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So often I am asked, "What is the greatest loss—the death of a child, a parent, a spouse, a sibling, or what?" Thanks to Dr. Kenneth J. Doka, I now have the answer to "What's the worst loss?" It's when it happens to you, whatever the circumstances or relationship. In other words, each loss must be recognized and validated.

In 1987, when Ken Doka advanced the groundbreaking concept of disenfranchised grief, he revolutionized the field of thanatology. We were better able to understand the complexities and individuality of each loss, especially for those bereaved whose experiences were neglected, unacknowledged, unexpressed, avoided by others, not legitimized, or not accorded the normal need to grieve. Thanks to Ken, the term *disenfranchised grief* has become part of our therapeutic conversation.

No one is more ably equipped to inspire and guide us than Dr. Doka. He has become mentor to legions in the areas of aging, dying, and death. His clear mind and judicious perspectives have made him one of the most sought-after speakers. Wherever he has sown his talents, his listeners and readers have reaped the rewards of his vast intellect and compelling power of communication. He has the generous capacity for making connections across the lines of sociology, psychology, medicine, gerontology, anthropology, and education. To read or hear him is like witnessing a trapeze artist who lets go of one rope and gracefully takes hold of another.

There is a Hebrew expression that best describes *Disenfranchised Grief: New Directions, Challenges, and Strategies for Practice*. It is *kol bol*. It means "complete," "thorough," "comprehensive." This volume is a complete, thorough, comprehensive treasure chest of creative contributions by leaders in their fields. They instruct us with theoretical overviews of