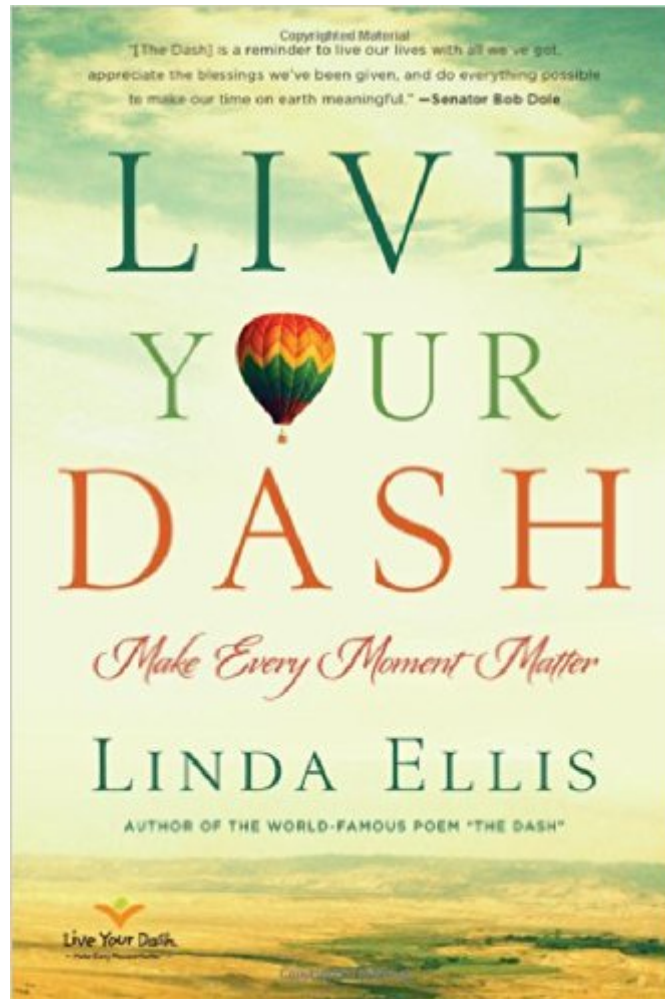


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# Live Your Dash: Make Every Moment Matter



## Synopsis

Includes the original poem "The Dash" read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came the date of her birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. In 1996, an announcer read Linda Ellis's poem "The Dash" aloud on a syndicated radio program, and, to her surprise, it became an instant, meteoric success. Calls came in from people around the country eager to tell Linda how her words had touched their hearts. That was the beginning of an enduring phenomenon. *Live Your Dash* captures and expands upon the theme of the original poem: It's not your birth or death that matters most, but how you spend each passing year. Linda shares her message of joy, hope, and positive energy through uplifting stories, essays, and poetry, along with tales of people who have been "touched by the dash," including Bob Dole, legendary football coach Lou Holtz, and American Idol winner David Cook. An inspiring look at life based on the fantastically successful poem.

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**\*\*This is the gift of the season.\*\*** Uplifting without the underwires! I forgot who I was until I starting reading... Like so many of us, life has thrown some unexpected curves in my idea of the path. As the widowed Mom of an autistic child, someone who went from Corporate life to a more meaningful one, I learned about 16 years ago to stop and smell the roses. But, I forget this sometimes. I get caught up in the world of it too much, sometimes. Unable to work outside of the home, as my daughter receives her autism services here, my world becomes within these walls - and financially, I have

little choice. My friends and small family are my glue. My Dad just passed away in June (and *The Dash* was read, of course) and I just broke off a two year relationship with a man I loved very much. I've been sinking deep into depression - trying to perk up, but it hurts like hell. Linda's book arrived. She has a way of talking to you that is a gift for the soul. Healing. It is truly the medicine I need. There is no better gift to give someone than that sense of being validated, recognized and nurtured. I am laughing and crying - and buying more of these books for my friends. 'Linda wrote this just for me.', I thought. THAT's the sign of a wonderful writer...

I purchased, Linda Ellis's book, *Live Your Dash* through iBooks and I am reading it on my iPad. I am very pleased with the book. The cover is as beautiful as the author's words. I am finding the book to be a very inspiring read. With the new year upon us, many of us look inward, setting goals, and re-evaluating ourselves for the New Year, so reading this book now makes it even more meaningful. The book, as well as the poems in it, are beautifully written in a way that the reader will be inclined and inspired to take a closer look at themselves and what is truly important. I plan to start off the New Year, Living My Dash!

This is one of the best books I have ever read. Everyone should read this book. Since my husband of 33 years died in September of this year, I fully realize how important it is to live my dash, and that is exactly what I am going to do. I have used this book for gifts twice, and plan to give more. Hats off to Linda Ellis who did a bang-up job on this amazing book. I purchased this book from .com and it came right away, like everything I order from .com does. I am so very impressed with this company.

Linda Ellis truly has an exceptional gift, and this book is one that I will share with each and every one of my friends and family. Someone said that if we drew a circle, and each of us tossed all our troubles & challenges in it, we'd sooner walk away with our own than someone else's. Linda's works of art are so enlightening and inspirational. Each a remarkable reminder that we can live and love our dash, as we help each other along this journey.

This rendition of the Dash complete with reader's testimonials is a wonderful book to treasure and more so to gift. I have shared 3 copies so far and every recipient has been entirely moved and grateful to have been introduced and inspired by Linda's poetry. As a contributor myself, I am humbled to be a small part of the message of this book.

Linda Ellis looks at life through the eyes of a compassionate Poet. In her book, she reminds us all that you don't have to be sick to get better. If I had to pick one word to describe my experience in reading her book, it would be; Refreshing.

I purchased this book some time ago, but didn't start reading it at that stage. I have recently picked it up again, and I am now half way through it, reading a chapter every night. This is a great book - reasonably short chapters about some of the real issues we all face during our life time. It has made me so much more aware that it is important to make every minute count - we don't know how much time we have left in this life. I would recommend this to any other reader who is searching for guidance about how to make their lives count. This book has helped me become more aware of just how much my own attitude to what comes my way matters.

A very easy read. Makes you think and reflect on your life while providing thoughtful insights for enriching your life. Has several beautiful easy-to-read poems you will want to read over and over again. A very good book. I highly recommend it.

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