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*The Secret to Being
Instantly Understood*

Foreword by Greg Smalley, Ph.D., and Kari Trent Stageberg, M.B.A.

Struggling to be understood? Discover emotional word pictures—a time-tested tool to communicate in a way that inspires action and change.

Have you ever said to yourself, “I thought I made myself clear” or “Why don’t they understand me?”

There is a solution. Word pictures can help you convey your thoughts and feelings with clarity and honesty for deeper levels of understanding, trust, and intimacy.

In this bestselling book, relationship experts Gary Smalley and Dr. John Trent show why that’s true and teach you how to craft your own word pictures to better communicate with family and friends.

Emotional word pictures are an incredibly powerful communication tool. Imagine being able to:

- > Make your thoughts and feelings instantly understood
- > Cut through confusion and misunderstanding to make your intentions clear
- > Convey love for your family and friends with mental images they will never forget

In this updated edition of a classic that has already helped more than 500,000 people to communicate better and enjoy closer relationships, you’ll learn to encourage, inform, and build emotional bridges with those you love.

Includes
links to a study guide
and a list of more than
100 word pictures you
can use to express
a wide range of
feelings.

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Before he passed away in 2016, **GARY SMALLEY** authored dozens of award-winning books, including coauthoring the popular Focus on the Family book *The Two Sides of Love* (with Dr. John Trent), and *The DNA of Parent-Teen Relationships* (with his son Greg). He appeared on many national TV and radio programs, including *Oprah* and *Larry King Live*.

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