

MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN BEFORE

HOW SUFFERING TRANSFORMS US

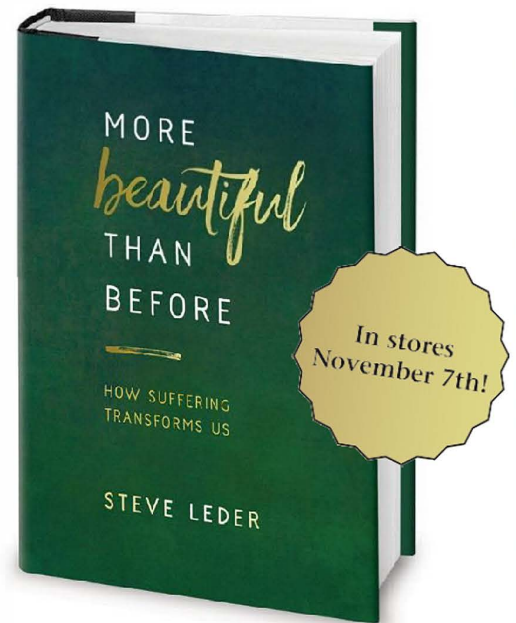
By Steve Leder

A beautifully concise book that helps all of us discover purpose in our pain

Every one of us sooner or later walks through hell. The hell of being hurt, the hell of hurting another. The hell of disease, the hell of loss. The hell of knowing that this year, like any year, may be our last but we need not come out empty-handed. As the leader of Wilshire Boulevard Temple in LA for 30 years, Rabbi Steve Leder has witnessed a lot of pain. After comforting so many, he thought he understood suffering and its challenges but when it struck hard in his own life, a new understanding unfolded before him as he felt pain's profound effects on his own body, spirit, and soul.

In the spirit of such classics as *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, *A Grief Observed*, and *When Things Fall Apart*, *More Beautiful Than Before* examines the many ways we can transform physical, psychological, and emotional pain into a more authentic, meaningful life.

Drawing on his own story and others', Steve Leder guides us through pain's stages of surviving, healing, and growing as he shows us that when we must endure, we can, and that there is a path for each of us that leads from pain to wisdom. This powerful book will inspire in us all a life worthy of our suffering: a life gentler, wiser, and more beautiful than before.



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A POWERFUL MESSAGE WITH UNIVERSAL APPEAL

"I recommend this powerful book by my dear friend, Rabbi Steve Leder. It is filled not with theory, but with time-tested wisdom that can only come from years of experience helping people. This is such a beautiful book! It is the voice of experience, from a wounded healer who is both realistic and hopeful. I love Steve Leder, I love his congregation, and I loved reading this book! But don't just read it, buy a copy for a friend."

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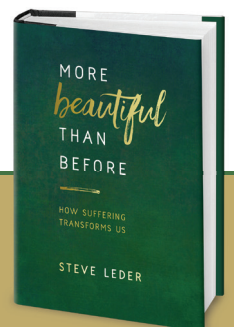
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