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In *Bringing Elizabeth Home*, Ed and Lois share the pain of every parent's worst fear: "What would I do if my child was taken from me?" They also share a story of great hope, strong faith, and trust in God. The Smart family had always been devoted to their Mormon faith, but through their terribly painful experience they gained a tremendous inner strength, which became the key to their survival. They write, "Having our daughter back home, in our arms, is nothing short of a miracle. It is the ultimate proof that God answers prayers. Granted, sometimes the answer is not the one we pray for, but still it remains an answer. We feel truly blessed that He answered our prayers the way we had hoped for, although we realize, regretfully, that this is not always the outcome in kidnapping cases. We have met so many families with missing children and we've seen how deep their pain goes . . . But what we hope to convey through our journey of faith and hope is that with a strong belief in God, all things are possible. Miracles do happen."

In the end, the Smarts' story brings one point poignantly home--nothing is more important in this world than family. Not money. Not work. Not a fancy new car or an expensive, big house. Family, the prayers of so many friends and strangers, and trust in God are what got them through this experience--and having survived, they have no doubt that they can persevere in any situation as long as those three things are in their lives. Though their story is filled with many incredible twists and turns, they never lost focus on what was important: bringing Elizabeth home.

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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

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This moving narrative by Ed and Lois Smart, the Mormon parents whose daughter was kidnapped and missing for nearly a year, commands listener attention. While their fascinating story sometimes turns evangelical, ultimately it is a moving account of their family's faith while living a nightmare. We admire and respect these remarkable people for their heroic grace under pressure, even with their sometimes admittedly naïve worldview. Their account sheds important light on how criminal investigations can be conducted--and misconducted--reaffirming the importance of not rushing to judgment before knowing all the facts. Much of the story remains yet untold, and one hopes one day Elizabeth will write her own account. L.C. © AudioFile 2004, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine

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