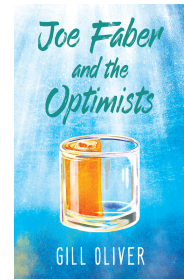


# Joe Faber and the Optimists

## Book Details

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## Synopsis

Joe Faber is a funny guy, good with his hands, and great with words – until the stroke which leaves him severely disabled. But this is more than his story. There's Fran, Joe's wife, who draws up her manifesto and decides to act like an optimist; she hasn't planned to be a carer. Their talented daughter Jess, who turns her trouble into music. And Jess's fiancé Matt, the management trainer, innocent, positive and daft, who'll do his best to keep them all on target. Art School training made Joe a close observer of the world, but once he leaves hospital, how does the world see him? And care is erratic. So will Fran have to give up the job she loves? Can Matt's energetic but insensitive sister be trusted to organise the wedding? There's heartbreak and absurdity along the way; but humour is the family's greatest asset in the drive to get Joe back on his own two feet. They'll hear some wonderful fiddle music, and visit some magical Shetland places. Besides being fiercely honest about a tough subject, the book is marked by a zest for life, and will surprise you right to the end.

## Media Coverage

Article, My Weekly online: [Can you write a funny book about a man who's had a stroke?](#)  
Interview, Headway (The Brain Injury Charity) website: [Gill and Terry Oliver](#)  
The Voice: [Author Interview](#)  
Virtual Book Tour: [Lovebooks Tours](#)  
[Video: Hear me talk about the book - with reading \(8 mins\)](#)  
[Video: Interview with Susan Elderkin: Terry's stroke, Gill's Novel \(extract from book launch\)](#)

## Praise for Joe Faber and the Optimists

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A wonderfully warm and hopeful story

**Michelle Ryles, The Book Magnet**

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Administering hope and regular hearty laughs, it's a powerful antidote to despair and an essential manual for anyone affected by stroke

**Susan Elderkin, Novelist, bibliotherapist and co-author, The Novel Cure**

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A real page-turner, sweet, funny, heartwarming as well as heartbreaking

**Maressa Mortimer, Vicarious Living**

*"Moving, funny and unexpected..."*

*"Uplifting, witty, wry, perceptive and written with a deft, light touch..."*

*"a profound and moving examination of life struck by adversity which also manages to feel like a light-hearted easy read."*

*"Credible characters, engaging dialogues.."*

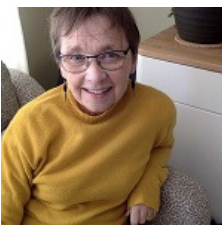
*"Really well-written"*

*"full of vivid turns of phrase"*

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## Reader reviews

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