

Against All Odds The Most Amazing True Life Story Youll Ever Read The Most Amazing True Life Story Youll Ever Read

For readers of *The Boys in the Boat*, the remarkable story of the unlikely Canadian hockey team that clinched Olympic gold in 1948. The announcement was shocking—Canada, the birthplace of hockey, would not be sending a team to the 1948 Winter Olympics in Switzerland. Outraged, a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron leader, Sandy Watson, quickly assembled a team of air force hockey players who were “amateur enough” to compete under the Olympic guidelines. Sergeant Frank Boucher was recruited to coach the team and begin the cross-Canada search for players. Hubert Brooks, a decorated flying officer and serial escapist from POW camps, was another early recruit. Andy Gilpin joined from the RCAF base in Whitehorse, as did airmen from Quebec, the Maritimes and western Canada. And when their starting goalie, Dick Ball, didn’t pass a medical exam, Murray Dowey was called up from his job as a TTC driver and occasional practice goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs. The ragtag team got off to a rough start, losing so many exhibition games that Canadian newspapers called them a disgrace to the country. But the RCAF Flyers battled back, and Boucher’s defensive strategy paid off. They eliminated the American team, tied the Czech team and beat the Swiss as the hometown crowd pelted the Canadians with snowballs during the game. On the same ice where Barbara Ann Scott won a gold medal, the underdog RCAF Flyers also won Olympic gold, and their goalie, Murray Dowey, set an Olympic record that still stands. *Against All Odds* is the inspiring untold story of a group of determined men, fresh from the battlefields of WWII, who surprised a nation and the world.

If you were given a second chance at life, what would you do with it? Kevin Parker got that chance when he nearly died from a drug overdose, losing his leg in the ordeal. He made the decision to fight back against addiction, beginning a spiritual journey of self-development. Along the way, he became a coach and a public speaker to inspire others to overcome their own struggles. In *Winning Against All Odds*, you will discover the secret to unlocking the true warrior within: If you can turn your biggest weakness into your greatest strength, you will become truly unstoppable.

When Terry Fox embarked on his famous attempt to run across Canada with one leg having been amputated in 1980, he inspired awe. Young readers will delight in reading about Fox and athletes like him in *Real Heroes of Sport: Against All Odds*.

The authors' model orients this community in the vortex of contemporary forces, pointing up, for example, the need for face-to-face interaction among residents versus the larger society's demand for electronic communication. With increasing conflicts between the culture of rural communities and that of the outside world" occurring, small towns all over the United States are losing their businesses, their doctors, and their sense of community. Yet the town described in this study is thriving. *Against All Odds* identifies pride, determination, and a sense of belonging that must be nurtured, and the local organization that binds all of these factors together, in order to keep a small town alive in the face of powerful disruptive forces. Not since Vidich and Bensman's landmark *Small Town in Mass Society* has such a thoughtful examination of a contemporary rural community been available.

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For Mahisha Dellinger, life in the rough streets of Sacramento, California was paving the way for a lifetime of poverty, despair and dysfunction. But while criminals ran rampant, gangs took over, and her own relatives chose drugs over dreams, Mahisha knew she was destined for something greater. Rewriting her story Determined to write a different ending to her story, Mahisha set out to alter her destiny, through college and hard work. But her dreams were bigger than just a 9-5 job and she worked tirelessly to pursue her passion of owning her own hair care business. That dedication and commitment has paid off as Mahisha's company, CURLS LLC, is one of the leading natural hair care companies in the country. Against All Odds chronicles Mahisha's journey from the projects to the penthouse, how she overcame an impoverished beginning to lead a life of wealth, privilege and success....doing a job she loves. Complete with success tips to process in your own life, Against All Odds will show you how to turn your tragedy into triumph, no matter what the odds.

One life-changing moment... Three years ago, Dr. Henry Cavanaugh walked out of nurse Maia Tahana's life, unable to allow himself a happy future after his family lost their lives. But now he's back—and working in her emergency department! Worse still, he's more irresistible than ever... Henry might have sworn off love, but when a powerful earthquake hits Christchurch he's faced with a prospect he can't bear...losing Maia forever. Now he has to fight with everything he has to win her back for good!

Against All Odds is fictional novel with a heartwarming story about Little Pete, the youngest of five children in the Scroggins family. The setting is rural northeast Texas during the late 1950s. Little Pete found a passion for basketball and was anxious to play for the new high school coach of the Little Hope Eagles, but the odds started to build against him as he lost the use of his right hand in an accident. However, with the Scroggins a strong-willed determination and drive, Little Pete developed left-handed skills to overcome the odds. As he neared the end of high school career, Little Pete was heavily recruited by a host of colleges to come and be a part of their basketball program. While the future looked bright for Little Pete with a newly defined goal of playing college and later professional basketball, life continued to deal him a heavy blow as he became paralyzed with polio. Little Pete was forced to decide between quitting and giving up on his dream and persevering and overcoming the odds. This story is full of emotions as you fall in love with Little Pete. You will laugh and cry as the events in his life unfolds. After reading this book, it is hoped that you will view your struggles in life from a better perspective.

I felt like I was sitting cozy by a fire enjoying story telling, style reminiscent of Laura Ingalls Wilder 'Little House on the Prairie' series. -Hardy

-----SSS----- When you read the words of Chip Westbrook regarding his early years in Eastern Oregon, you can smell the Sagebrush, the Juniper, the horse's lather, and feel the sun's warmth in the spring. He describes it exactly how it was, in the past we knew and loved. -Bowne

-----SSS----- This is an absorbing first-person account of the unique life and works of Chip Westbrook as he experienced it. The story begins in Suplee, Oregon, 1941, then on to Burns, Oregon, where his family survived tragedy and many difficulties "on a ranch that was miles from anywhere." He was on his own at age 14 in central Idaho, then he began the solitary life of a sheep herder at the age of 17 for the next five years. The solitude was interrupted one summer when he

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met "The" girl atop a mountain where she was working as a fire lookout. The story follows him through college, marriage, fatherhood and his career in Aerial Mapping from Idaho to Alberta, Canada, then to the High Arctic and finally to Eugene, Oregon. It is a tale of hardship, adventure and love lived by one man of determination and ingenuity who found he could always make things work "where others had failed or given up."
-Rimmer

Cassidy Hastley was at her last year of senior school. Her life was perfect, she had a boyfriend, she was good in school and was very reserved. She always wanted to do everything in the right way including wanting to have her first sexual experience with a person she really loves. This until she meets him, Mr Spencer, arrogant and sexy. He's just gorgeous. The only problem is that he is her teacher. Can she keep her feelings for him a secret? Can this love win against all odds?

You never know how strong you are until you rouse the champion in you! AGAINST ALL ODDS is a collection of real-life stories of men and women, who through determination, perseverance, positive thinking and faith in God, turned adversities that should have made them nonentities to opportunities that made them celebrities. In Against All Odds, you'll discover, among other riveting narratives, how George Washington Carver overcame chronic disease, deprivation, and discrimination to become a remarkable scientist and renowned inventor; Elizabeth Blackwell rose above gender bias and fierce opposition to become the first woman to earn a degree in medicine; Abraham Lincoln became a celebrated lawyer, legislator, and president despite his prolonged battle with depression, defeat, and distress; Fanny Crosby, the blind girl from a backwater town, became the most prolific hymn writer in history; Harriet Tubman overcame the horrors of a turbulent and traumatic childhood to liberate herself from the bondage of slavery and helped to rescue many other slaves from the captivity of their cruel masters; Ben Carson successfully battled mediocrity and low self-esteem to change his reputation from being the "dumbest student" in the class to being one of the most brilliant doctors in the world.

The national bestselling author of *The First Wave* tells the untold story of four of the most decorated soldiers of World War II—all Medal of Honor recipients—from the beaches of French Morocco to Hitler's own mountaintop fortress. As the Allies raced to defeat Hitler, four men, all in the same unit, earned medal after medal for battlefield heroism. Maurice "Footsie" Britt, a former professional football player, became the very first American to receive every award for valor in a single war. Michael Daly was a West Point dropout who risked his neck over and over to keep his men alive. Keith Ware would one day become the first and only draftee in history to attain the rank of general before serving in Vietnam. In WWII, Ware owed his life to the finest soldier he ever commanded, a baby-faced Texan named Audie Murphy. In the campaign to liberate Europe, each would gain the ultimate accolade, the Congressional Medal of Honor. Tapping into personal interviews and a wealth of primary source material, Alex Kershaw has delivered his most gripping account yet of American courage, spanning more than six hundred days of increasingly merciless combat, from the deserts of North Africa to the dark heart of Nazi Germany. Once the guns fell silent, these four exceptional warriors would discover just how heavy the Medal of Honor could be—and how great the expectations associated with it. Having survived against all odds, who among them would finally find peace?

Against All Odds The Way to Victory From being young and ambitious to becoming the world champion: "Against all odds: the way to victory" is an unique outlook on the career of one of the most influential cyberathletes in the world. As one of the first examples of e-sports autobiography in the market, Danylo's narrative inspires readers to follow their dreams despite any obstacles, warms their hearts with friendly stories, and opens their eyes to the world of competitive video games. Konstantin Karpin, partner, CIS ESPORTS top manager This book

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will be interesting and useful to anyone regardless of whether they are related to cybersports or not. This is the story of a great and legendary player and captain, the story of a kind, simple guy who went through a long and difficult journey to his dream. You will learn many previously unknown facts about Danylo, his teams, and pivotal moments in his life. No matter what you do, success can be achieved only if you set the highest goals and pursue them, constantly improving yourself and not giving up in difficult times. This is a must-read book for anyone who is dreaming big and striving for great victories in sports and in life. Nikolay CERTUS Poluyanov, apprentice, friend, coach of the Spirit team I hope that after reading this book no parent will have any qualms about e-Sports, because it clearly explains that perseverance and hard work, along with a competent approach, make wonders. I am amazed at the level of precision, clarity, and detail in Zeus' presentation of his e-Sports journey. A book that every aspiring gamer must read from cover to cover to feel the way of a true professional. The book makes it clear that Danylo Zeus's championship is his own success, coming out of proper education and constant self-improvement. I am very glad that I have the privilege to know this man and help him, if ever so slightly, to achieve his success. Arseny ???9 Trinozhenko, friend, teammate, blogger. Download your copy of " Against All Odds " by scrolling up and clicking "Buy Now With 1-Click" button.

This is a story of a young boy growing up in a close-knit family in Eastern Europe, influenced by intrigues of national politics in pre-World War II. This autobiography dramatizes his life and survival at the end of WWII and the terrible period after the war, where he lost most of his family. It shows that with Gods grace, a hopeless situation can be turned around by hard work and an iron will to succeed.

Against All Odds is the first comprehensive look at the 140,000 Jewish Holocaust survivors who came to America and the lives they have made here. William Helmreich writes of their experiences beginning with their first arrival in the United States: the mixed reactions they encountered from American Jews who were not always eager to receive them; their choices about where to live in America; and their efforts in finding marriage partners with whom they felt most comfortable most often other survivors. In preparation, Helmreich spent more than six years traveling the United States, listening to the personal stories of hundreds of survivors, and examining more than 15,000 pages of data as well as new material from archives that have never before been available to create this remarkable, groundbreaking work. What emerges is a picture that is sharply different from the stereotypical image of survivors as people who are chronically depressed, anxious, and fearful. This intimate, enlightening work explores questions about prevailing over hardship and adversity: how people who have gone through such experiences pick up the threads of their lives; where they obtain the strength and spirit to go on; and, finally, what lessons the rest of us can learn about overcoming tragedy.

This book is about the journey of Dr. Akinwumi Adesina and his mission to end poverty in Africa. Growing out of poverty and witnessing hardships of being poor, he set his life mission as giving hope to millions of the poor in rural Africa. A globally respected economist with decades of experience working in some of the worlds' leading organizations including the Rockefeller Foundation and global agricultural research centers, Dr. Adesina's work and passion continues to guide and shape global efforts on transforming Africa's agriculture to create wealth for its farmers. As Nigeria's Minister of Agriculture, he led bold reforms that cut out corruption and helped to lift over 15 million farmers out of poverty within four years. Awarded the World Food Prize in 2017 for his work, Dr. Adesina is relentless and selfless, donating his \$250,000 prize to support Africa's youth to become global hunger fighters. As President of the African Development Bank - Africa's premier development finance institution - Dr. Adesina is driving the Bank's \$25 billion investment to help Africa turn agriculture into wealth and achieve food security. The book is a palpable story of this man's determination to help Africa feed itself, Against All Odds, following the footpath of his mentor, Dr. Norman

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Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, the man who fed the world.

The story of dramatic military actions where a few fought against many, often with unbelievable success. From the Napoleonic Wars to Korea, Bryan Perrett has found a further 13 dramatic military actions where a few fought against many, often with unbelievable success. The events take place in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America; they are linked only by the bravery and devilment which led military men to risk their lives for a last ditch attempt to advance their cause. Attending to the important facts and statistics required by the military historian, the author avoids invention and undue surmise whilst also avoiding the dry lecturing style found in so many volumes describing military strategy. The result is an absorbing, exciting and above all accurate account of astonishing battlefield warfare: narrative history of the sort at which Bryan Perrett excels.

In this compelling memoir, Nokia's legendary CEO Jorma Ollila presents a riveting account of the inner workings of the company that created the global mobile revolution. CEO from 1992 to 2006, Ollila led Nokia from near catastrophe to become the world's leading mobile phone manufacturer. He built a company where visionary thinking and courageous decisions were combined with exceptional creativity and first-rate engineering, leading to phenomenal growth. Follow Ollila's personal and professional journey, where you'll learn about the fine line between stratospheric success and disastrous failure. His stories are filled with lessons about the nature of leadership, the importance of shared values, and the need for strategic thinking. Ollila offers a uniquely clear picture of life as a CEO, with many insights into how business is conducted at the highest levels. He is especially upfront about working with his executive and management teams as well as encounters with figures such as Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, and George Soros. He offers poignant as well as illuminating stories of hair-raising risks and huge successes, but also of poor judgment and bad decision-making.

This is a true life story of a poor, ordinary orphan and a Namibian refugee boy who did extraordinary things in a normal but amazing way. It is the life of a poor village boy who did supernatural things with a simple smile.

Readers discover how to build a solid foundation in their inner man to weather the storms of life and turn those difficulties around as stepping stones for their future success. Dr. Don Shorter shares through extensive personal experience and scriptural principles that believers can move into a rewarding life through the Word of God. Opposition should not be a stopping point for believers, but another chance for God to show Himself strong on their behalf. By removing obstacles and hindrances through making simple adjustments, readers will be on their way to success. They will discover a winner's lifestyle of talking success, believing they are successful, and living like a winner. More than just another motivational book, Dr. Shorter reveals the importance of fighting the fight of faith in your thought life. By cultivating positive thoughts uncovered in God's Word, readers will renew their minds to the principles of a winner's lifestyle. Shorter gives inspiration and sound biblical advice to win in life much like John Maxwell's book, *Today Matters*. Where Maxwell encourages readers to focus on 12 principles on a daily basis for success, Shorter simplifies this process by giving readers spiritual principles and instruction on how to be led by the spirit of God in day to day decisions.

Police officer Peyton Clarke and real estate agent Tory Stevens are complete strangers who experience an instant attraction during a moment of shared misery: trying on bridesmaids' dresses. But their flirtation comes to an abrupt end when Bradley Richter

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enters Angelina's Bridal Boutique determined to end every life in the store. He's deranged, heartbroken, and sure of his sharpshooting skills, but he has miscalculated. Two survive. Peyton is determined to capture the guy who killed eleven people, but for Tory the tragedy is a wake up call to open herself up to more than professional success. She and Peyton learn that love can be found in the most hopeless of places. They escaped death once, but will they survive when Bradley's determined to make his kill rate one-hundred percent?

A former reggae music promoter, drug-dealer, gang member; a cancer and chronic kidney failure survivor, Earl Morgan shares his remarkable journey in this autobiography "Against All Odds I'm Still Here". A factual, intriguing, powerful story of transformation and survival - A MUST READ.

Stuey Lewis has conquered second grade, but third grade's no piece of cake, either. Can he figure out how to transport his whole class to outer space, navigate a first airplane trip disaster, celebrate the best Mother's Day ever, and find a cool enough pet for the class's pet show? With a little help from his best friend, Will, and his awesome teacher, Ginger, of course he can!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The wise, moving novel from Danielle Steel, whose many bestselling tales have made her one of America's favorite authors Taking chances is part of life, but when you bet your future against the odds, it's a high-risk game. Kate Madison's stylish resale shop has been a big SoHo success, supporting her and her four kids since her husband's untimely death. Now her children are grown and ready to forge lives of their own. And they all choose to play against the odds, to their mother's dismay. Isabelle, a dedicated attorney, is in line to make partner at her Wall Street firm when she falls for a client she represents in a criminal case. She tells herself she can make a life with him—but can she? Julie, a young designer, meets a man who seems too good to be true and falls under his spell. She marries him quickly, gives up her job, and moves to Los Angeles to be at his side—but is all what it seems? Justin is a struggling writer who pushes for children with his partner before they're financially or emotionally ready. Will the strain on the relationship take too high a toll? And Willie, the youngest, a tech expert, makes a choice that shocks them all, with a woman twelve years older. Kate—loving, supportive, and outspoken—can't keep her children from playing against the odds. Can the odds be beaten? Not often—as her children have to learn for themselves. For Kate, the hardest lesson will be that she can't protect the children she loves from the choices they make—but can only love them as they make them.

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'Recording the time as 12.05 am and date as 4 August, musician Moss Hills added calmly: "so I guess we're going down".' In August 1991, excited holiday-makers boarded the Oceanos at East London for the trip of a lifetime. Despite treacherous weather, the captain ordered the ship to set sail for Durban. And so began the ill-fated voyage. Hurricane force winds and giant rogue waves aggravated the hostile storm. Soon the ship started taking water. Panicked senior crew members scrambled into lifeboats leaving the ship's evacuation to the on-board entertainers. At one point, a musician manned the bridge, at another, a magician. Women and children clambered aboard lifeboats which were launched into terrifying seas, leaving their husbands behind, unsure if they would see each other again. After all the operational lifeboats had been utilised, 221 passengers and junior crew were left stranded on the rapidly sinking

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ship. During this catastrophe the South African Air Force embarked on their biggest air rescue ever, with helicopter crews and Navy divers risking everything to evacuate the remaining passengers. In *Against All Odds*, maritime lawyer Andrew Pike, who was part of the legal investigation into the *Oceanos*' sinking, recreates the compelling drama and extraordinary heroism of the greatest maritime rescue in South African history.

Lunar Prospector: Against All Odds is the Principal Investigator's account of the conception, building, testing and mission of the Lunar Prospector spacecraft that turned up evidence of water on the Moon. *Lunar Prospector: Against All Odds* is a chronology of the mission, revealing the day-to-day and behind-the-scenes personalities and behaviors of NASA and other space industries.

In this touching story about the highest-level executive to turn whistleblower of all time, Mark Whitacre tells all. Enormously revealing and moving, this biography shares with its readers how, via faith in God and the patient love of his wife Ginger, Mark is today an inspiring spiritual force for good in the world. Written with finesse and passion, *Mark Whitacre Against All Odds* reveals the family's perspective, especially how Ginger kept Mark alive. Through her, his story begins where most other incarcerated men's ends— in prison. It details how Whitacre got down on his knees in a filthy cell and begged God for guidance; how, from that moment on, he removed fears or doubts in his existence. Liberated after nearly a decade in prison, Whitacre's essential message is simple—live by the Golden Rule, always tell the truth, look for the good in everyone, and know that spiritual wealth is far more important than material wealth. Author Stevin Hoover invites everyone to learn why Whitacre is called a national hero by the FBI and a spiritual inspiration by Paul A. Willis who wrote the Foreword. Discover how Whitacre is now dedicated to living in accordance with spiritual principles that apply to everyone's life. Well-written, candid, and sincere, *Mark Whitacre Against All Odds* is one of the best of the world's tell-alls—as genial, eccentric, and unique as Whitacre's life. Read this book and discover how Mark Whitacre has triumphed against all odds. Says the author "People say there is nothing certain in life except death and taxes. Well, you can add one more thing to that. The only other thing that is as certain in life as death and taxes is that Ginger and Mark Whitacre will never get divorced. It is an impossibility because their love is unshakable."

A firsthand account of Eritrea's epic 30-year, struggle for independence and social justice., ""An inspiring story of courage, dedication achievement and hope with important lessons to, teach"" - Noam Chomsky, ""Connell writes in the engaged tradition of John, Reed and Edgar Snow"" - Basil Davidson

A million years of evolution made Xhosa tough but was it enough? She and her People finally reach their destination—a glorious land of tall grasses, few predators, and an abundance that seems limitless, but an enemy greater than any they have met so far threatens to end their dreams. If Xhosa can't stop this one, she and her People must again flee. The *Crossroads* trilogy is set 850,000 years ago, a time in prehistory when man populated most of Eurasia. He was a violent species, fully capable of addressing the many hardships that threatened his survival except for one: future man, a smarter version of himself, one destined to obliterate all those who came before. From prehistoric fiction author Jacqui Murray comes the unforgettable saga of a courageous woman who questions assumptions, searches for truth, and does what she must despite daunting opposition. Read the final chapter of the People's long search for freedom, safety, and a new home. A perfect book for fans of Jean Auel and the *Gears*!

Have you ever had a dream that burned so deeply inside of you that it became all consuming? *Against All Odds* is one man's story of hope and determination to rise from poverty and create the life of his dreams.

Humility Edgar Lungu has been known for many things but humility for a man of influence in a country where people often get over-consumed by their own self-importance sets him several paces apart from other politicians or national leaders. Observers have sometimes described

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his humility as his most admirable quality and, to many people - especially the common folk who make up the largest part of Zambias population - his most endearing attribute. Tenacity If there was one word to describe Edgar Lungu as a late-blooming politician facing a vicious power struggle to replace Zambias fifth President Michael Sata, tenacious would be that word. He needed bags of it, first, to survive the bitterly fought internal war to win the Patriotic Fronts nomination to stand as its candidate in the 2015 Presidential election occasioned by Satas death and, later, to fend off arch-rival Hakainde Hichilema of the opposition UPND in another closely contested Presidential poll. Politician Politicians make their names for any number of reasons or actions. Some for their ruthlessness, others for their brashness, cunning or indeed kindness. Edgar Lungu seems to have crafted a name for himself simply by cleverly playing the role of the political tyro who knew little about the game...the green horn the opposition made the fatal mistake of underrating. Peace-loving It is hard to imagine any other Zambian politician would so willingly have yielded to another the instruments of power left with them in accordance with the law by a sitting president, as Michael Sata did when he left Edgar Lungu to serve in his place the night he left for the UK to seek medical help in 2014. When Sata died in hospital, there were many 'expert' voices advising Lungu to keep hold onto the instruments of power, rather than decline to the incumbent Vice-President Guy Scott. Lungu happily handed over the instruments to a man who would then go on to do almost all in his powers to hinder his ambition to win the subsequent Presidential election. This is because he sought peace. I want to be remembered as an ordinary person who became President, a person who brought ordinary and human characteristics to the office of the Presidency Edgar Chagwa Lungu, Hot FM radio interview October 2015. By Anthony Mukwita.

Religious institutions continue to be among the most segregated organizations in modern America. This book looks at the problems faced by integrated churches & examines the development of integrated religious organizations.

Upon completion of basic training at Camp Wolters Texas Infantry Replacement Training Center, the author shipped overseas to the European Theater of Operations. After a rough crossing of the English Channel and passing through several replacement depots, he was assigned to an infantry line company. The unit, severely decimated by casualties, was currently engaged in the bloody battle of Hurtgen Forrest. Though trained as a rifleman, he volunteered to be a light machine gunner, though he knew that the automatic weapons of the company were a prime target for enemy gunners. He was also aware that the life expectancy of a machine gunner was considerably shorter than that of a rifleman. However, when the company commander made it clear that someone had to be a machine gunner and, since no one else volunteered, the author reluctantly laid down his trusty M-1 rifle and filled the vacancy. During the balance of the conflict, the author raised the average life of a light machine gunner considerably. Though he was a late combat arrival, he earned three campaign stars and beat all the odds when, by the end of the war, they had not yet fired the bullet with his name on it.

Looks at ten high-profile hostage rescues, explaining the history and politics behind such cases as the hijacking of a school bus carrying thirty students in East Africa and the seige of a Moscow theater in 2002.

Against All Odds is the extraordinary personal story of the man who rose up to meet the challenge of terrific opposition and become one of America's most promising new political figures—Senator Scott Brown. Brown is famous for succeeding popular Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy after Kennedy's death in 2010—but, as he reveals in a compelling memoir reminiscent of Sarah Palin's Going Rogue and

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Clarence Thomas's My Grandfather's Son, his experiences with struggle and achievement go back a lifetime.

Against All Odds: A Basketball Story by Drew Oakley Against All Odds is a story of two best friends who became brothers. Jamal's family abandoned him and he was taken in by his best friend Kevin's family when they were young. Both boys have a passion for basketball and, even though they are not related by blood, they are closer than most. Jamal is destined for a life as a pro basketball player and is the best high school student in the country. Kevin, on the other hand, is one of the smallest kids in school and is mainly on the basketball team since he is Jamal's brother. All is going well for the brothers until tragedy strikes. Jamal, after being hit by a car, struggles on the road to recovery and must find a new passion in life outside of basketball. Kevin attempts to become the leader of the basketball team and overcome his physical limits. Jamal pushed Kevin to conquer his fears both in basketball and his love life by asking out a girl. Against All Odds touches upon the universal themes of perseverance, overcoming hardship, hope, friendship, love, hard work, and determination.

It had been years since I had seen any of the children with whom I had grown up. When I left the children's home, I promised myself that I would have nothing to do with them, I was sure that my only chance of living a good life would be to put the past behind me, even though that meant saying goodbye to some of the people I loved the most - as well as the ones I hated...it turned out that six of us had died, several by slow suicide in the form of heroin abuse, and at least two by faster means. When two police officers arrived out of the blue at Paul Connolly's door, he learned the shocking news that, out of the eight children with whom he shared a dormitory in care, only two were still alive. The revelation unearthed painful memories of a childhood that, until this point, Paul had tried desperately to put behind him. Abandoned at two weeks old, Paul came of age in the infamous St Leonards's Children's Home in East London. The children there were routinely abused, often over the course of many years. All were underfed and unloved and told that they would amount to nothing. Angry and frustrated, Paul channelled his rage into boxing - but when an accident shattered his ambition to turn professional, he found his true calling and became a successful trainer, even working as a consultant on the pilot of a top model's fitness video. Paul has finally found peace and fulfilment beyond anything he could have imagined all those years ago. He has found happiness with his wife and children and now helps to heal broken bodies, build confidence and transform lives - but he will never forget his past and the unnecessary victims of broken society...

This is a true story about a girl-child who was orphaned and raised in the most neglected area of Uganda at that time Karamoja. Her greatest dream was to get an education, but she had to go through so many heartbreaking obstacles to achieve that dream. The girl-child grew up in settings that are unknown to those in the urban backgrounds, in a region that was a no-go area for the non-natives then. Amidst poverty and in a culture where girl-child education is not a priority, she managed to get to a university, and of all, Makerere University, the oldest and premier institution of higher learning in East Africa. The book is characterized by grit, resilience, and determination. The author clearly brings out the ordeals she went through to gain an education in an environment that is not friendly to a girl-child, worse still for an orphan.

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