

LOSING DAD

*Paranoid Schizophrenia:
A Family's Search for Hope
(10th Anniversary Edition)*

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**He's not a faceless stranger living on
the streets. He is my dad.**

No drugs. No alcohol. So, how does a fifty-three-year-old develop schizophrenia? That's the question puzzling Joseph's family when his mind descends into madness, filled with grandiose delusions and paranoia. He roams the world as a self-proclaimed prophet of God—purportedly arrested in Israel, preached to the Mafioso in Italy, and hailed as a prophet in Africa. When he returns to the United States, he faces down drug dealers and prostitutes while homeless, then disappears.

His wife and three kids race to find answers before he slips away forever. Their biggest fear—he will die a faceless stranger on the streets. Alone.

Losing Dad, a compelling true story told through multiple perspectives—the children, spouse, and patient, offers a glimpse into a world that will either feel hauntingly familiar or shocking.

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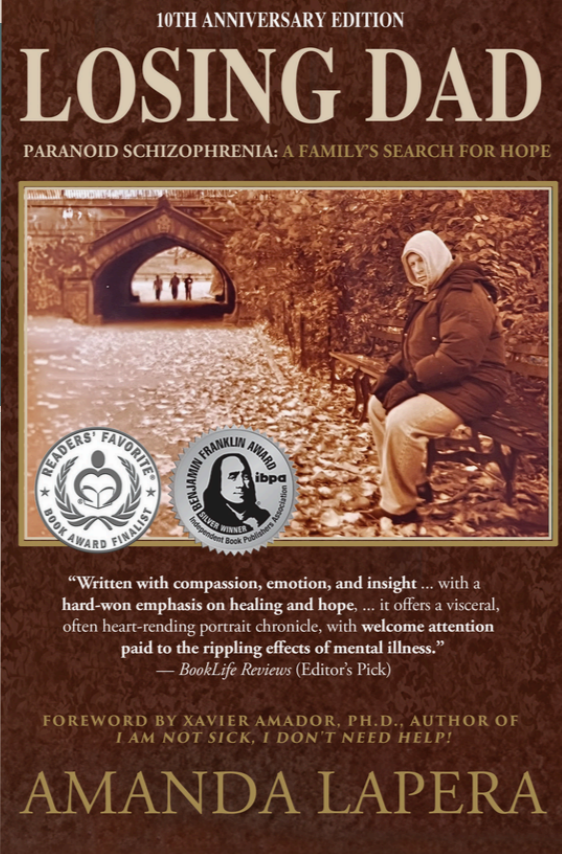
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