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**Carol Lynn Pearson : No More Goodbyes: Circling the Wagons around Our Gay Loved Ones** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised No More Goodbyes: Circling the Wagons around Our Gay Loved Ones:

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consequently order more for them (I order used and then pretend it's my only copy I'm giving them ;)). In fact I end up regularly having to check back here and request more as my copies go missing. But, really, this is such a timely subject that needs the gracious examination which Carol Lynn has provided us with. First of all- I'm typically not a fan of Pearson's writing style- She is foremost a poet and her other works I find too flowery for my taste. However she is also a masterful storyteller and I find this work, which comes 20 years after her own gripping autobiography 'Goodbye, I love you', comes from a similar vein. This isn't an examination of doctrine, church policy, or even a this-is-the-right-way-to-love book, but instead allows for the stories to speak for themselves. Fair warning: this is an excellent practice in empathy and the stories can get pretty emotional and many spark reexamination of whichever way you view the context of homosexuality within Religion. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must Read By novalphion3 If any book has changed my life it is this one. Her writing is fantastic and she uses language mormons identify with and relate to. It laid out all of the hurt and emotional pain of growing up gay in mormon culture and how abusive it is. There are many true stories and great explanations on how treatment in the mormon religion is hurtful to gays. She doesn't church bash or attack the beliefs of the LDS religion, but does lay out the truth in a respectful manner. I bawl every time I read this because she has such a beautiful way of laying out the conflict I felt growing up. I gave this to my LDS family to read, and it did wonders to help them cope with my 'coming out'. Its the best book i've seen on the subject so far. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By Mugsy's Mom This book really helped me accept my son just the way he is. A real eye opener. Stories of real people dealing with a real life challenge. Helped me accept my son and be a better mother to him.

In her best-selling "Goodbye, I Love You," Carol Lynn Pearson shared the moving story of her life with her homosexual husband Gerald--their Mormon temple marriage, the birth and raising of four children, their mutual anguish in realizing his orientation had not changed, their divorce and ongoing friendship, and her caring for him as he died from AIDS in her home. In "No More Goodbyes," Pearson revisits the challenging subject of religious people relating to their gay loved ones who are often condemned by their church and--many believe--by God. Through stories gathered from the microcosm of Mormonism, it becomes clear how this emotional earthquake affects families of all faiths.

About the Author Carol Lynn Pearson is the author of over 40 books and plays that have together sold over 800,000 copies. Her memoir "Goodbye, I Love You" tells the story of her marriage to a gay man, their divorce, ongoing friendship, and her caring for him as he died of AIDS. This story made her a guest on such programs as "The Oprah Winfrey Show," and "Good Morning, America." She was featured in "People Magazine." A stage play, "Facing East," the story of a Mormon couple dealing with the suicide of their gay son, premiered in Salt Lake City, had a limited Off-Broadway run and a San Francisco run. She wrote and performed over 300 times internationally a one-woman play, "Mother Wove the Morning," in which she plays sixteen women throughout history in search of the female face of God, and which earned an award from "Booklist" as "one of the top 25 videos of the year." She has been a featured speaker at numerous events as diverse as the International Conference of the Sisters of Mercy, the National Association of Women Judges, and the International Conference of the Red Hat Society. She lives in Walnut Creek, California. Outside the window of her second-story home office is a magnolia tree, which is always in full bloom on Valentine's Day. Visit her at [www.carollynnperson.com](http://www.carollynnperson.com).