

"There's no real diagnostic test to specifically point to Alzheimer's, but I see no basis for any other diagnosis."

Alzheimer's.

Jack went numb. The word was more than a diagnosis. It was delivered as both a verdict and a sentence. He stared at his grandfather—a slumping, quiet, subdued man unaware of the severity of the words spoken about him—and he burned with

ion that had been building in his throat

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"I was deeply touched by "Don't Forget."
Read it and let it remind you of people who have loved you and been there for you. Let it assure you that you are not alone. Let it inspire and challenge you to share your life with others in real and meaningful ways so they can can say with confidence, "I am not alone." - T. Ketchersid

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He's an outstanding communicator, whether one-on-one, or on stage in front of thousands of people. An engaging and effective story-teller, Timothy has the ability to harness the power of story to inspire and motivate others.

Timothy and his wife, Stephanie, have a daughter in college and two spoiled dogs.



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Book Bio

Jack—devoted husband and father of twin girls—is struggling with his grandfather's recent Alzheimer's diagnosis and the void created in his life as the man he believed indestructible slowly fades away.

Christopher is a bright, but shy eight-year-old trapped in a shell of self-doubt created by the repeated disappointments of his absentee father's broken promises.

Paired together for a weekend father/son campout, they form an unexpected relationship that brings healing, confidence, and hope.

DON'T FORGET is a poignant story about the power of presence and memory in the relationships that shape all of us.



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From Chapter Five

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Dr. Mahili's office was located in the nondescript professional office building adjacent to the county hospital. The hospital had the look of a once-modern structure slowly slipping into decay. It was larger than most small town hospitals but without bustle or energy pulsating around it. It stood silent, as if cloaked in melancholy and disappointment.

"Why are we here?" Jack's grandfather asked as he followed his wife and his grandson across the tar-black asphalt parking lot.

"Just to talk with the doctor, honey. No tests today," Jack's grandmother patiently replied.

The waiting room of Dr. Mahili's office was deserted, indicative of a new doctor struggling to establish himself in a well-established town. But being the only specialist of his kind, and given the aging of the local population, a busy practice was only a matter of time.

Once inside, Jack took a seat beside his grandfather on the thin cushions of the square wooden chairs as his grandmother checked in with the lonely receptionist. The quiet of the room rested on them like a blanket. The anticipation Jack had kept subdued since his grandmother's call two days ago now slipped free and began tightening the strings in his chest. His tension escalated at a surprising rate. His knees bounced frantically, and he found no comfortable position for his hands. He snatched a travel magazine in an attempt to take his mind to another place. As he flipped through glossy pictures of the blue-water serenity of the Pacific waters off Mexico, his grandfather placed his hand on Jack's arm.

"It's good to see you." His grandfather smiled.

"You too, Grandpa."

"Are you good?" The question had a muffled ring of authenticity.

"Yes, very good, Grandpa." Jack paused, searching for an avenue to sustain the connection. "Have I shown you the latest pictures of your great-granddaughters?"

Jack's grandfather didn't respond; he just held a hopeful look on his face. Jack retrieved his smart phone and swiped the screen, opening a picture of his two sunny-faced, brown-haired girls. His grandfather brightened.

"Yes, look at them." He traced their faces with his index finger. "They look the same."

"Megan and Sara. Megan just cut her hair off so she would look less like her sister. They're good girls."

The sound of the far door opening caught Jack off guard, snapping his attention. A young nurse appeared in the doorway. She was wearing burgundy scrubs and her blonde hair was pulled back into a tight ponytail.

"Mr. O'Brien, are you ready?" the nurse asked.

Jack wasn't.

Interview Questions



Why is it important to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease?



Do you have personal experiences with a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's disease?



How common and widespread is Alzheimer's disease?



Are there any current treatments or cures for Alzheimer's disease?



Describe the emotional toll caregivers face when caring for those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease?



Why are memories so valuable to us?



Why is nostalgia and memory so formative to our identities?



How can we be more intentional about forming memories and staying connected with our loved ones?



How can readers get involved in raising awareness of Alzheimer's or contribute to Alzheimer's research?



Why is it important to raise awareness about the need for positive role models in the lives of kids?



Why do so many kids not have positive adult role models in their lives?



What value do positive adult role models have in the lives of kids?



Who have been the role models that have shaped your life?



How can readers become a mentor to a child who needs a positive role model?



Why is it important for you to tell this story?

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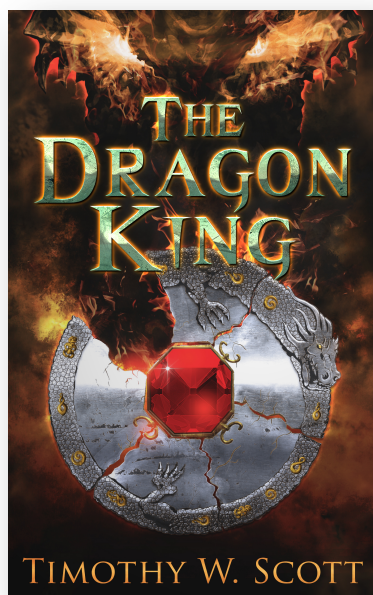
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