"My daughter, Rachel Scott, was the first student murdered at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. The book 'Painful Secrets' by Tim Hutchinson is a book every parent and student should read. It is the compelling, dramatic story of a man who found his solution through genuine personal faith. This is what carried us through the pain we suffered when Rachel was killed"

-Darrell Scott

Founder: Rachel's Challenge

"If I would have been able to read this book beforehand, I probably wouldn't have shot those people. It would have helped me to learn from someone who's life was more screwed up than mine, and was able to turn it around."

-Charles Andrew Williams, currently serving a 50 year to life sentence in a California prison after he went on a six- minute shooting spree on March 5, 2001, killing 2 students and wounding 11 others, including a teacher and a campus monitor.

"Tim Hutchinson's story is very inspiring for me ... I read this book as a concerned father and also as a police officer currently working in a public high school. In this book, Tim tells his story of being bullied and the horrible life changing road that he was on in his early years. The big difference in this story is that Tim takes the next step and digs into the "why?" and "how do we change the conditions?" for today's youth. I have seen Tim in his interactions with people and I believe he is an amazing person with an even more amazing message that needs to be heard by everybody."

-Chris Goodreau, Police Officer Burnsville, MN

"This is a great book, it helped me learn that even if times are so unbelievably hard just to hold on and that in the end it could turn out great. I have never read a book with so much bravery and courage that the author had. I couldn't

put down this book almost the whole time I was reading it! It helped me overcome some problems I have in my life and made me want to just hold on to the hope that I have left. I have a much more determined perspective in life after reading 'Life Extreme'!

-Shadai Schwartz Survivor, Columbine High School

"Great - easy to read and captivating!! I was able to relate to many of your feelings as you experienced them and expressed them. In my own life journey of going to juvenile custody at age 8 - living on the streets at age 10 - - gang banging - drug dealing - ending with a 20 year drug addiction and 21 years in prison before I was able to overcome and find redemption. Your book would have helped me tremendously...in the Special Handing Unit in a maximum security penitentiary - your words struck a cord in my very soul!!"

-Serge LeClerc Once called "The Most Dangerous Criminal in Canada" by the Canadian Royal Mounted Police

"I must applaud Tim for his courage to write this book. It was brutally honest and very thought provoking. I am going to purchase a couple of these books to share with fellow co-workers. Our agency's mission is to help prevent violence. This book should help all of us. Thank you to Tim for his help in breaking the chain of violence. I am sure this book will help many teenagers in the coming years."

-Sue Serley Community Action Counsel "Having made some choices that were not so productive, I found myself in prison - a direct result of living life similar to what Hutchinson described - trying to deal with the stigma for what I had done. I could relate to virtually everything that the author had been through ... Hutchinson not only tells his life story, he takes you on an emotional roller coaster ... and let[s] you know that there is hope for those who have seen the "bottom" in life. I could not put the book down once I started reading it. If you want something that isn't full of fluff, read this book because it is real life."

-Alan Lawton Omaha, NE

"Painful Secrets is very highly recommended reading for teachers and counselors - an excellent source for identifying students likely to commit acts of violence against fellow students."

-Sumant Pendharkar Author of the award-winning book, "Raising Yourself: Making The Right Choices"

"Having raised five children in the Projects, I know a lot about the trouble teens can get into. Now I have a bookshelf filled with some of the world's best authors - Stephen King, Dean Koontz and others. 'Life Extreme' discloses REAL LIFE situations, is easier reading and more exciting than ANY of the others! ALL of my friends with teen-aged children will know about this book."

-Linda H. Carter Lake, IA "This book is absolutely riveting. I couldn't put it down. I plan on having my teenaged grandchildren read it. I think it will make a difference in the choices that they make in life."

-Lorraine Cote Massachusetts

"A MUST READ FOR ALL EDUCATORS!!! Hutchinson's book is a must read for all educators who work with middle and high school teens. It was impossible to put down until the last page was read. He shows a true life story of triumph over tragedy. When asked why I am in education, my usual response is to make the difference in a child's life. Imagine if we could use this book in schools, especially with our 'at risk kids'! How much more real life lessons can you ask for!! As a society, this is what could rescue so many kids from a empty life on the streets."

-Jennifer S. K-12 licensed Principal

"...your story hooked me from page one. I found it to be a captivating story of redemption."

-Sal Greco Actor Lecturer, Author - LEFT FOR DEAD... True story about a Pittsburgh man who 'retired' from the mob and became a minister "He has learned for life to have meaning we must overcome self...the new way of life has altered his whole existence, the words he writes and speaks and influence he has. His words spring from the new life within him."

-Max Glupter High School Science Teacher & Vietnam Veteran

"Tim Hutchinson recognizes that the home and family are in severe trouble today. It is by far the most unbelievable book I have ever read which has impacted my life beyond words. It is proof that one's personal faith can bring you to the truth of who you are and out of the depths of despair. He is a wonderful husband, and father not only to his own, but to many thousands that have heard and read what he has had to say throughout the country. It is a MUST read for everyone regardless of your age."

-Ellen S. - British Royalty (Her family owns the castle where the Harry Potter movies are filmed)

"His success in turning around his life into something positive - makes for an uplifting and motivational tale that readers of all backgrounds can understand and learn from. Highly recommended.

-Midwest Book Review www.midwestbookreview.com

"I'm reading the book now - great writing!!!!!! This is a wonderful story. No doubt, very hard to tell, but important. Once I finish, I'm going to suggest it as required reading at my children's high school."

-Roxanne Jekot Georgia "...from the first page, I was mesmerized and found it very difficult to put it down. WOW! That is the only word I can say for what you have been through. The awesome thing is how you have turned your life completely around and have helped so many people...thank you for writing this wonderful book. Thanks for sharing your life story and for trying to help young kids get their life on the right track. You will educate many. Thanks and God Bless."

-Pamela Cipala Twin Cities , MN

"Unbelievably Candid, A Must-Read - From the minute I started reading this book I couldn't put it down...the way he came out of the horribleness of it all is simply amazing."

-Jeanette K. Minnesota

"I read it through the day after it arrived, could hardly put it down. It is an amazing story. A life that has been touched by grace. I live about 20 miles from Columbine High School and was moved by the impulsion you felt to be on the scene. Much good will come from your book...a vehicle to touch hearts."

-Nancy Savage Golden, Colorado

"This was a great book. You did an awesome job. I was not a teen trouble maker, just the opposite, but your story helped me understand my dad. Haven't spoken with him in many years but now I can be OK with that."

-Michele H. Anoka, MN