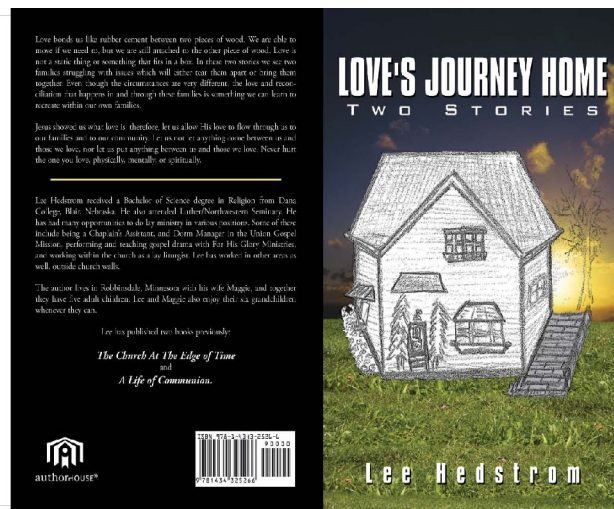


# BOOK REVIEW



Love leads to the rubber cement between two pieces of wood. We are able to move if we need to, but we are still attached to the other piece of wood. Love is not a static thing, or something that fits in a box. In these two stories we see two families struggling with issues that each will either tear them apart or bring them together. Even though the circumstances are very different, the love and reconciliation in each happens in and through these families is something we can learn to recreate within our own families.

Jesus showed us what love is, therefore, let us allow His love to flow through us to our families and those around us. Let us care for anything once between us and those we love and let us put a barrier between us and those we love. Never hurt the one you love physically, mentally, or spiritually.

Lee Hedstrom received a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion from Dorn College, Blue, Nebraska. He also received a Master of Divinity degree. He has had many opportunities to do his ministry in various capacities. Some of these include being a Chaplain, Assistant, and Deem Manager in the United Gospel Mission, performing and teaching gospel drama with his choir. Sometimes, and working with in the church as a evangelist. Lee has worked in other areas as well, outside church work.

The author lives in Sallisaw, Missouri with his wife Maggie, and together they have five adult children. Lee and Maggie also enjoy their six grandchildren whenever they can.

Lee has published two books previously:

*The Church At The Edge of Time*  
and  
*A Life of Communion.*



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## Love's Journey Home Two Stories

By Lee Hedstrom

Reviewed by Tannia E. Ortiz-Lopes

In his book, *“Love's Journey Home,”* author Lee Hedstrom shares with us the aches and pains of his journey home. Life experiences served as nourishment to his thirsty and wounded soul and through this awakening he gathered the strength to reach his final destination: Self-discovery. He chose the freedom of poetry to tell us his story. All poems are woven together in these two stories. The first story carries the theme of the Biblical prodigal son. The second one describes events of his daily life and tell us how he faced them with God by his side.

Love is the ultimate giver of life, because love conquers all. A spiritual journey takes us to the core of our inner selves to discover our true nature as God sees us. But what is home? On his poem *“House and Home”*, Mr. Hedstrom describes a home *“as family who cares for each other and with Jesus in the center.”* Where is home? In his poem, *“Home is”* he gives it a different meaning, *“home is within the heart even when start a new life. .... Home will always be where we are and our memories will travel with us far.”*

The book cover is a combination of fiction and reality. A sketch of a house over a very green grass with the sunrise behind it. The cover is an allegory of Psalm 23 “*In green pastures you let me graze... you restore my strength. You guide me along the right path...*” The sunrise shows a new beginning, as Christ takes away the darkness and lightens the path you walk.

For those readers curious about poetry, this book is for them. The language is simple, facilitating the understanding of each poem. For song writers, some of the poems in this book will sparkle a tune in your heart. For poetry lovers, this book offers a new look at poems and the art of storytelling. I suggest readers read one poem per day and think about how they can see their reflection in the mirror.



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#### Author's Comment:

Dear Tannia,

I am very pleased to tell you that your review was wonderful. I am not surprised that you have done so well. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your depth of understanding and the insight you have into the inner workings of my book. may God Continue to bless you richly.

In Christ Lee