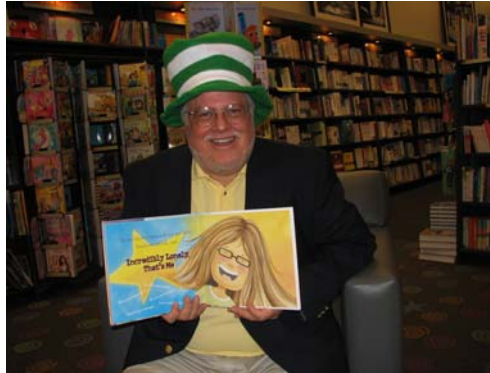


About the Author

Ben Keckler, a bereavement expert and pastoral counselor, listens to the heart songs of people both young and old. Helping individuals journey through their tough times is his primary commitment. He is passionate about spending time sharing with children and youth the importance of their feelings – feelings that range from the happy and glad to the mad and sad. His *Express Yourself* series of books are true stories about children for children.



Keckler is available for author events and special programs for professionals, children, and adults. He presents lectures and workshops on grief, loss and transition. Comments from his “Meet the Author” days with students at schools include:

“Great rapport with kids. I liked how we talked about some really difficult issues...”

“I would recommend – easy for kids to relate to and understand.”

“Discussing feelings is often difficult... the books seemed to make talking about feelings okay.”

Presently Director of Chaplaincy at Hendricks Regional Health in Danville, Indiana, his pastoral career has included serving churches, large and small, in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, a member of the American Psychotherapy Association, and a Clinical Member of the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, Keckler served as chaplain at a children’s home for emotionally challenged teenagers. He is an advocate for marginalized persons participating in national and international work camps following natural disasters. Recently Keckler traveled to Rwanda, Africa, as a member of a People to People Citizen Ambassador Mental Health & Social Services Delegation.

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