discuss sharing a wayward past with your children:**

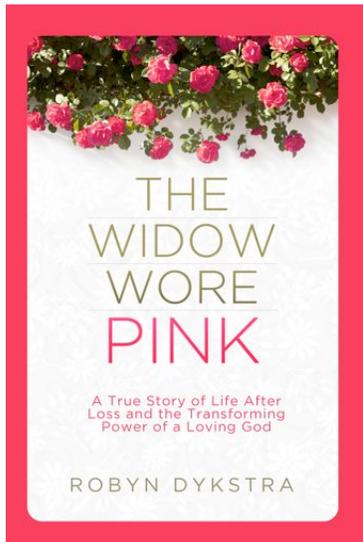
**9. It's never too late for a miracle:**

**10. How you can find hope in Jesus:**

**11. Widow's Power:** Short window and a 1000 ice cream cones.

**12. Widow's Witness:** Eyes are upon a widow. What is the ugly truth and the ugly gossip.

We have a FREE RESOURCE: *10 Ways to Stand by a Widow*



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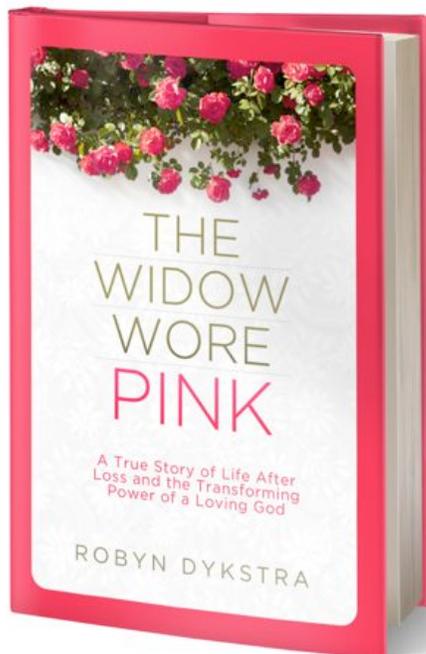
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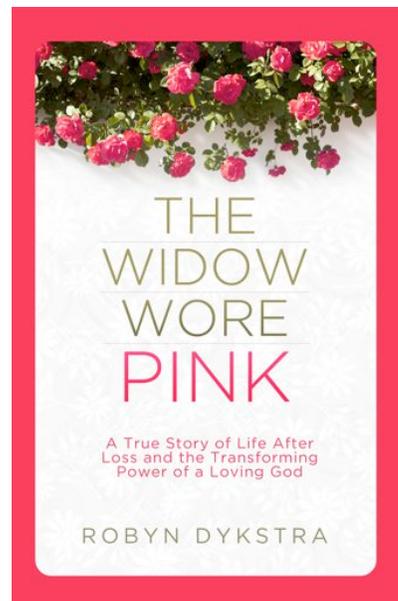
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