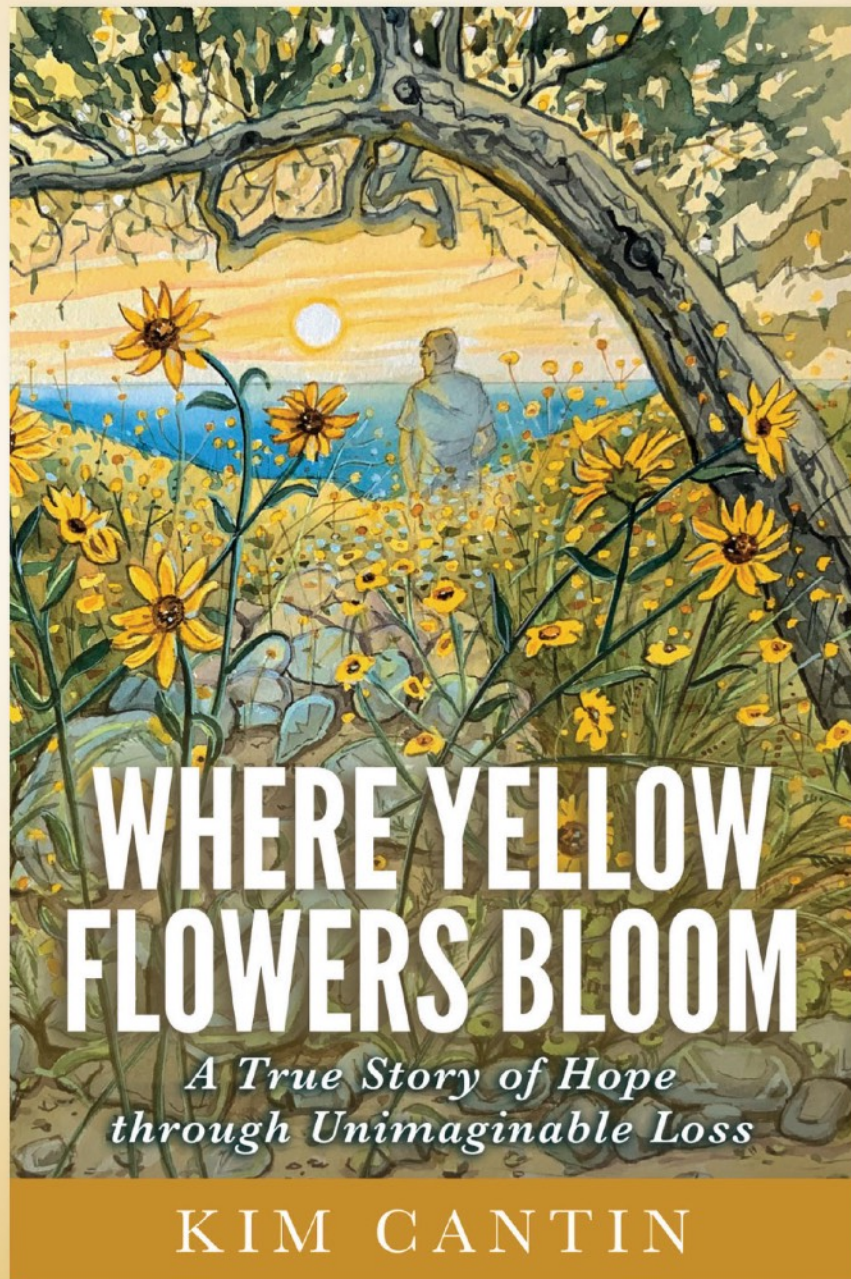


# WHERE YELLOW FLOWERS BLOOM

A TRUE STORY OF HOPE  
THROUGH UNIMAGINABLE LOSS

By Kim Cantin



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## PRAISE FOR WHERE YELLOW FLOWERS BLOOM

"This is an unbelievable story of triumph over tragedy. It takes the catastrophic experience of a natural disaster and provides a highly charged, emotionally riveting account of survival and healing. Kim Cantin, the author, is a wife and mother who lost her husband and son in a crushing mudslide and found the courage and strength to walk with her daughter through this deep, dark valley of the shadow of death. On a professional level, this book is a stunning achievement. On a personal level, I had to set it aside on multiple occasions as the powerful narrative swept over me in wave upon wave of emotion and pain."

**~ Dr. Gayle D. Beebe  
President, Westmont College**

"Kim Cantin tells the terrifying story of what happened when she and her family are engulfed in a 2018 mudslide in Montecito that tore their house apart, destroyed a community, and brought tragic consequences. She explores in vivid detail that horrific night and how she gathered strength, physically and emotionally, to undertake a years-long search for the remains of her teenage son while processing her own trauma and that of her surviving daughter. Kim is a mama bear who refuses to give up—even in the face of opposition. *Where Yellow Flowers Bloom* is brave, insightful—and harrowing."

**~ Catherine Saillant,  
Southern California Journalist**

"A gripping story of determination and resilience. Kim's journey reveals the fullness of the human experience. She takes you from agonizing loss to true growth thanks to the blessings of human kindness and the soul's gifts of strength, insights, and eternal love."

**~ Suzanne Giesemann  
Author of *Still Right Here* and *Messages of Hope***

"Inspiration rises from this heart-wrenching story like treasured possessions and cherished memories painfully extracted from the Montecito mud. How can one lose absolutely everything and go on with life? Kim Cantin shares a message of courageous resilience, dauntless determination, and undying hope. Her fascinating search through the enormous wreckage of her home, her town, and her life uncovers the power of human kindness, astonishing synchronicities from beyond our physical plane, and a deep 'knowing' that love is eternal. For anyone enduring great loss, this book may be a touchstone for navigating the journey of healing and rebirth."

**~ Don Fergusson**  
**Author of *Salmon to Siddhartha:***  
***5 Vital Principles for an Extraordinary Life***

"Powerful! *Where Yellow Flowers Bloom* is a love story. And where there is love there is potential for grief. But at such a young age to lose one's child and one's spouse and one's nest is beyond comprehension. It tests human existence. It is a personal story of catastrophe, loss, physical and emotional pain, then a story of working through the loneliness, emptiness, and acceptance of the permanence of loss to a story of healing and establishing a new life."

**~ Jean Miller Harding**  
**Artist**

"*Where Yellow Flowers Bloom* shows the awakening of goodness to counterbalance the devastation of a tragedy and loss. Kim Cantin's heart-rendering chronicle of her sudden and inconceivable loss of her husband, son, dog, and home is captivating and unforgettable. Her courageous recovery journey is an indelible testimony to the healing power and personal transformation of loving community support coupled with spiritual guidance and faith in finding her son's remains. Her book is an outstanding accomplishment. Kim Cantin has not squandered any of her trials and tribulations but rather transformed them into soulful reflections for readers. Congratulations."

**~ Marsha Prudden**  
**Montecito Resident**

"In *Where Yellow Flowers Bloom* Cantin shares with us her unbelievable journey through tragedy and its aftermath. It is about her grit and determination to find her son and all the people who helped her along the way. While the book could have focused on all that was lost, it instead tells an inspirational and beautifully written story of resilience, hope, and love. Cantin draws us into her world so that we feel like we are there cheering her on every step of the way, I had a hard time putting it down! I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for an uplifting read about the strength of the human spirit and the power of a caring community."

**~ Anne Bakstad**  
**Director, Customer Experience Design, ServiceNow.**

"Kim invites us to traverse the debris fields of devastation, grief and loss as she tenaciously and heroically searches for her son's body. Although the mudslide demolished her family and life, guided by her heart and her gut she expanded and transformed darkness into light, loss into hope, and faith into homecoming. Readers will be in awe at how the unseen forces of kindness, intuition, synchronicities, and cutting-edge science come together and affirm that even when it seems darkest, light can find us all and shine."

**~ Catherine Weissenberg**  
**Author of *Beyond Ever After***

"*Where Yellow Flowers Bloom* is about a mother's love, strength, and absolute perseverance in the face of unimaginable tragedy. It is a story of resilience and survival. It is for anyone who desires to look at life differently; to accept intuition and findings that might normally be shrugged off to coincidence. Kim has evolved from a highly driven and respected executive to a woman that sees life differently now: possessing a knowledge – a spirituality – that can change the way you look at and deal with life's challenges. It has changed my life, knowing without reservation, that there is a higher power watching over us."

**~ Kim Wise,**  
**Retired Medical Device Executive**





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**Heartfelt Memoir Recounts Grieving Mother and Wife Kim Cantin's Healing Journey in the Midst of Tragedy That Gives Rise to Unexpected Wisdom, Affirming Love Transcends Beyond Life**

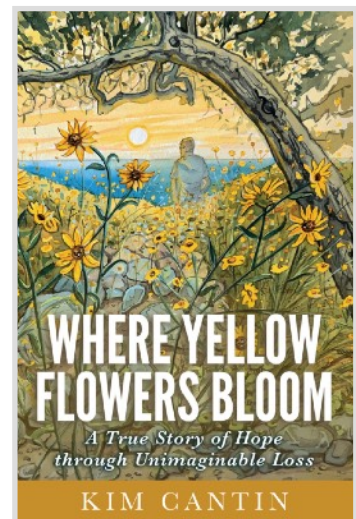
**Natural Disaster Stoking Tragic Headlines Is Backdrop of the Profound Retelling of the Survival of Cantin and Her Daughter and the Search for Her Missing Son in the Wake of the Loss of Her Husband and Home**

In the early hours of January 9, 2018 heavy rainfall combined with deforestation from recent wildfires caused a series of mudflows northwest of Montecito, California. The incident was responsible for 23 deaths and cost \$177 million in property damage. News of the mudslide that ravaged the unsuspecting community made national headlines. Among those headlines was the tragic story of the Cantin family.

Before the devastating slide reached their home, Kim and Dave Cantin, along with their children, Jack and Lauren, tried to escape in the middle of the night with their beloved dog. Separated during the impact, their fates were now out of their control. After waking up half buried in a pile of mud, boulders and debris that carried her away from where her home once stood, Kim Cantin was all alone, unaware if any of her family had survived.

After being rescued that morning she learned that her teen daughter miraculously had been found by search and rescue teams buried alive. When tragic news of her husband's passing came, the gravity of her new reality was heavy to bear. But she held on to hope that her missing son would soon be found. What transpired in the devastating aftermath of the Cantin tragedy is a powerful 3.5 year journey to find her son's remains, fueled by love, faith, determination, unconventional support and unexpected wisdom.

As the new family of two struggled to start anew, Cantin tells of the strength and wisdom her daughter, Lauren, embodies as a result of the tragedy. From organizing and performing for celebrity fundraisers for other mudslide victims to immersing herself in her art, singing—she has embraced her healing process in profound ways.



Cantin also recounts stories of the generous help she received from friends and community members, rescue professionals, intuitive mediums and a university anthropology professor and students for the search and ultimate discovery of her son's remains.

As Cantin affirms, "Now, I am aware of love coming to and through me more than ever before. I'm more present in the moment. Losing my son and husband, and meeting so many people who supported Lauren and me through our loss and during our search, opened me up to seeing and feeling more deeply."

Cantin's powerful memoir, *Where Yellow Flowers Bloom*, is a heartfelt testament of a mother's love and a wife's devotion in the midst of sudden loss and trauma, with an enlightened perspective on mortality. Through her patience, perseverance and willingness to be open to help and to heal, she confirms love's ability to connect and transcend beyond life.

### **About Kim Cantin**



Kim Cantin enjoyed a twenty-year career in sales and marketing leadership in medical devices working for a Fortune 500 company. She met her loving husband Dave at Johnson and Johnson, and they started a family with two great kids and their goofy dog. Later Kim created her own successful marketing consulting firm and eventually worked as a senior director of marketing for Teleflex Urology. After the devastating mudslides of January 2018 and surviving the experience, she felt compelled to write her first book, *Where Yellow Flowers Bloom*, with the hope that it will help and inspire others. She is still an active member of the Santa Barbara community. When she isn't spending time with her daughter, friends, or family, she is with her two pups. For more information please visit: [kimcantin.com](http://kimcantin.com)

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# KIM CANTIN BIOS

## SHORT BIO

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## LONG BIO

At age eleven, **Kim Cantin** had vast experience snowshoeing in the feet-deep east coast, Canadian snow before moving to, what seemed like another planet, a Southern California town near the beach.

This early experience gave her the ability to adapt to her new situation and environment. This move helped build her determination and resilience to work toward not only accepting but thriving even through an unexpected and unimaginable tragedy.

Kim now sees life through a different lens. She courageously shares her experience and new-found wisdom through her first book, *Where Yellow Flowers Bloom*.

Before the tragedy, Kim had it all.

She enjoyed a twenty-year career in sales and marketing leadership in medical devices working for a Fortune 500 company. She was part of the transformational and exciting laparoscopic surgical revolution when surgeries were performed minimally invasively with tiny incisions vs. big muscle-cutting incisions. It was at Johnson and Johnson; she met her husband, Dave. Kim then started her own successful marketing consulting firm so she could have more work and family balance. As the kids got older, she worked as a Sr. Director of Marketing for Teleflex Urology where she enjoyed the dynamic culture and team.

Kim and Dave created a loving family, with two perfect kids, and their goofy dog. In 2010 the family moved to Montecito, CA. Kim engaged as a volunteer in the Boy Scout troop, Girl Scout leader, taught Sunday school, and participated with her daughter in National Charity League events. She is a proud supporter of Teens On The Scene, a teen-led community service and leadership group co-founded by Kim's son, Jack.

For more information visit [KimCantin.com](http://KimCantin.com).



## MEDIA QUESTIONS

Is it possible to find true happiness again after such a horrific loss?

What gave you the courage and motivation to write a book about your experience?

How difficult was it to write about such a tragic experience?

How did your spiritual beliefs help you accept your husband's and son's passing?

How did your spiritual beliefs change after this tragedy?

What do you most want people to know about your husband and son?

I'm sure you must still have bad days. What do you do to get through them?

If there is a gift in the wound of such a tragic loss, what would that be for you?

Tell me about the meaning behind the title of your book.

What is your advice to others who have unexpectedly lost loved ones?

What was your initial response when you were referred to intuitive and mediums? Were you reluctant or guarded at all?

What was your reaction when you first started hearing Catherine's writings? What convinced you that your son was speaking through her?

What is your view on death and a possible afterlife?

Do you still keep in touch with Marissa or Catherine, or receive messages from them?

What was your writing process like? Was it healing to put your family tragedy into words?

In what ways do you still feel connected to your husband and son?

What are some ways that you and your daughter pushed through the pain and anguish of such a loss in order to keep on living your lives?

How did you learn to have patience and persistence, and not become discouraged, while searching for your son in the midst of your grief?

What was it like having your story broadcast to the nation?

In what ways are you honoring your husband's and son's lives?

Can you tell us a little bit about your and your daughter's experience of the mudslide that trapped you both?

In the book you write that after losing your husband and son you felt different. Can you speak to that?

What drove you to contact the Anthropology Department at UCSB? How did the local authorities respond to your taking the lead in the search for your son?

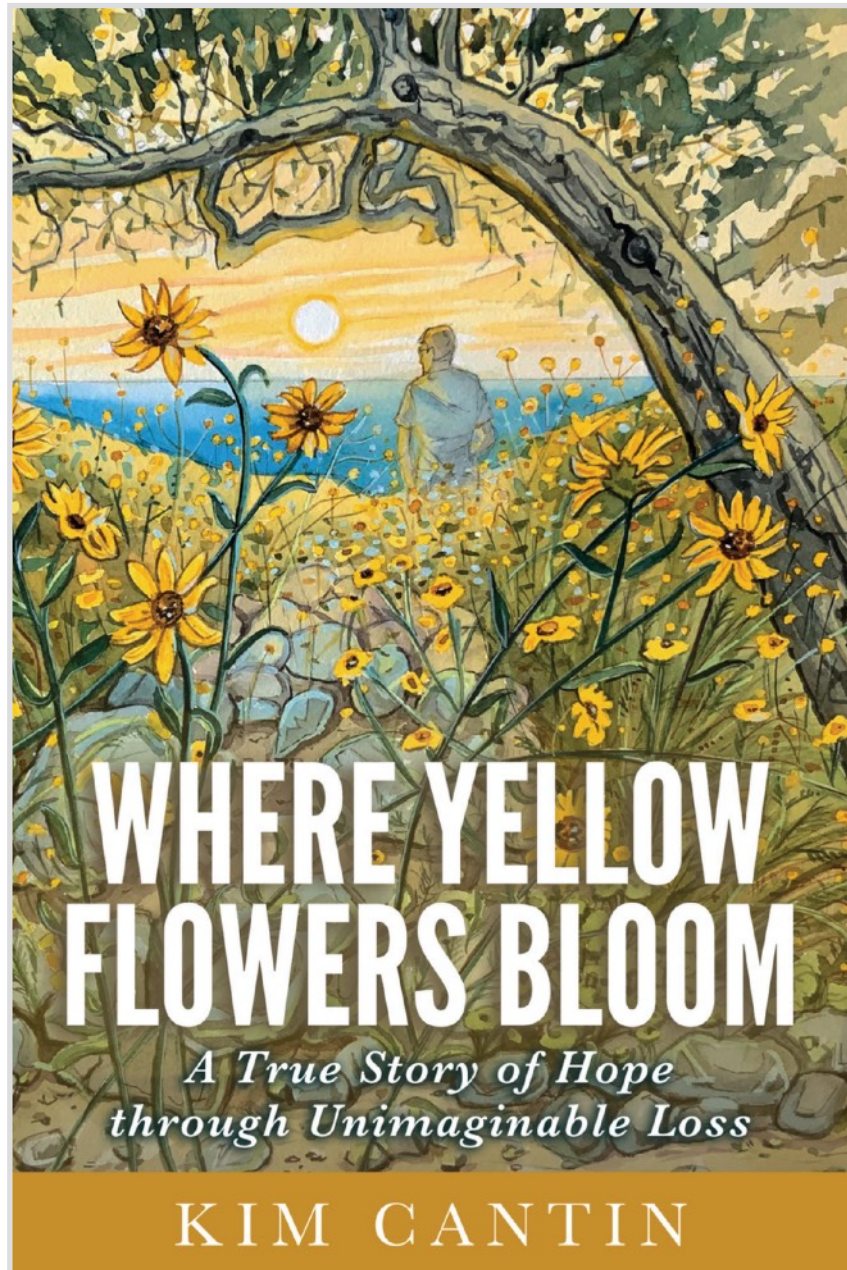
What was your reaction when you first were told that the remains the forensics team found were most likely your son's?

How can our audience find more information about you?

Where can we buy your book?

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