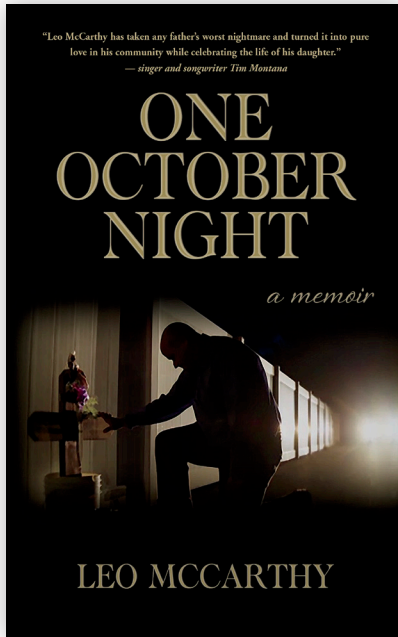


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## About the Author

**Leo McCarthy** was born and raised in Walkerville and Butte, Montana, the youngest of eleven children. He graduated from Montana Western College and held a series of jobs before finding his career with State Farm Insurance. He and his wife Janice (Rademacher) McCarthy were blessed with two gorgeous daughters, Jenna and Mariah. Mariah currently resides in heaven. Leo established the Mariah Daye McCarthy Scholarship Foundation and was selected as a CNN Top Ten Hero in 2012. A Montana Tech booster, he holds a Black Belt in Taekwondo. As a reader, Leo is especially drawn to the Roman Stoic philosophers and anything to do with history.

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