

I dedicate this book to the greatest love. To Günter, Jameson and Jasmin who are always unwavering in their love to me and who are my greatest loves. To my dear friends whose full embrace of all that I am remains steadfast no matter how our roads have travelled over time. And to my beloved sister Sharron, lost to cancer a year ago, with whom I shared the greatest love. And with the deepest gratitude to my brother-in-law Tom, who showed the greatest love, never failing to safeguard her dignity and wellbeing as cancer ravaged her body and she slipped away. And to Pat, who showed the greatest love as a lifelong friend to her and to me, not shying away from our pain and suffering, and travelling the long distance to be by my side to grieve and to share what is the greatest love. Although our beloved Sharron's body is gone, she continues giving the greatest love to us, and always will have our greatest love. This poem remembers her, celebrating the greatest love.

The Greatest Love

*To my sister Sharron
Who gave the greatest love,
Tending to my wounds
Shining a beacon of hope
Loving me unwaveringly.*

*To my brother-in-law Tom
Who showed the greatest love
To my sister Sharron
Tending to her wounds
Loving her unwaveringly
Holding her in his arms as she slipped away.*

*To my sister Sharron
The greatest love.*

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