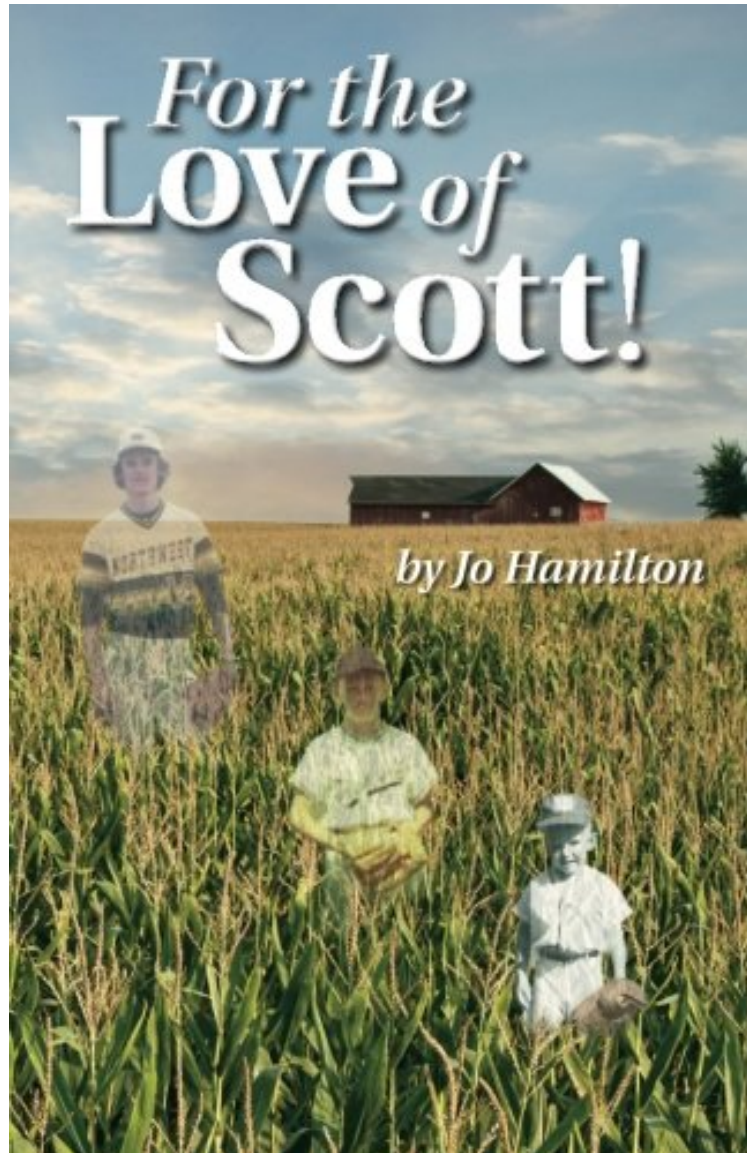


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Jo Hamilton : For the Love of Scott! before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised For the Love of Scott!:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Moral: Don't Fear the Treatment, Monitor Dosage and Question Everything.By Karen A. McWhirtA horrifying story of medical malpractice and wrongful death.Scott's story needed to be told, but this book leaves the reader with many vexing questions. Still, I recommend reading this book. The author, Scott's sister first takes us into their happy childhood. This part of the book is a fun read through what feels like the

family album, and we get to know a little about the people who suffered this medical injustice. At 23, Scott is diagnosed with testicular cancer, undergoes treatment with a proven cure, and agrees to be part of a clinical trial to record his body's response to the chemotherapy. This is a bit confusing, as testicular cancer's cure had been available since the mid 1970's with a combination of three different chemotherapy drugs. The author mentions only one of these drugs throughout the story. Here is where the questions begin. We don't get all the details about Scott's treatment. However, the author does her best to take us with Scott in his experience, and this brief part of the story is relatable for anyone who has been with a loved one through cancer treatment. It is clear the author is very angry--and rightly so--with the medically trained people who were entrusted to care for her brother. Although I wish she hadn't waited so long to write this book, she does apologize, and I understand her delay. I know Scott's story was deeply painful to recount. I do wish she had done more medical research and had her book edited before publication. It is sad that we are left with many unanswered questions in the end. I found myself wanting to see Scott's medical records to find the answers. I have to say, though, as I read what happened to Scott, I had to keep reminding myself that this story took place 28 years before this book was written, and oncology professionals were not as experienced and careful with chemotherapy in 1983 as they are now. But were they simply naive? According to the author's lurid description of what happened, the nurses and pharmacists involved were very inept, careless, and lazy, and Scott's doctors were breaking Federal Law. I felt appalled, angry, and deeply sorry that Scott was subjected to such unimaginable suffering. What happened to Scott during his last hospital visit is absolutely horrifying and profoundly tragic. It is painful to believe that anyone in the medical profession could be so apathetic. I know that it is of little comfort to know that Scott's suffering would help others in the future, but of this I am certain -- brave young men like Scott are directly responsible for unparalleled advances in oncology. Scott told his sister--just as my son had told me--to tell his story so it wouldn't happen to anyone else, and even though she waited nearly three decades before doing so, people working in cancer care professions did take notice and learned from him. Scott did not die in vein. By his suffering, many have been saved, and for that we can thank him. We can also thank the author for helping us remember to monitor the people we trust to care for us in the hospital, and remember they are all capable of human error, and in some cases--possibly--blatant apathy and carelessness. A heartbreaking and blood-boiling tale. Together We Will Win: What Happen's When We Don't Talk About Testicular Cancer: A Young Man's Story

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Recommended Reading for Patients and Families By Marie E. Laconte Written in conversational style, this book tells the story of how a promising young man died because of multiple medical mistakes in a hospital that already had checks and balances in place to prevent the errors that doomed him. It also tells the story of a family, an ordinary American family like millions of other families, a family who will always suffer from the pain of Scott's suffering and his ultimate absence. Having worked in hospitals for forty years, I know how mistakes occur, even the the presence of safeguards. More safeguards-- as those established as a result of this tragedy-- can help, but not prevent, the tendency for human beings to experience momentary lapses in attention, or to fall into the trap of trust that assumes that correct procedural steps have been observed. The only reason this book does not get five stars is because it does not dive right into the premise. I had to read quite a few pages before I reached the first diagnosis of Scott's illness. I realize the author wanted to establish the close, loving relationships between family members, as a backdrop to the main theme, but she could have woven those qualities into a narrative that began at the beginning-- when Scott first got sick. The theme of this book is important. Anyone who reads it will become a better advocate for self or family when the day comes, the day a loved one enters a hospital.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Memoir from the heart By Laurie A. Brown Back in 1983, Jo Hamilton had a younger brother named Scott. Scott Hamilton. That was the year he died, of an overdose of drugs meant to treat his cancer. Only in his early 20s, this Scott had been diagnosed with testicular cancer - the same cancer that the ice skating Scott Hamilton would be stricken by years later. The author writes of her childhood on an Iowa farm with her family. They were not rich by any means, but they were happy and very close. When Scott became ill, it was a huge blow to them all. But the short book was not written just to tell the public what a great person the world had lost and what it had meant to them; it was to warn the public about medical errors. The last part of the book is about how to protect yourself and your loved ones from experiencing the same type of horrible error. The book is valuable for this lesson. Too many errors are made in hospitals and pharmacies- my late FIL had that experience and it nearly killed him and certainly shortened his life. Sadly, the writing does not match the message. The author has a great fondness for exclamation points that gives the book the feel of a blog rather than a memoir with a purpose. A good editor could make this story much more powerful than it is. But despite this fault, I sat down to read for 10 minutes and ended up finishing the book in one sitting.

Her mother cried out, "For the love of Scott! How could this have happened? Due to her education in the health care field, Jo Hamilton became the liaison between her family and the world-renowned hospital treating her younger brother. She taught her family how to read Scott's medical chart and to ask pointed questions, no longer leaving his care to the medical professionals who had overdosed him with drugs to the very brink of death in less than three days. Jo, you have to tell people what they've done to me. You have to tell them!" pleaded her little brother, as he lay writhing in agony. In *For the Love of Scott!*, the author recollects her family's poignant story of love, bewilderment, and

lingering frustration when faced with catastrophic medical mistakes. Read the experiences of Scott Hamilton's family members as they struggle through a storm of horrific medical errors that could have been prevented and recognize what you need to do when someone you love is faced with life-threatening circumstances created by health experts. It took Jo 27 years to put this heartbreaking event down on paper. Writing opened old wounds and required hours of research and documentation. It forced her family to relive a chapter in their own lives that they desperately wanted closed. Yet, they rallied together to help Jo with her mission to keep that promise. To help further her goals, Jo Hamilton will be donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of her book, to the 1984 Olympic Gold Medal Winner, Scott Hamilton's foundation, The Scott Hamilton CARES Initiative. The Scott Hamilton CARES Initiative was created to help with cancer research, support cancer patients and their families, and find a cure for cancer.

_____ Critical Reviews Author Jo Hamilton promised her brother that she would tell his tragic story. She summoned the strength, faithfully stepped up to the plate and hit a home run on his behalf. Enlightening and moving, *For the Love of Scott!* is a cry from the heart for greater compassion and attentive listening in the practice of medicine. Suzanne Shugar Producer, Broadcast Journalist, Writer - <http://www.PlaneteSuzanne.com> Dear Scott: I, too, am a farm boy. I, just like you, played in the cornfields. I too, remember milking the cows, feeding the pigs, and riding my dad's motorcycle and yet, being from a different part of the world, (Europe) Portugal. We have so much in common, physically and spiritually. However, you more than I, have a story to tell and a lesson to teach all of us. May you, Scott, through the writings of these pages educate us, enrich our lives and our spirits, and at last we meet again, I hope that you, Scott, are among us. Silvino R. Lima, President of Saint Christophers, Inc, Film and TV Producer *For the Love of Scott!* is a deeply moving memoir about a vibrant young man who died in the prime of his life due to a series of grievous and fatal medication errors made by a team of medical personnel reputed to be experts. The early chapters chronicle life on a mid-West farm using stories full of humor and love of family. Readers will find laughter, love, sadness, compassion and, at the end, a few gifts of spirit. Doreen Cox, author of *Adventures in Mother-Sitting*, <http://www.olmsteadpublishing.com>.

About the Author Jo Hamilton, born on an Iowa farm in the heartland of America, while in junior high school, published her first short story in the national magazine, "The Student Writer", and received a cash award. As an adult, one of her poems was selected for publication in the poetry book "Sunspots", by Palomar. She was also presented The Golden Poet Award for 1989 in Washington DC by Bob Hope, Helen Hayes, and Willard Scott for the poem "His House". Jo attended school in Minnesota for medical technology. She worked in traditional Western medicine, as a teacher and health care worker, for 27 years. Following the tragic family crisis described in "For the Love of Scott!", by Olmstead Publishing, Jo left the medical field angry, bitter, and disillusioned. Because of this experience, Jo investigated alternative modalities and began writing a new chapter in her own life. She studied the power of energetic healing touch, becoming a Reiki Master Teacher. Jo's path led her to work as an acute care hospice volunteer. In 2000, Jo became a Licensed Massage Therapist. Besides therapeutic massage, her private practice includes aromatherapy, cranial sacral therapy, reflexology, Reiki, and Raindrop Therapy Technique. Jo also teaches Reiki and meditation classes. _____ Literary Works: * 1964-Short Story--"Because of a Doll"-The Student Writer 2/1964-nationally published-monthly magazine published by the Academy Publishing Corporation-Fort Lauderdale, Florida * 1971- Poem-"I Suppose"-Sunspots-Collection of Contemporary Original Poetry-published by Palomar Publishing Company-Ca.(2/1971) * 1979- Poem-"Forever At Least"-Best Loved Contemporary Poems-2/1979-World of Poetry Press-Sacramento, CA (2/1979) * 1981-Poem-"It's Easy"-The World's Great Contemporary Poems-World of Poetry Press-Sacramento, CA (2/1981) * 1989-Poem-"His House"-The World Treasury of Great Poems Vol. III World of Poetry Press-Sacramento, CA (2/1989)