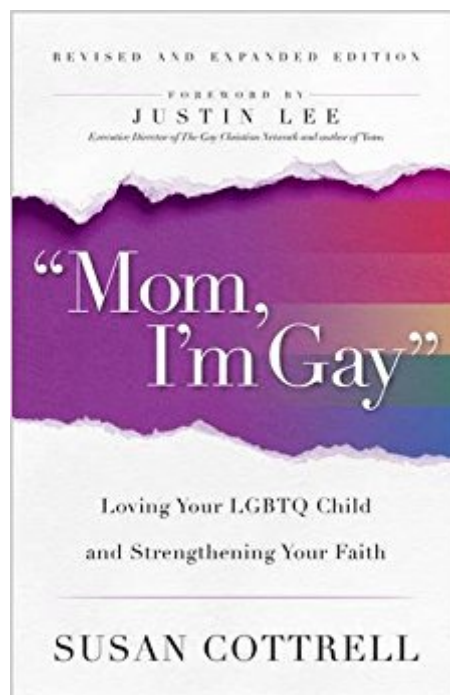




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# "Mom, I'm Gay," Revised And Expanded Edition: Loving Your LGBTQ Child And Strengthening Your Faith



## Synopsis

When your child reveals that he or she is attracted to the same sex, how you respond may have a lot to do with your faith. Doesn't the Bible say that's wrong? Will we have to leave our church? Worst of all, you may wonder, Do I have to choose between my Christian faith and my child? Susan Cottrell is a mom who has been there and wants you to know that loving and accepting your gay child does not mean abandoning or even compromising your faith. This is not a book about the politics or morality of homosexuality. This is a book about how to respond with love and support during this vulnerable time for your child. With practical advice and heartfelt encouragement, Cottrell guides readers through the fear and uncertainty Christian parents of LGBTQ children often feel.

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## Customer Reviews

This book will help any parent who is confused, hurt, afraid, angered, or surprised by their child's coming out. Writing with compassion, wit, and wisdom, Cottrell strikes the perfect balance between sharing her own story and offering gentle guidance so the reader can navigate their own. In an age where we are all adjusting to changing understandings of sexuality, this book will be invaluable to those who want fully to know and affirm all the children they love. --Cynthia L. Rigby, W. C. Brown Professor of Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary I can't overstate the importance of this book as it fills the most critical gap in Christian parenting literature: parenting LGBTQ children. I can only imagine that had this book been written earlier, the world would be a little less broken and the church would be more equipped to love our children. This is a book I hope all Christian parents will read even the ones who don't think they need to. --Benjamin L. Corey, Author

## of Undiluted: Rediscovering the Radical Message of Jesus

Susan Cottrell is the founder of FreedHearts, a ministry for families of LGBTQ individuals, and vice president of PFLAG Austin. She is a speaker and author, who has been married for twenty-seven years and is the mother of five children, including a queer daughter and a lesbian daughter. She speaks regularly to PFLAG groups around the country.

This is an excellent first resource for parents who are reeling after hearing those life-changing three little words. Susan Cottrell has walked the walk, and she understands the challenges of reconciling an evangelical Christian understanding of a few frequently misinterpreted verses in the Bible and our love for our children. She helps the reader to focus on what is most important: the precious lives placed in our care and to love God and love others as ourselves. To read that the verses in the Bible that are so often taught make it "crystal clear" what God thinks of our children have more than one interpretation is like a burst of sunshine into a dark cellar. Cottrell brings hope, peace and love with this book, all of which are so desperately needed in those first few days of a family's new reality.

Such a needed book! Susan paints the picture of the loving response parents absolutely must have when their precious and courageous kids share this most tender and vulnerable truth. Many books I've read go on and on trying to say what Susan says so simply and concisely. It's a MUST READ. Who better to speak into this than the mom who has lived it and lived it spectacularly!

Great to help understand how to help others and get help yourself when you are faced with the Church vs. gay family member question. Nice to know I'm not the only one out there entrenched in figuring out how to find love and acceptance.

Thank you, Susan. I was in such shock and so afraid in my conservative church circle. Thank you for writing this, for helping us Mom's navigate through a tough time. What a real and authentic ministry you have started! People have no idea.....until it happens to you....

These words were very scary for me to hear as a Christian. I had no idea how to try to process this, no idea of where to turn for help or support. I had so many questions and so much fear. This book was the start of a wonderful journey, of realizing I can love God AND my son without conditions. It's

a great read and resource for parents and other family members or friends who are early along in this journey of having a LGBTQ child, who aren't quite sure about how to "walk this walk" that you suddenly find yourself on. I am so grateful for the help and guidance this book provided early on this walk with our son. I felt so alone and desperate at first, and through this book started to find instead healing, joy, peace and hope... Thank you this wonderful, encouraging gift!

No matter how much you love your child, when they "come out" as LGBTQ it can be a difficult journey, especially for those parents who are members of conservative denominations. Susan understands this, and she has written a wonderful book for parents as they begin this new adventure. I would strongly recommend it for any family members. An easy to read and excellent resource!

This is my go-to book for parents whose children have just come out - I try to always keep two copies so I have one to share. It's presented compassionately, thoughtfully and in a reassuring way that will ease the way for parents shaken by their child's announcement. For so many, reconciling religion with homosexuality is a challenge, but once you are done with this book you will be well on your way to a new, deeper understanding of your child, your faith and the path before you. I strongly recommend it for anyone who has an LGBT loved one.

This is the most helpful of the many books I've read on this subject. My husband and I have long been affirming of LGBTQ persons, but when our son came out we were shocked at how poorly we were treated by people at our church of nearly 25 years. Susan Cottrell's well-written, compassionate and compelling book helped us through the painful things that were attributed to the Bible by "friends" we had thought were well educated. Susan's heartfelt, humble and well-researched book gave us peace about our sweet son, as well as the power to shake the dust from our sandals and leave behind the ignorance and bigotry of our former church. This book will be helpful to parents of an LGBTQ child - regardless if the child is 5 or 55 - and regardless if the parent is Christian or of another faith. I highly recommend this book!

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