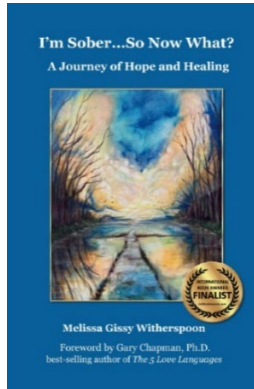




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*After more than two decades of substance abuse, multiple failed attempts at sobriety, numerous arrests, a revolving door of treatment facilities, and a rock bottom that resulted in near death on her basement floor, Witherspoon has finally achieved long-term sobriety and is eager to share with the world that we can and do recover from substance use disorder. Life after addiction is possible!*

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