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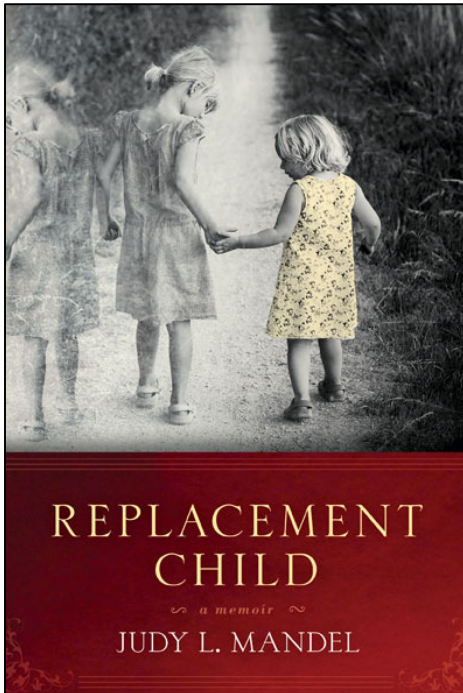
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**The Riveting True Story of a Family Haunted by Their Past**  
***Replacement Child: A Memoir* by Judy L. Mandel**

“Judy Mandel...offers an in-depth look at what it means to grow up a replacement child, an issue never before addressed in memoir, while lifting the veil on the secret nature of grief and the far-reaching effects of tragedy. Her stark honesty and gripping prose make this book a page-turner, with all the tension of a well-crafted novel.”

—Kaylie Jones, author of *Lies My Mother Never Told Me*



On January 22, 1952, American Airlines Flight 6780 crashed into a family home in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The crash not only killed all twenty-two passengers and the captain, but also severely burned two-year-old Linda Mandel and killed her seven-year-old sister Donna, who were both at home when the accident occurred.

*Replacement Child: A Memoir* (March 2013 / \$16.00 / Seal Press) by Judy L. Mandel is the riveting true story of a horrifying accident and the Mandel family’s painful decision to bring Judy—a new child—into the world, to fill the void left behind by Donna’s death.

As the “replacement child,” Mandel unwittingly rode the deep and hidden currents of her family’s grief. Years later, as an adult, she discovers the truth and is forced to confront the complex layers of her relationship with her family.

Beautifully weaving the story of the tragedy, her parents’ struggle, and her own life, Mandel reflects on the family’s overwhelming and unspoken grief and her own role as caretaker for her older sister. In and out of the hospital for reconstructive surgeries until she’s twenty, Linda’s severe physical scars from the fire are a constant reminder of the crash.

Not until Mandel has a child of her own does she make peace with her circumstances, her family, and most of all—herself. Exquisitely written, and heartrendingly honest and hopeful, *Replacement Child* is the shattering account of a family tragedy—and how it echoes throughout the lives of everyone affected.

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