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DEDICATION

Alpha: the brightest or main star in a constellation

From day one, there have been certain males in my life who have stood out and accepted me as I am without trying to change me. They encouraged me and never let me give up, even when I wanted to. But even though they accepted me, I could not have appreciated them if I didn't accept myself. Over time I learned to trust in their judgment of me, just as they learned to trust in my appreciation of them. Our relationships were unconditional, and without their words and actions I would never have been able to achieve what I have. Without realizing it, they contributed so much toward shaping the world of Dawn! You all form my constellation in life, and you are beings of light in my journey.

I am forever grateful and blessed, and I will always love you guys with everything that I am.

To My ALPHA MALES:

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PREFACE

As we are born into this world, each of our journeys and paths seem so very different. But somehow they manage to cross. When they do, relationships are created and formulated into what they are to be. So often, I sit back and think, *Wow, how in the world did that come to be? How or why did I experience that? How in the world did I meet that person, and what are they doing in my life?* There are so many strange things that happen to us each and every day! Are we supposed to study them—analyze them to the point of exhaustion? Are we to discredit them and just chalk them up to coincidence? Or do we take the experience and say, “Thank you for allowing me to see this experience with open eyes”?

There have been many, many times in my life when I’ve made determinations without looking at the entire picture. Initially, we look at the surface of life. It’s amazing how multifaceted we are—we have so many variations, so many levels and layers to our essence as human beings. Within that scope we pick and choose which elements to take on our journey and which ones to leave behind for this trip of a lifetime.

But maybe, in fact, we should just go with the flow! Yes, we all like to have a plan, a map, some form of guidance or direction to take us where we want to be. But perhaps the journey will turn out better if we quiet the mind and listen to the “Heavenly Father,” our inner voice, our intuition, our feelings. Please don’t get me wrong—this is not about religion or whom you serve! It is about what is within you—your connection to the oneness of the *All*.

So as you graciously partake in this journey with me, know that in no way do I want to inflict any negativity or malice. Know that I am giving you this message as I hear it from above. It is a gift to communicate with a source that is higher than we are, and I am thrilled to have been chosen to share my experience and pass it on. As evolution began with species, our lives begin with the concepts and meanings of the stories we weave. It is truly an honor for me to express and share all that I am, so that together we can grow and walk onto another level in life.

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INTRODUCTION

This book was created from a rebirth of my entire being. As I rose from the fire like a phoenix, I knew as soon as I stepped back into myself that there was something very unusual about me—a *change*. I've always thought that I stood apart from the rest and have always strived for more. It wasn't a desire to please others; it was just a drive that I felt deep within. Sometimes I tried to suppress that drive because I felt that it wasn't important, or it wasn't fitting into my life. But a power stronger than I was knew differently. As I tried to quiet that voice within, it got louder and louder and louder! Finally it got so loud that I had no choice but to listen—it was literally a matter of life or death. In no way am I saying that I am an expert. But what I know for sure is that I am a very vital being in this world, and that I have a story, a voice—and I have been called to take that which was instilled within me and pass it along to assist mankind.

~ Dawn

The Conceptual Meaning Of

I have read many books in my life, and even as a young girl I was intrigued by the significance of punctuation. Like who made up the rules, and how do those rules affect my world?

Why would I need to follow the same rules as everyone else? To me, punctuation dictates direction or guides the reader onto a path of meaning. Does punctuation help the reader interpret the words or force him/her into a particular way of thinking? So one of my assignments in life has been to determine how to use words in an open and not a closed way, in service to the reader and not to the rule.

My idea, my concept, is that my words and the interpretation thereof should be determined by the reader. This book will take you on a journey without the predetermined map of punctuation. By leaving out the punctuation in the poems themselves, I've allowed you, the reader, to feel the words, to embrace the words, to apply them to your being, your world! I know this is not the norm—but who said I was normal?

Enjoy the journey!

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