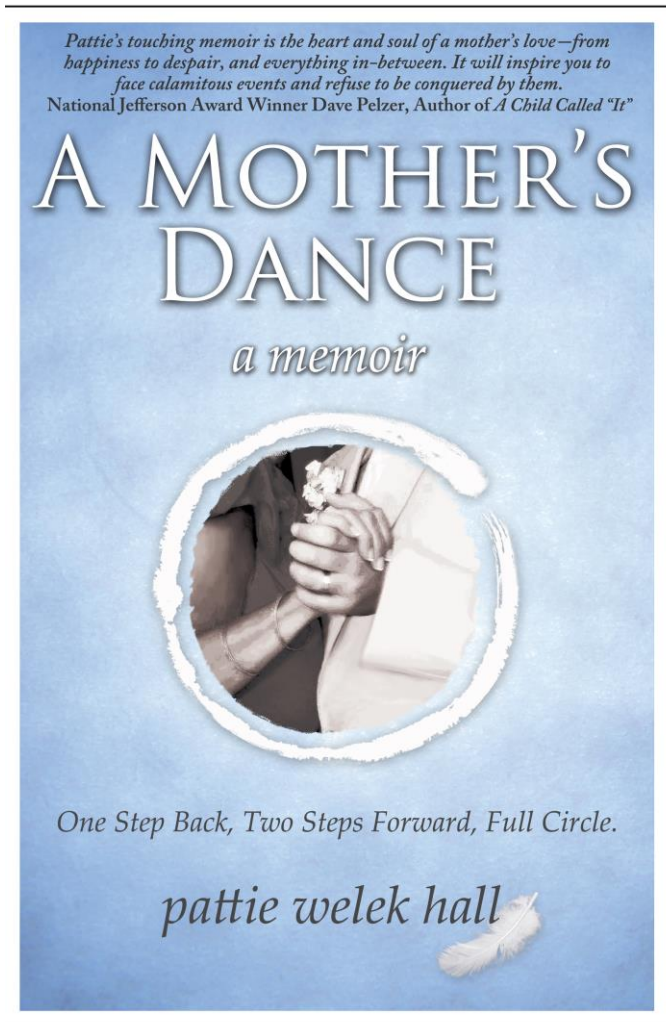


# A Mother's Dance

One Step Back, Two Steps Forward, Full Circle

Written by Pattie Welek Hall



***Pattie's touching memoir is the heart and soul of a mother's love—from happiness to despair, and everything in-between. It will inspire you to face calamitous events and refuse to be conquered by them. National Jefferson Award Winner Dave Pelzer, Author of *A Child Called "It"*.***

## About the Book

How does one measure the depth of a mother's love? Pattie never thought it possible until she experienced every mother's worst nightmare—twice.

With all three kids in college and thriving, Pattie is excited about embarking on her new career as community relations manager at Barnes & Noble. That is, until she receives word that her nineteen-year-old son has been admitted to the Medical University of South Carolina and tagged "John Doe" after he suffered a traumatic brain injury. Now her sole concern is to get to Charleston, 250 miles away, before he takes his final breath.

Although Casey is given only twenty-four hours to live, Pattie clings to her faith and refuses to accept her son's death sentence. During Casey's long and arduous healing, Pattie takes a hard look at the past—the kids' tender childhood memories, their challenging teenage years, the skeletons in the closet, and the circumstances that have formed her into who she has become. When tragedy strikes again, Pattie must make a choice—to remain stuck in her grief or to step into the life she's meant to create.

Moving and heart-wrenching, *A Mother's Dance* is a story about hope, perseverance, self-discovery, hard choices, and most importantly about *love* . . . the sad and the wondrous.

## About the Author

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