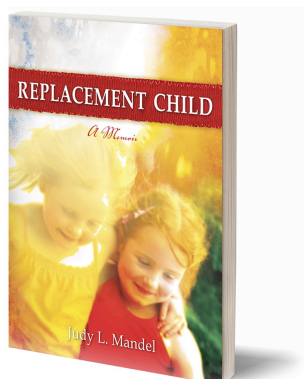


## The Social Frog.com – Book Review



### Synopsis

Honest. Funny. Heartbreaking. A plane crash-the injury of a two-year-old girl- the impossible choice a mother must make- leave a hole in the family that threatens to tear it apart. Replacement Child is a story of love and transformation as you follow one woman's brave path to recovery-sometimes through laughter, sometimes through tears-as she embraces the love that allows her to finally forgive.

### My Thoughts

I was deeply touched by this story from the very beginning. It is a gripping true story of the life of Judy L. Mandel. A horrible tragedy took the life of one family member and ruined several others all on one swift slam.

Her mother could not fully come to terms with the tragic events that happened which led her husband to take her to a psychiatrist whom suggested that maybe having another child would help heal their little family.

Judy is born, sensing at a young age that things were different in her family, things she did not understand at a young age. Judy's older sister Linda was hurt horribly in the tragedy and she suffered much, attaining most of their parents attention and love.

Judy was constantly trying to win over her father's love not understand where she fit in. This caused her many troubles in her young life and carried through to relationships she had with men. Judy eventually wanted to find out who her parents were, what her role was in their life. What she found was painful and raw but at the same time allowed Judy to forgive and love freely, and find some closure.

This was a wonderful read and I am glad I was given the opportunity to read it. I did not want to put it down. This book really takes you on a journey of one persons struggle to examine who they are and where they came from. I highly recommend this book.

