



Resources

- Academic Enrichment
- Academic Enrichment Camp
- Academic Enrichment Class
- Adaptive Services
- ADD & ADHD
- Adoption
- Advocacy & Social Services
- Allergy
- Alternative Medicine
- Apple, Berry & Pumpkin Picking
- Art Camp
- Art Class
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Baby Products
- Baseball & Softball
- Basketball
- Beauty & Spa
- Behavior & Discipline
- Behavior Management/Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Camp Advisors & Consultants
- Cheerleading
- Child Care: Special Needs
- Childrens & Kids Museums
- Classes, Fun & Socialization: Special Needs
- Cooking Camp
- Cooking Class
- Creative Arts Therapies
- Dance Camp
- Dance Class
- Day Camp/Traditional
- Day Care & Child Care
- Dentists & Dental Providers
- Development
- Developmental Disorders: Special Needs
- Diet & Weight Loss
- Divorce & Custody Rights
- Doctors & Medical Providers
- Doctors, Medical Providers, & Treatment: Special Needs
- Doula & Baby Nurse
- Emotional, Behavioral & Socialization Disorders
- Entertainment: Birthday
- Family Law & Legal Services
- Fencing
- Fertility
- Finance & Insurance
- Food & Nutrition
- Food Services & Catering
- Football
- Foreign Language Camp
- Foreign Language Class
- Foreign Language: Education
- GENERAL - Table of Contents
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Home Services
- Horseback Riding
- Hospitals & Medical Centers
- Kid's Health
- Kid's Products
- Learning Disabilities & Dyslexia
- Legal Resources, Financial Aid, & Future Planning: Special Needs
- Locations & Places: Birthday
- Marriage & Relationships
- Martial Arts, Karate, Judo & Tae Kwon Do
- Math & Science Camp

A Cure For The Common ER
4954 Merrick Road, Massapequa Park, NY
516.308.7255 [ER-DOX.com](#)

Treatment of all common illnesses and injuries! Quality Urgent Care For Patients of All Ages! Open 7 Days A Week
9A-9PMX-Rays on site
No Appointment Necessary

ER-DOX's Pedia-Nyte
Extended hours for children from 9A-11PM
For your child's medical needs

MEET THE AUTHORS OF 'STILL HERE THINKING OF YOU'

[Home](#) > [Articles](#) > [Mom Products](#)

by [Dawn Roode](#)

February 25, 2013

Related: [mother daughter relationships](#), [still here thinking of you](#), [vicki addresso](#), [joan potter](#), [susan hodara](#), [lori toppel](#).

Like 2

Tweet 1

0

Four Westchester women, Joan Potter, Vicki Addresso, Susan Hodara, and Lori Toppel, wrote a book about their relationships with their mothers. The result: "Still Here Thinking of You," a personal, thought-provoking examination of the true nature of mother-daughter relationships.



From left: Joan Potter, Vicki Addresso, Lori Toppel, and Susan Hodara, friends and writing group partners

In 2006 the authors of *Still Here Thinking of You*, who all live in Westchester, formed a weekly writing group where, to their surprise, memories of their mothers became their focus. The resulting book is a highly personal and thought-provoking examination of the true nature of mother-daughter relationships as told through four unique narratives.

“Hopefully, women who read this book will see it as a gateway to revisit treasured moments, pass by the anger and resentment, and discover their mother’s good intentions,” Lori Toppel says.

Toppel, who enjoyed a privileged childhood growing up in Puerto Rico and New York City, is the only member of the group whose parents were divorced. She recalls her mother in happy days during Lori’s childhood, but it is her descriptions of her mother’s growing bitterness—and the resulting tensions between the two women—that are most evocative. Toppel has teenage twin boys.

Susan Hodara, the only writer whose mother is still alive, grew up in a middle-class, observant Jewish home, and had frequently written about her father, a strong-willed man who often berated Susan and her forbearing mother. It wasn’t until she turned her attention to her mother in the writing group that Hodara was able to regard her as more than just a passive figure: “For the first time in my life,” she says, “I caught a glimpse of who my mother really was.” Hodara is

Sign-up for Family Activities Newsletter

This is tobacco marketing.

The more kids see, the more likely they are to smoke.

[Tobacco free NYS.org](#)

SignUp Get 50 Best Ideas for Indoor Fun! & the weekend activities newsletter FREE!

Email:

Confirm Email:

Enter Code: 9344

Zip Code:

Local Mom Products Sponsors

Sophia's



1 Liberty Way
Greenwich, CT
203-869-5990

[Get More Info](#)

Sophia's Costumes houses an extraordinary collecti...

La Bella Baskets



888-809-9113

[Get More Info](#)

Can't find the perfect gift? Save time, save mon...

Plasterkrazie

- Math & Science Class
- Mental Health & Depression
- Mental Health: Special Needs
- Mommy & Me Class
- Museums
- Music Camp
- Music Class
- Nanny, Babysitter & Au Pair Services
- Nursing & Breast Feeding
- Occupational & Physical Therapy, Rehab
- Occupational & Physical Therapy: Special Needs
- Parent Groups & Playgroups
- Parent Support
- Party Planning
- Physical Impairments & Disabilities: Special Needs
- Play Therapy
- Pregnancy & Baby
- Preschool
- Private School
- Public School
- Religious School
- Schools: Special Needs
- Sensory Integration
- Skating & Ice Hockey
- Skiing
- Sleep
- Soccer
- Special Education
- Special Needs Camps
- Specialty Camp
- Speech Therapy
- Sporting Events
- Sports & Fitness Classes

- Sports Camp
- Sports Programs: Special Needs
- Spring Activities
- Stores & Resources: Birthday
- Stores & Resources: Education
- Swimming & Water Sports
- Tennis
- Theater, Drama & Acting Camp
- Theater, Drama & Acting Class
- Therapy & Counselors
- Therapy & Counselors: Special Needs
- Travel
- Tutors & Test Prep
- Video & Photo
- Vision Therapy
- Vocational Training/Education: Special Needs
- Women's Health
- Yoga
- Zoos

 

days, I caught a glimpse of who my mother really was. Heald is the mom of two grown daughters.

Over the years, Joan Potter, a writing teacher, helped others record their memories, but had largely neglected her own. She arrived at the first gathering with a folder of stories she had written about her mother and a 20-year-old cassette tape on which her mother spoke frankly about her early life. Potter, who has two daughters and two sons, explores the secrets her mother kept, as well as her father's suicide, with vivid language and heart-wrenching candor.

Vicki Addesso, a one-time student of Potter's, joined the group shortly after having surgery and treatment for breast cancer. In working on the book Addesso crystallized her memories of her mother, a loving woman who was often lonely despite raising four kids and taking care of her in-laws in the small home they shared in Eastchester. Through writing, "I found my way back to her," Addesso says. Addesso has two boys.

While the exploration of the past is what drew me in to *Still Here Thinking of You*, it is the transforming nature of the narratives that inspires readers to flip the script and look at their own relationships with their children that ultimately marks this book as a winner, in my opinion.

Read an interview with the authors [here](#).

Also see:

[What Single Mothers Can Learn From Great Movie Moms](#)

[Remembering One Mother's Legacy](#)

['Autistic Like Me: A Father's Perspective' Exclusive Interview](#)

More Mom Products Articles

Four Local Women Reflect on Their Relationships with Their Mothers

Meet the Authors of 'Still Here Thinking of You'

Rosie Pope Introduces Her Pregnancy Tell-All Book to NYC Moms-To-Be

Two Moms Write A Book About Everything Moms Should Know

A Cheat Sheet of Parenting Philosophies and Trends

Be a good fellow parent and share this with a friend who would be interested

Email Friend



Comments

Login

There are no comments posted yet. [Be the first one!](#)

Post a new comment

Enter text right here!

Comment as a Guest, or login:

Name Email Website (optional)

Displayed next to your comments. Not displayed publicly. If you have a website, link to it here.

Subscribe to

PLASTERKRAZE

1310 Middle Country Rd
Selden, NY
631-689-5231

[Get More Info](#)

Plastercraft is creative and fun for all ages. Cho...



Furniture Inc.
1185 Sunrise Hwy
Copiague, NY
631-608-8636

[Get More Info](#)

Thank you for visiting Furniture1.com! Your online ...

Guardian Angel Family Store

239 Glen Cove Ave
Sea Cliff, NY
516-277-1068

[Get More Info](#)

Guardian Angel Family Store sells new and gently u...

See Our Mom Products Directory

Community

Find us on Facebook



NYMetroParents
Like 4,986



NYMetroParents
It's the opening weekend of the New York Int'l Children's Film Festival (NYICFF). Select

Facebook social plugin

[Follow Us on Twitter](#) 

Recently Viewed

Four Local Women Reflect on Their Relationships with Their Mothers Articles

Meet the Authors of 'Still Here Thinking of You' Articles

local zones

Nassau	Nassau cont.	Suffolk cont.	Westchester cont.	Rockland cont.	Queens cont.	Brooklyn cont.
Bath Beach Albertson Amityville Baldwin Bayville Bellmore Brookville Cedarhurst East Hills East Meadow East Norwich East Rockaway Farmingdale Floral Park Franklin Square Freeport Garden City Glen Cove Great Neck Greenvale Hempstead Hewlett Hicksville Island park Jericho Lake Success Lawrence Levittown Locust Valley Long Beach Lynbrook Malverne Manhasset Massapequa Merrick Mineola New Hyde Park Oceanside Oyster Bay Plainview Port Washington Rockville Centre Roslyn Roslyn Heights Seaford Syosset Uniondale Valley Stream	Wantagh Westbury Woodbury Woodmere Suffolk Amagansett Amityville Babylon Bayport Bay Shore Bohemia Brentwood Brookhaven Center Moriches Centereach Centerport Central Islip Cold Spring Harbor Commack Copiague Coram Deer Park Dix Hills East Hampton Farmingdale Farmingville Greenlawn Greenport Hampton Bays Hauppauge Holbrook Holtsville Huntington Islip Kings Park Lake Grove Lake Ronkonkoma Lindenhurst Massapequa Mastic Mattituck Medford Melville Moriches Northport Patchogue	Port Jefferson Riverhead Rocky Point Ronkonkoma Saint James Sayville Smithtown Southampton Stony Brook West Islip Westchester Ardley Aronk Bedford Brewster Briarcliff Manor Bronxville Carmel Chappaqua Croton Falls Dobbs Ferry Eastchester Elmsford Greenburgh Harrison Hartsdale Hastings on Hudson Hawthorne Irvington Katonah Larchmont Mahopac Mamaroneck Mount Kisco Mount Vernon New Rochelle Ossining Peekskill Pelham Pleasantville Port Chester Pound Ridge Purchase Rye Rye Brook Scarsdale	Sleepy Hollow Somers South Salem Tarrytown Thomwood Tuckahoe Valhalla White Plains Yonkers Yorktown Heights Fairfield Bridgeport Byram Cos Cob Danbury Darien Easton Fairfield Georgetown Greenwich New Canaan Newtown Norwalk Old Greenwich Redding Ridgefield Riverside Rowayton Southport Stamford Stratford Trumbull Weston Westport Wilton Rockland Airmont Bardonia Blauvelt Chestnut Ridge Congers Gamerville Haverstraw	Hillburn Monsey Nanuet New City Nyack Orangeburg Paisades Pearl River Piermont Pomona Sloatsburg Sparkill Spring Valley Stony Point Suffern Tappan Thiells Tomkins Cove Upper Nyack Valley Cottage West Haverstraw West Nyack Queens Arvene Astoria Bay Terrace Bayside Belle Harbor Bellerose Briarwood Cambria Heights College Point Corona Douglaston Elmhurst Far Rockaway Floral Park Flushing Forest Hills Fresh Meadows Glen Oaks Glendale Hollis Howard Beach Jackson Heights Jamaica	Kew Garden Hills Kew Gardens Laurelton Little Neck Long Island City Maspeth Middle Village Ozone Park Queens Village Rego Park Richmond Hill Ridgewood Rochdale Village Rockaway Rockaway Park Rosedale Saint Albans Springfield Gardens St. Albans Sunnyside Whitestone Woodhaven Woodside Brooklyn Bay Ridge Bensonhurst Boerum Hill Borough Park Brighton Beach Broadway Junction Brooklyn Heights Brownsville Canarsie Carroll Gardens Clinton Hill Cobble Hill Coney Island Crown Heights Cypress Hills Ditmas Park Downtown DUMBO Dyker Heights East Flatbush Flatbush Flatlands Fort Greene	Fort Hamilton Gowanus Gravesend Greenpoint Kensington Manhattan Beach Marine Park Midwood Midwood Park Mill Basin Mill Island Ocean Parkway Park Slope Plum Beach Prospect Heights Red Hook Remsen Village Sheepshead Bay Starrett City Sunset Park Sunset Park Williamsburg Manhattan Battery Park City Chelsea Chinatown Columbus Circle East Village Gramercy Park Greenwich Village Harlem Hell's Kitchen Little Italy Lower East Side Financial District Midtown Morningside Heights Murray Hill SoHo Times Square TriBeCa Union Square Upper East Side Upper West Side Washington Heights

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Advertising](#) | [About Us](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Where to Pick Up](#) | [Submit Event Calendar](#) | [Job Opportunities](#) | [Login](#)