

Book cover for *The White Light of Grace: Reflections on the Life of a Spiritual Intuitive*



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**PITTSBURGH AUTHOR & FORMER FBI EMPLOYEE SHARES PERSONAL ACCOUNTS
OF FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN SECOND BOOK HIGHLIGHTING
PERSEVERANCE, HEALING AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

“The White Light of Grace: Reflections on the Life of a Spiritual Intuitive”

By: Lillie Leonardi

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PITTSBURGH—In her second book, author Lillie Leonardi shares her personal journey of spiritual growth. Recounting stories from childhood to motherhood, Leonardi provides an intimate look into her relationships with family, friends, co-workers, lovers, and spiritual guides crafting a heartfelt and authentic assessment of how she came to rediscover and accept her gifts as a spiritual intuitive. **Scheduled for release on February 16, 2016 and available for purchase online and at bookstores globally, *The White Light of Grace: Reflections on the Life of A Spiritual Intuitive* is the perfect read for anyone looking to move beyond their own past and heal.**

Published by Hay House, *The White Light of Grace* is Lillie’s own “rendition of affairs of the heart.” Her version of a love story, the book looks at Lillie’s earliest memories of her spiritual gifts and how those same intuitions and angelic beings were present to guide her, and remain with her still. While her latest title is a work of auto-biographical non-fiction, *The White Light of Grace* offers readers an opportunity to self-reflect on their past, recall the moments which defined and strengthened their own gifts, and find hope for individual redemption and healing.

“In writing this book I wanted to recall and reflect on my most memorable and transformative experiences with those whom I have had a relationship,” said Leonardi. “This book has allowed me to reaffirm my gratitude for those I love and our shared legacy. In doing so, I am able to fully embrace and accept the grace of my spiritual guides as I continue to heal from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).”

Pre-sale orders of *The White Light of Grace* are available now in: tradepaper and Kindle, iTunes, and NOOK Book downloads from hayhouse.com; tradepaper and Kindle download from amazon.com; tradepaper and NOOK Book download from barnesandnoble.com; and tradepaper from indiebound.org for \$15.99 or less.

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In 2013 Leonardi released her first book titled, *In the Shadow of A Badge*. A law enforcement professional for more than 25 years, Leonardi shared her first-hand account of the spiritual encounter she had as Community Outreach Specialist for the Pittsburgh Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on September 11, 2001 as a responder to the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. To date this book has sold over 30,000 copies worldwide. To buy the book visit: www.lillieleonardi.com.

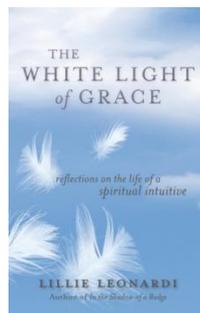
In addition to *The White Light of Grace*, Leonardi also released a new eBook in winter 2015. In this fictional short-story one woman strives for redemption as she nears the end of her life seeking her daughters' forgiveness, and her own. Co-authored by Leonardi and her eldest grandchild, *Before I Go* is available for download from amazon.com for \$2.99.

On **March 3, 2016**, Lillie will be honored with one of the [Women of Achievement Awards](#), a distinction given to 20 women annually which honors prominent women in the Pittsburgh region for excellence in their fields, significant contributions to the betterment of their communities and outstanding accomplishments for the advancement of women.

To learn more about Leonardi, sign-up for her quarterly *Literary Tidings* e-newsletter, or to follow her on [Facebook](#)®, [Twitter](#)®, [Instagram](#)®, [Google+](#)®, or [Pinterest](#)® visit www.lillieleonardi.com.

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- If you would like to attend the Book Release Event on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the [Cooper-Siegel Community Library in Fox Chapel](#), please RSVP to Lillie at this [Eventbrite link](#) by Wednesday, February 10.

ABOUT LILLIE LEONARDI

After serving for more than 25 years and as a result of medical issues related to her Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) diagnosis, Leonardi retired from law enforcement to pursue her lifetime passion for writing.

From 1998 to 2010, Lillie was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Pittsburgh Division as

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its Community Outreach Specialist. During her tenure with the FBI, Lillie’s primary focus and research related to violence prevention. She also worked under the auspice of the United States Attorney’s Office, Western District of Pennsylvania, and served with a prestigious group of instructors. Lillie provided training on various subjects including; community policing, crime prevention, cultural competency, hate crimes, responding to a major incident, threat assessment, and violence reduction.

On 9/11 and in the post days of recovery, Lillie was utilized by the FBI to address law enforcement, government, and social service agency representatives assisting with evidence recovery and preparations for two Flight 93 memorial services. She not only served as primary liaison to the United Airlines Humanitarian Response Team—presenting at daily briefings and interacting with surviving family members—but also escorted families to the crash site for the memorial services. Post 9/11, Lillie was the contact representative for three projects relating to Flight 93.

Her first non-fiction book about her experience as a responder on 9/11 called *In the Shadow of a Badge* was released in 2013 and sold over 30,000 copies globally. In February 2016, Lillie will release her second book titled *The White Light of Grace: Reflections on the Life of a Spiritual Intuitive*. Here she goes beyond the stories of her professional career to share memories from her personal relationships, transformational moments from her life-long spiritual journey and how she finally came to accept her gifts as an intuitive. A third book entitled *Messages from the Plane* is one of several publications currently in development.

Prior to her career with the FBI, Lillie worked as the lead law enforcement officer on two college campuses in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1984, she was appointed to serve as the first female police officer with the City of Arnold, Pennsylvania.

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