

HOPE EDELMAN

“Edelman writes like a dream and like a dreamer, with a novelist's rhythm and a journalist's unsparing eye.” —Jacquelyn Mitchard

Hope Edelman is a gifted storyteller who employs her skills to help others navigate grief and loss. She is the author of eight nonfiction books; her latest, *The AfterGrief* was called, “...one of the most important books about grief ever written.”

Hope is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Motherless Daughters* and its companion volume, *Letters from Motherless Daughters*. She has lectured widely on the subjects of early mother loss and nonfiction writing in the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the U.A.E. Hope also conducts a life-changing retreat for women who have lost mothers – it is three days of story sharing, exercises, bonding, and personal growth.

Hope’s teaching and writing has garnered her acclaim as a writer, as well as a writing instructor. She teaches writing at Antioch University-Los Angeles year-round and can be found teaching at the Iowa Summer Writing Festival in Iowa City every July. She is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize and a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year designation, as well as honors from the Medill Hall of Achievement at Northwestern University and the University of Iowa Alumni Fellows program. Hope is also a member of Northwestern’s Council of 100 – a group of 100 notable women alumni that mentor female students and recent graduates.

Equally committed to helping motherless families and emerging young writers, Hope has been a board member of PEN USA, Motherless Daughters Inc., and Motherless Daughters of Orange County, as well as an Advisory Board member at Mommy’s Light. She was also the recipient of the 2020 Community Educator Award from the Association for Death Education and Counseling.

Hope lives in California with her husband. In her free time, she’s into foreign films, road trips, Mayan history, speed-walking by the beach, and honeybees.