

"A Gift of the Heart":

Book & Screenplay: By Andrew Heller

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As a syndicated book reviewer for over 20 years, **'A Gift of the Heart'** is the first fictional book that has captured my attention, entertained and inspired me the way **Andrew Heller's** MASTERPIECE has. Not only did it draw me into the lives of the extremely well developed characters so effortlessly, this unprecedented piece of art that is currently being made into a major film, pulled at my heart strings unlike **ANY** other book I have reviewed, fiction OR non-fiction, and I have reviewed international bestsellers from Deepak Chopra, to Neale Donald Walsh and Marianne Williamson. Not since Dan Millman's Classic Fiction book , 'The Way of the Peaceful Warrior' fiction series, which I reviewed a decade ago and was made into a film by Lionsgate called "Peaceful Warrior" starring Nick Nolte, have I seen such an amazing piece of Inspirational Fiction as Heller's **'A Gift Of The Heart'**. More amazing is the story behind how Heller got his book published and movie backed!

So it is with great humility that I say I am honored to be a part of this incredible "grassroots movement". I can relate to the authors journey as well. Andrew Heller wrote this moving book 26 years ago, and from a hospital bed, utilizing Live Social Media posts promised, within a mere 5 month period, he was to update and get this book about two families from different parts of the world, different socio-economic backgrounds, different ethnicities, different cultures out to the public. Yet we all bleed red and we all feel love for one another, especially for our children.

Through a series of "synchronistic circumstances" in a **BRILLIANTLY INTERWOVEN STORY LINE** - a boy and a girl come together through their sweet innocent children's "hearts". Literally and figuratively. One boy actually becomes a transplant donor for an upper class platonic female friend who needs a heart

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transplant with a rare blood type and she needs one STAT. I will not ruin the message of the story by revealing anymore of this incredible storyline to the reader, but I can tell you it runs the gamut of breaking barriers of all kinds ie: crossing racial and prejudicial lines and potential ethical guidelines. The motivation from the proceeds of this book and the film are going to help children fight cancer.

Only a Higher Power could have been the source behind this book and film. I have been in Hollywood for over three decades and I have never seen a book get published, get an excellent Director, two excellent stars attached (John Schneider and Austin St. John), the support of heavy weights in Hollywood that make me feel as though my name on this review is not even needed. When compared to the mountains of letters of support I have seen that are published from Hollywood Heavyweights that are behind Andrew Heller and this project becoming a film.

Finally, this project itself is as miraculous as the book, as again, within 5 1/2 short months of launching the published book, the trailer arrived on my Social Media page and I was so impressed by the top notch quality of the acting, the lighting, editing, **EVERY ASPECT** had been interpreted by the Director and crew. It is exactly how I saw and felt the storyline, literally sitting at the edge of my own bed. I too, suffer from a life threatening disease with a rare blood type. There is a lot of red tape behind transplant lists.

This book, and the story behind the book and film, are clearly **"A Gift of the Heart"** not only from the author Andrew Heller, but from our Heavenly Creator as well. Only a Higher Power could pull off such an inspiring story, behind the story, which brings such hope, faith and courage; ultimately translating to: **UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**. This is a story that is life changing. Thank you Mr. Heller, my Hero, for the honor of reviewing your book.

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