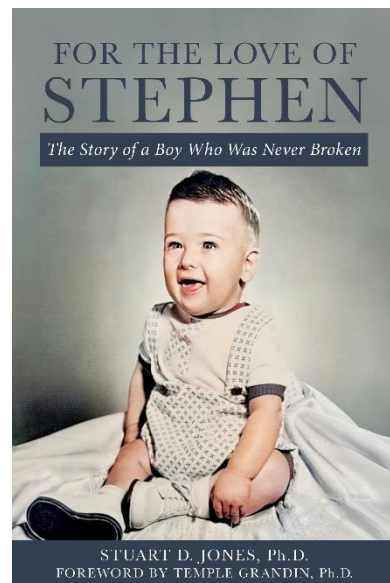


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For the Love of Stephen: The Story of a Boy Who Was Never Broken

A powerful debut memoir by Stuart D. Jones illuminates unconditional love, resilience, and the urgent call for disability inclusion

Fort Wayne, IN — January 2026 — Author, educator, speaker, and disability-inclusion advocate **Stuart D. Jones, Ph.D.**, released his debut memoir, *For the Love of Stephen: The Story of a Boy Who Was Never Broken*, in November 2025 (Every Life Publishing, LLC © 2025). More than a personal memoir, the book is a deeply human examination of love, dignity, and what society gains—or loses—by how it treats its most vulnerable members.



Told through the eyes of a devoted brother, *For the Love of Stephen* chronicles the life of Stephen—born with intellectual and developmental disabilities—and the family who refused to let him be defined by labels, limitations, or low expectations. With honesty, warmth, and moments of humor, Jones invites readers into a story that challenges assumptions, confronts prejudice, and celebrates a life that quietly changed everyone it touched.

Since its release almost two months ago, *For the Love of Stephen* has consistently ranked among the **Top 50 titles on Amazon** in both Sibling Relationships and Disability Biographies, placing it within the **top 5–8%** of books in those categories—an achievement reflecting strong reader engagement and sustained national interest.

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— **Temple Grandin, Ph.D.**

“*For the Love of Stephen* is a beautiful tribute to a man, a son, a brother, a husband—and, more importantly, a beautiful human being who showed the world how special someone with a disability can be. Stephen was not special because he had special needs, but because he lived his life with laughter and love.”

— **Kim Dodson, CEO, The Arc of Indiana**

Blending family narrative, disability justice, social commentary, and character-driven nonfiction, *For the Love of Stephen* is at once a memoir, a memorial, and a call to action. It invites readers—individuals, families, educators, faith communities, book clubs, and organizations—to reflect on inclusion, empathy, and the quiet heroism found in everyday love.

Book Details

- **Publication Date:** November 2025

- **Formats:** Paperback, Hardcover, Kindle eBook, Audiobook
- **Publisher:** Every Life Publishing, LLC
- **Length:** 348 pages
- **ISBN:** 979-8-89694-939-8
- **Available Through:** Amazon, Barnes & Noble, IngramSpark, and over 40 additional platforms

About the Author

Stuart D. Jones, Ph.D., is a retired higher-education executive, former church minister, professional speaker, and lifelong advocate for disability inclusion. He has spoken at universities, churches, conferences, and author events across the country, but no role has shaped his life more profoundly than being Stephen's brother. *For the Love of Stephen* is his first narrative nonfiction memoir—and his most personal work.

Jones grew up in Lafayette, Indiana, is a Purdue University graduate, and currently resides in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Selected Media Coverage

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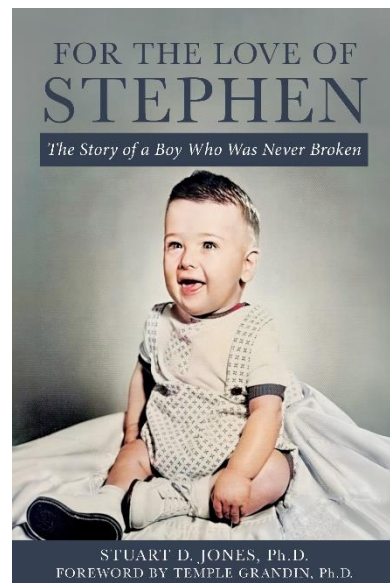
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Why This Book Matters

- Humanizes disability through lived experience
 - Encourages empathy, inclusion, and meaningful dialogue
 - Ideal for community discussion, education, and advocacy
 - Resonates with families, educators, faith communities, and book clubs
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Notable Recognition

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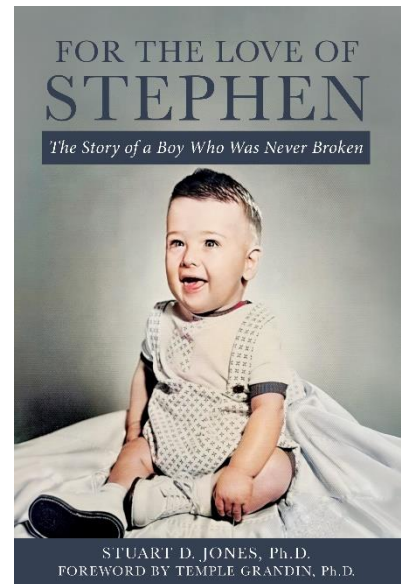
Ideal For

- Libraries & community reads
- Book clubs & discussion groups
- Universities & classrooms
- Faith communities
- Disability advocacy organizations
- Media interviews & author events

POSSIBLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Personal & Family Story

1. What inspired you to write *For the Love of Stephen* now, after all these years?
2. Can you share one of your favorite memories of Stephen that truly captures his spirit?
3. Your parents made a radical choice in 1954 by refusing institutionalization. How did that decision shape your family's journey?
4. What was it like growing up as Stephen's sibling in a world that didn't always accept him?



Themes of the Book

5. You write that the book is “a mirror, a memorial, and a movement.” What do you mean by that?
6. How do Stephen's experiences challenge the labels and stereotypes society places on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
7. What role did humor and joy play in your family's resilience?
8. What do you hope readers without a direct connection to disability take away from this book?

Advocacy & Social Commentary

9. How do you see Stephen's story fitting into the larger history of disability rights and inclusion in America?
10. What progress have we made since the 1950s—and what barriers remain?
11. What misconceptions about disability do you most hope this memoir will confront?
12. How does the book contribute to current conversations about belonging and justice?

Writing & Process

13. What was the most difficult part of writing this memoir—emotionally or creatively?

14. Did writing the book change the way you see your own life, family, or faith?
 15. What role did your siblings and extended family play in shaping and supporting this project?
 16. How did you balance telling a deeply personal story with offering broader commentary for readers?
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Looking Forward

17. If Stephen were here today, what do you think he would say about this book?
 18. How do you plan to continue his legacy beyond the book—through speaking, teaching, or advocacy?
 19. What advice would you give to families today who are raising a child with a disability?
 20. What's the single message you hope readers carry with them after closing the last page?
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SOUNDBITES

1. **At the heart of the story:**
"Stephen was never broken—what was broken was the world's ability to see him fully and his potential."
2. **On inclusion:**
"When my parents chose love over institutionalization, they proved that belonging isn't just possible—it's powerful."
3. **On stereotypes:**
"Labels didn't define Stephen's life, and love did."
4. **On why the book matters today:**
"Stephen's story isn't just about disability—it's about humanity, resilience, and the simple truth that everyone belongs."
5. **On the book's purpose:**
"This memoir is a mirror, a memorial, and a movement—a reminder of what we lose when we overlook, and what we gain when we embrace."