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Little, Brown Books for Young Readers is thrilled to publish **THE INVISIBLE STRING** by **Patrice Karst and illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff**. With over a million copies sold, this accessible, bestselling picture book has healed children and adults across the world. Now available in paperback with refreshing new illustrations, a new generation can discover this beautiful story about the unbreakable connections between loved ones.

Parents, educators, therapists, and social workers have declared **THE INVISIBLE STRING** the perfect tool for coping with all kinds of separation anxiety, loss, and grief. In this relatable and reassuring contemporary classic, a mother tells her two children that they're all connected by an invisible string. "That's impossible!" the children insist, but still they want to know more: "What kind of string?" The answer is the simple truth that binds us all: *An Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.*

Recommended and adopted by parenting blogs, bereavement support groups, hospice centers, foster care and social service agencies, military library services, church groups, and educators, **THE INVISIBLE STRING** offers a very simple approach to overcoming loneliness, separation, or loss with an imaginative twist that children easily understand and embrace and delivers a particularly



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compelling message in today's uncertain times.

Karst was inspired to write this story when she was a full-time working single mother. As she dropped her son off at preschool each morning, he would cry so much it broke her heart. She told him that an Invisible String made out of love would always connect them. This brought him immense comfort and eased his separation anxiety. Since then, this story has healed countless readers of all ages. **THE INVISIBLE STRING** explores questions about the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us and opens up deeper conversations about love.

PATRICE KARST is the bestselling author of *The Invisible String* – over 1 million copies sold! – *The Invisible Leash*, *The Invisible Web*, *You Are Never Alone: An Invisible String Lullaby*, and the co-author of *The Invisible String Workbook*. She is passionate about spreading her message of love across the planet. Born in London, England, she now lives in southern California and is the mother of one grown son, Elijah. Patrice invites you to visit her online at www.patricekarst.com.

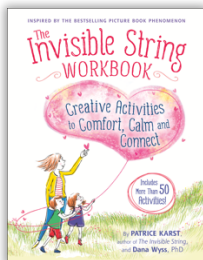


JOANNE LEW-VRIETHOFF is the acclaimed illustrator of many children's books including the new edition of *The Invisible String*, *The Invisible String Workbook*, *The Invisible Leash*, *The Invisible Web*, *You Are Never Alone: An Invisible String Lullaby*, as well as Stacy McNulty's *Beautiful and Brave*. Born in Malaysia, she grew up in Los Angeles, studied at the Art Center College of Pasadena, and now lives in Amsterdam. She invites you to visit her website at joannelewvriethoff.com.

THE INVISIBLE STRING

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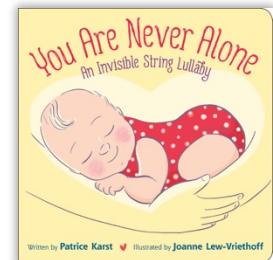
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RAISE FOR THE INVISIBLE STRING:

"It's been a book we use now when I leave the house during the day, when I travel. My kids talk constantly about mom, did you feel me, I was tugging on your heart string. . . It's just the most beautiful, beautiful book, and it actually makes me cry, I think, every time, but you gotta get that one."

- Sara Haines on ABC's *The View*

"This book is a beautiful way to begin to try, as parents, to instill in children the impenetrable power of the heart, the energy of love, and the flow that can be felt from the grace in every moment."

- Tony Robbins on NPR

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"There is something so universal about this concept that will resonate with every reader. Recommended by therapists and parents to help kids cope with loss, it empowers children to do something vital in the face of death: love." - *American Express Essentials*

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"This compassionate and heartwarming book relies on simple text and beautiful illustrations to tell the story of a mother who soothes her children by telling them that there's an invisible string connecting them at all times. . . *The Invisible String* is an excellent resource for helping children cope with the sadness, separation anxiety and general sense of loss that often occur during the post-divorce bereavement period." - *PureWOW*

"Delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, love is the unending connection that binds us all."

- *The American Academy of Pediatrics*

"Children of all ages (and yes, adults too!) feel a great sense of peace and joy realizing that we are all connected to the ones we love... (pets, friends, grandparents, cousins... especially those that have passed on) through *The Invisible String*."

- *The National Association of School Psychologists*

"The message of *The Invisible String* resonates with children and adults alike.... The two ends of the treasured *Invisible String* are families and schools. This String, reinforced on each side, buoys students with love, guidance, direction. But when one end weakens, the entire String falters.... When we need support, reassurance, or simply a kindred spirit, just give the String a tug and someone will tug back. This is powerful, and will keep your child on track through...his or her education journey."

- Carmen Fariña, Chancellor, NYC Department of Education

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