

# *Not My Ways*

## *Character List*

### *Main Characters*

Kumi Etheridge: Born 1962. Stay-at-home wife and mother.

Jeff Etheridge: Born 1959. Former active duty sailor, seminary-trained pastor, returns to active duty in 2001.

### *The Rest of the Etheridge Family*

Mika: Born 1990. Her name means Beautiful Blossom.

Lauren: Born 1994

Robert: Born 1996

John: Born 1999

Britain: the family dog

### *Extended Family mentioned in the book*

Jeff's Parents: Lionel (Papa) and Jerri (Nana) Etheridge, live in Virginia

Jeff's Siblings: Jack and Jill

Kumi's Parents: Roger and Masako Bellinger, live in Hawaii

Ed Thomas: close friend of the family given the honorary title of Uncle. Wrote and spoke to Jeff multiple times about reenlisting in the US Navy.





## *Mika's Doctors*

The Grim Reaper, NICU, Methodist Healthcare North Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee

Dr. Rickover, Special Care Unit, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Malloy, pediatric surgeon, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Hirsch: ER doctor with heavy German accent, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Bright: regular pediatric doctor, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Dewey: gastrointestinal doctor, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Barry: doctor who checked Mika's scoliosis, Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center, Charlottesville, Virginia.

## *Other Named Characters*

Stacy: Mika's southern-speaking nurse at Methodist Healthcare North Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bill: Friend and minister in charge of pastoral services (in 1990) at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Teresa: Jeff and Kumi's favorite nurse from the Special Care Unit at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

Kathy: Home health nurse, Memphis, Tennessee

Nana Rita: the age of Jeff and Kumi's parents, like a grandmother to Mika and Lauren while Jeff pastored his first church in Iron Gate, Virginia.

John Young: (1909-1997) Friend and noted painter based in Hawaii

Rusket and Poo-pet: Mika's imaginary friends about whom she made up multiple, elaborate stories.

Grace Hopper: speech pathologist, University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Carol McCulloch: Mika's Sunday School teacher, Crystal Springs Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Virginia.

Colonel Williams, Rebecca (wife), and Katie (daughter): Friends, stationed with the Etheridges at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.