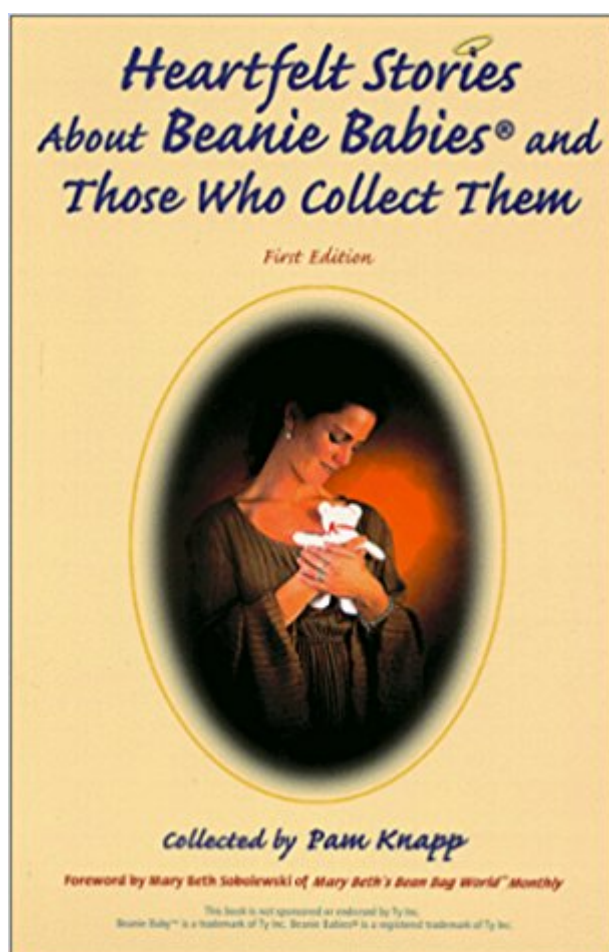


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# Heartfelt Stories About Beanie Babies(R) And Those Who Collect Them



## Synopsis

Everyone knows you can make money with Beanie Babies(R). Now the true stories in Heartfelt Stories About Beanie Babies(R) and Those Who Collect Them show what makes them priceless. This inspiring anthology offers nearly 200 stories from collectors ages 9-79 whose lives have been changed by Beanie Babies(R). Readers of all ages will be amazed at how Beanie Babies(R) have functioned as motivating coaches, teachers, therapists and emotional healers, benefactors, trouble-shooters, nurses, matchmakers, companions, and family counselors. They'll read about: \* the mother who found a way to face the trauma of chemotherapy \* the nine-year-old boy who started a mission to help the homeless \* the dying father who discovered a reason to smile \* the long-standing friendship that magically turned to love and marriage and many more heartfelt stories. This heartwarming collection is the first to document the everlasting legacy of Beanie Babies(R) as seen in their enormous cultural impact. Some of these stories may surprise you; a few may bring a tear; many will make you smile. But all will warm your heart, much in the same way Chocolate(TM) the Moose, Schweetheart(TM) the Orangutan, and Whisper(TM) the Deer warm the hearts of Beanie Baby(TM) lovers all across the world. Foreword by Mary Beth Sobolewski of Mary Beth's Bean Bag World(TM) Monthly magazine. Afterword by Angela M. S. Nelson, Ph.D., noted pop culture authority, director of the Center for Popular Culture Studies, Bowling Green State University Cover endorsements by Beanie Celebrities Mary Beth Sobolewski of Mary Beth's Bean Bag World(TM) Monthly magazine; Sara Nelson, "Beanie Mom", and many others.

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"Ms. Knapp's book is...significant because she allows Beanie Baby collectors to tell their stories in their own words...It strengthens the study of popular culture by providing important data about an important phenomenon in people's lives." -- Angela M. S. Nelson, Ph.D., Director, Center for Popular Culture Studies, Bowling Green State University

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"This book will touch your heart and move your spirit.... It will be difficult to hold back your emotions as you read about how Beanie Babies(R) have changed people's lives. Take the time to share these stories for all generations with family and friends." -- Becky Phillips, co-author of Beanie Mania II: The Complete Collector's Guide, and publisher and editor of Beanie Mania magazine

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You've heard a lot about Beanie Babies(R). Maybe you're one of the millions of collectors who adore these cuddly, cute toys. But did you know that special blessings have come to many people who collect Beanie Babies(R)? Listen to the collector voices within this book and learn how you, too, can bring blessings into your life, or the lives of those you love. See how dreams do come true through the magic of Beanie Babies(R).

Heartfelt Stories About Beanie Babies and Those Who Collect Them Heartfelt Stories warms the hearts and souls of its readers. It's a "collection" of stories from "collectors" of beanie babies, people young and old from all walks of life, who help remind us through their tales that it is the small things that come in little packages that have a biggest impact on peoples' quality of life. Some stories are sad, some are funny, some are nail biting, some are hip, some are quirky, all are inspirational. It's a true page-turner, one to enjoy during the comfort of your own private time or to share with your children as bedtime stories. What I really loved about this book too is that it illustrates how beanie babies became the phenomenon that they are today and will be for years to come. It amazed me when I'd be driving past a store that was expecting a shipment of beanie babies and there'd be a line a mile long of people waiting to be the first inside. I don't have children of my own so I never had the occasion to purchase a beanie baby. Or so I thought. After reading Heartfelt Stories, I came to understand why people love them so much. The good news is I may not have beanie babies, but I have Heartfelt Stories, so in some way, I feel connected to the phenomenon and to the magic. I hope Pamela Knapp writes a second edition. I'd ask to be a contributor this time. I'd tell her about the time I was coming home from a business trip and my flight was delayed for three hours. I sat in the gate next to these two little sisters who filled their world for three hours playing with their beanie babies. That was two years before Heartfelt Stories came out. But I remember at that time wishing I was young again and being so creative. See, beanie babies do that to you. They pull at your heartstrings and make you reflect why it's so great to be alive.

Heartfelt Stories About Beanie Babies And Those Who Collect Them is a wonderfully engaging anthology of almost two hundred stories about Beanie Babies collectors ranging in age from 9 to 79. Readers will be amazed at how Beanie Babies have been used by motivating coaches, teachers, counselors, nurses, and even matchmakers. This memorable and unique compendium of true stories of Beanie Babies collectors including the mother who found a way to face the trauma of chemotherapy; the nine-year-old boy who started a mission to help the homeless, the dying father who discovered a reason to smile, the long-standing friendship that transformed into love and

marriage, and many more diverse and heartfelt stories. These stories are as much to be valued and appreciated as the Beanie Babies themselves.

I figured this book had to be a gag. But, no, it is a serious book! What next?

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