

Mariane Pearl

Mariane Pearl was five months pregnant when her husband, The Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and brutally murdered by a militant Islamic fundamentalist group in Pakistan in 2002.

Determined not to be broken, she wrote *A Mighty Heart: The Brave Life and Death of My Husband Daniel Pearl* that introduced the world to Daniel Pearl as he was when he was alive while also providing a heart-breaking first person account of his disappearance and death. It has been translated into 14 languages and turned into a major motion picture starring Angelina Jolie. Amazon.com has said, "Mariane Pearl's candor is remarkable and her courage, along with that of her late husband, serve to make *A Mighty Heart*, despite Danny Pearl's death, an uplifting story."

In a moving and uplifting presentation, Mariane relays a message of courage as a tribute to her husband's life and the values and ideals which they shared. While terrorists did take Daniel from her, they could not make her fearful enough to abandon their principles of hope for the future that she continues to pass on to their young son Adam.

A renowned international journalist, Mariane is the recipient of The National Headliners Award for magazine writing, the Time Warner Woman of the Year Award, the White House Project Award, the Internews Award for excellence in international reporting, the Vital Voices Award, the Sciences and Society award in Canada, the El Mundo editorial award in Spain, and the Prix "Verite" in France for excellence in non-fiction writing.

Mariane's second book *In Search of Hope* is a collection of profiles of extraordinary women around the world which were collected from her "Global Diary" columns in *Glamour* magazine that she continues to write today. The profiles feature women from Cambodia, Cuba, Liberia, Mexico, Turkey, Columbia, Puerto Rico and Uganda and Mariane explores how their courage and accomplishments inspire hope and courage in all of us.

Mariane continues to gain strength by celebrating life, the values of humanism, and dignity. She is Co-Founder of the Daniel Pearl Foundation created to further the ideals that inspired his life and work and to promote cross-cultural understanding through journalism, music, and innovative communications. She also contributes to *The New York Times*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Self Magazine* and others and is at work on a non-fiction book.