

## About the Book

### **The Year the World Stood Still**

memorializes real-life stories during COVID-19.

The stories unfold in chronological order from the inception of the pandemic. Moments of tragedy, heroism, selflessness and hope are captured in emotional and life-like charcoal drawings. Although every work of art tells its own story, each illustration is accompanied with a short vignette.

Realizing the gravity of the work, Sue pays tribute to healthcare heroes and front line workers, incorporates statistics, and includes a journal in the back of the book for those who want to document their own experience.

Although many individuals featured are from Rhode Island, every one of us can identify with these life altering stories.

The Year the World Stood Still is a moving remembrance, a journey of hope and a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit.



## About the Author

Sue is no stranger to journaling through art. Since she can remember, she used works of art, be it through drawing, songwriting or musical composition, as a form of expression with hopes of inspiring others to do the same.

No stranger to adversity, the collection of Susan Brescia's life experiences have sculpted her into the artist she is today. She started out pursuing a musical career before her life was derailed by a rare cancer in her late 20's and has held several benefit concerts over the years to help raise funds for various charities.

Although she spent most of her professional career as a creative director, she didn't stop creating various works of art as she believes that one's gifts are meant to be shared.



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Written and Illustrated by Susan M. Brescia

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