Whats Happening to Grandpa? by Maria Shriver

Thoughtful And Very Touching

ith the same warmth, sensitivity, and depth that made her books Whats Heaven? and Whats Wrong with Timmy? so successful, bestselling author Maria Shriver delves into another difficult issue confronting families across the country-Alzheimers disease, and the onset of memory loss in the aging. Through the inspiring story of young Kate and her grandpa, adults can teach and comfort children trying to understand whats happening to their elderly loved ones. Kate, the same young heroine of the New York Times bestsellers, Whats Heaven? and Whats Wrong With Timmy?, has always adored her grandpas storytelling-but lately, hes repeating the same stories and asking the same questions again and again. One day, when he forgets Kates name, she knows she must find out whats happening to grandpa. Her mothers patient explanations open Kates eyes to what so many of the elderly must confront. Determined to support her grandfather, she explores ways to help him-and herself-cop e with the changes. Together, they create a photo album, and Kate writes down the many stories of her grandpas incredible life. The memories, and the bond theyve forged, will be in their hearts forever. With special insight that derives from her own fathers struggle with Alzheimers, Maria Shriver offers a touching and optimistic story that encourages awareness, acceptance, and dialogue with family and friends. Her characters positive solutions lead readers to discover something that everyone needs-a ray of hope during troubled times.

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My Personal Review:
This is a very sensitive book addressing the horrible problems when a loved one is diagnoses with Alzheimer’s Disease. The book is seen through the eyes of a child, a questioning child and the answers provided are quite good. This is a well done work and covers issues which, at times, can be diffiult to address with the young child. I not that this paricular work is probably being down graded somewhat due to the fact that the author is a celebrity, of sorts. I will be the first to state that many of the "celebrity written books" are indeed pure garbage and that just because they look good in front of a camera, does not make them an expert on just about any thing. (Actually, generally speaking, as a group, they are just about the most clueless folks we have in our society). In this
case though, Shriver has indeed done her research and does indeed pull it off and the work shoud not be judged on just what the author does for a living. All in all, recommend this one highly.

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