A Review of

**Hello Darlin’ (2001)**

Author: Larry Hagman with Todd Gold

Transplant recipients and their families who have ever gone to the US Transplant Games (or are old enough to remember the TV shows “I Dream of Genie” and “Dallas”) know the subject of this autobiography, Larry Hagman. Ever the showman, Larry is today most famous for his bi-annual Games baring of his chest to show off the success of his liver transplant and in that story lies the value of this book in the transplant books database collection.

A fun loving read mostly about his long career and amazing life, the transplant part of the story is covered in just a very small but important part of the book. Larry Hagman’s life post-transplant is testimony to the success of today’s medical advances over the past 50 years of transplantation and in his story, that of liver transplant in particular.

It has been my personal pleasure to have met Larry many times at those US Transplant Games where he is most generous as a spokesman for those Games and the NKF. He is ever present there in presenting medals, providing entertainment on center stage and being generally available to everyone and anybody at the Games with a smile and autograph on his signature fake paper money.

Note: This book is available hardcover, paperback and now in Kindle formats on-line at Amazon.

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**Reviewer bio:** Jim Gleason, receiving his own heart transplant Oct. ’94, retired after 37 years with Unisys Corporation in 2005, is a volunteer with NKF, UNOS, TRIO and the Gift of Life Donor Program in Philadelphia, as well as a nationally recognized speaker and author. His own book, A Gift from the Heart, is offered in thanks to his donor family and can be obtained on a CD without cost by contacting him at GleasonJim@aol.com