

States of Grace

ENDORSEMENTS & REVIEWS

“Brave, refreshingly unsentimental. . . . A journey that directors Helen Cohen and Mark Lipman chart in an unflinching yet sensitive way.”

—*San Francisco Chronicle*

“An amazing film that poetically captures the many layers of triumph and struggle experienced by both patients and caregivers. Remarkable in its honesty, surprising in its humor, and gripping in its ability to take viewers to unexpected places.”

—Robert Saper, MD, MPH, associate professor of family medicine,
Boston University School of Medicine

“As relevant for people living with disabilities as it is for people facing end-of-life issues—and for anyone who has ever taken on the role of caregiver. A beautifully honest movie that neither pities nor panders, it reminds us how much we are capable of when we need to be. Watching it made me revisit what is essential about being human.”

—BJ Miller, MD, executive director, Zen Hospice Project

“Not a perfect family, and certainly not your typical one, but somehow they make sense together. I feel privileged to have watched their journey. I recommend you do the same.”

—Daniela Costa, *AfterEllen.com*

“The generosity of spirit captured by the filmmakers is stunning. A humbling and profound film with meaning and lessons for all viewers.”

—William B. Stewart, MD, medical director, Institute for Health & Healing,
California Pacific Medical Center/Sutter Health

“A remarkable example of the complexity of the healing experience. *States of Grace* deftly demonstrates that healing can — and must — go far beyond the physical.”

—*Global Advances in Health & Medicine Journal*

“A precious gift to the disability community, which has been hurt by many heroic expectations and misguided spiritual teachings. I think about disability rights as the hard-won right to be ordinary; *States of Grace* reinforces that right with great compassion.”

—Beth Smith, LCSW, MA, clinical supervisor, Through the Looking Glass

"A poignant, universal saga...Achieves a relevance and a power that reaches well beyond its subjects."

–Michael Fox, KQED

"A riveting documentary, *States of Grace* tackles complex and difficult caregiving issues with frankness, poignancy, and empathy for all involved. Heartfelt and inspiring."

–Kathleen A. Kelly, executive director, Family Caregiver Alliance

"A deeply moving documentary that allows viewers to witness how resilience can coexist with despair. *States of Grace* is a must-see for anyone who has had to deal with issues of survival, recovery, and loss. An important and compassionate film."

–Kaethe Weingarten, PhD, founder and director, the Witnessing Project;
associate clinical professor of psychology, Harvard Medical School, 1981–2013

"Powerfully moving...Tells [Grace's] story via a bird's-eye view of frustrations and small triumphs."

–*The Brattleboro Reformer*

"A loving portrait of caregiving and families of choice. Everyone should watch *States of Grace* with their loved ones to generate important conversation about health and quality-of-life decisions. Wonderfully life-affirming."

–Michelle Alcedo, director of programs, Openhouse: Services for LGBT Seniors

"Powerful...*States of Grace* will have a remarkable effect on our profession."

–*Nurse Talk Radio*

"An intimate exploration of what happens when the doctor unexpectedly becomes the patient and a firsthand view of how families recalibrate in the face of illness."

–Danielle Ofri, MD, PhD, author, *What Doctors Feel*

"Incredibly moving and inspiring. *States of Grace* expresses the rehabilitation and healing process with insight, integrity, and compassion. As a professional, I feel my ability to assist clients is enhanced by what I learned from watching Grace and Fu's story."

–Patricia Gill, MS, executive director, Brain Injury Network of the Bay Area

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