Lynne Cunningham’s
Book Review

I just read a book I think you will want to add to your leadership library.

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<th>Shining the Light on All the Right: Celebrating the Art of Nursing Around the World</th>
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<td>Author</td>
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<td>This book tells the story of how DAISY came to be – the whole story, in detail we never have told before. Why we as a family felt compelled to say thank you to nurses not only for their clinical excellence but for the humanity, they show patients and families every day. How we pushed through obstacles with the love and support of those nurses and so many others to honor the memory of our Patrick. How all we wanted to do was shine a light on all our nurses gave him and us and give countless others every day. How the millions of nurses across the world have made DAISY the international nursing recognition program it is today. This book is their story as much as ours.</td>
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| LC Review | What a lovely way to end one year and get ready for the next. Shining The Light is the wonderfully, feel-good adventure of creating something positive and beneficial out of a clear tragedy. Read this book with a box of tissues handy!!

I liked the layout of the book and the inclusion of feel-good stories - the actual messages about and from nurses who’ve been recognized with DAISY.

The story is the birth and maturation of an important recognition program for nurses. It was fun to read how the program grew and morphed as it caught on and nurses themselves inserted their ideas for what could make the program better, more meaningful and broader to reach more nurses.

I loved the focus on research and quantifying the positive impact of recognition like DAISY has on nurse retention. |
| What’s the WHY? | Mark and Bonnie wrote this book to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the DAISY Foundation. The Foundation was started in memory of their son Patrick who died from idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura or ITP.

From Bonnie: The question we are asked by nurses more than any other is this: Did Mark and I ever imagine that DAISY would become what it is, in terms of scope and impact. The answer is no; we never imagined. We hope our book helps explain how DAISY became the program it is. It is largely due to Nurses, as the book describes. All we
I wanted to do was say Thank You to Nurses for the kind of care we experienced with Patrick. The book, written to an audience of nurses, is another way we say Thank You.

**Why you should read the book**

I thought I was familiar with DAISY, but I learned so much. I’ve been to several very touching DAISY presentations but did not know the full story of Patrick’s illness and death and how the program has grown and matured over the years.

**Who else needs to read the book**

The book is a tribute to nurses and will help them connect to their roots and why they entered this noble profession. Your favorite nursing student or young person who aspires to become a nurse will feel pride in her/his career decision after reading the book. If you are on the leadership team of a DAISY organization, the book should get into the hands of each of your recipients.

The book is certainly a lesson in perseverance and flexibility, listening to the customer, and understanding the impact you are having. The book would be a good primer for anyone thinking they have a hot product to sell into the healthcare/hospital space – no matter how good the idea/the product, there will be barriers you have to overcome.

**Publisher and Year Published**

*Shining the Light on All the Right* by Bonnie and Mark Barnes will be available for shipment in February 2020 – in plenty of time for Nurses Week. The book will be on Amazon for pre-order by mid-January and bulk copies may be reserved on the DAISY website. If you are considering the book as a special gift to your nurses – or to yourself – for Nurses Week, visit [www.DAISYFoundation.org/book](http://www.DAISYFoundation.org/book) to take advantage of a bulk discount.

**Overall rating**

An excellent, feel-good account of the Connect to Purpose behind the DAISY Awards we are all familiar with and the story of how the Foundation was started, grew and has matured into an international powerhouse to retain nurses and celebrate compassionate care that makes a difference in the patient/family experience.

**Price**

The book will retail for $19.95. All proceeds go to The DAISY Foundation, of course.

**Recommended by**

The authors