

Against The Odds An Autobiography James Dyson

New York Times Bestseller Over 2.5 million copies sold
For David Goggins, childhood was a nightmare - poverty, prejudice, and physical abuse colored his days and haunted his nights. But through self-discipline, mental toughness, and hard work, Goggins transformed himself from a depressed, overweight young man with no future into a U.S. Armed Forces icon and one of the world's top endurance athletes. The only man in history to complete elite training as a Navy SEAL, Army Ranger, and Air Force Tactical Air Controller, he went on to set records in numerous endurance events, inspiring Outside magazine to name him The Fittest (Real) Man in America. In this curse-word-free edition of Can't Hurt Me, he shares his astonishing life story and reveals that most of us tap into only 40% of our capabilities. Goggins calls this The 40% Rule, and his story illuminates a path that anyone can follow to push past pain, demolish fear, and reach their full potential.

In the second title in the slam-dunk new series from bestselling author Amy Ignatow, the Odds are back and trying to figure out just who inflicted these lame abilities on them in the first place. Nick can still teleport four inches to the left, and Farshad's thumbs are still super strong. Cookie can still read minds, if they're thinking of directions, and Martina can still change the color of her eyes. But now, Martina can see the invisible, and when Nick is super stressed, he can move a lot farther than four inches. As their powers evolve in possibly

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dangerous ways, the Odds are even more determined to solve the mystery of their origin, but it means interacting at school—a serious social risk to popular girl Cookie. Soon, it becomes clear that Auxano, the chemical company that employs half the town, is involved. With the help of some renegade Amish teenagers and Ed, the invisible bus driver, this unlikely group of companions will uncover a nefarious experiment in which they've become unwitting test subjects. They'll also begin to become something even more incredible—friends.

Hustling Against the Odds—the book and title was inspired by a national bestseller I read given to me by my father, a book he read while in prison called Succeeding Against the Odds, which is an autobiography by John H. Johnson, who was an American businessman. John H. Johnson was a black man who succeeded going against the odds a black man commonly faces in the American society. My book goes into the odds I faced as a black man in that same society, making the accomplishments I have this far in life but from a different, more unique prospective. My book is a tell-all about my journey in life thus far and highlights the truth about the American society as it relates to every black person.

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.

Offers the story of the incredible, roller coaster life of Brandon Lang, an acclaimed sports handicapper, who stumbled in and out of wild successes and failures

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throughout his career, most recently becoming the subject of the major motion picture *Two for the Money*. No matter what you are trying to overcome, *How to Rally* can serve as a master class in harnessing what you need to build back your life. Richard Ader was looking straight at death. But he refused to let it take him. It was March 2019 and he was in the recovery room after an ablation procedure on his heart. His doctor told him that it was a success. But the next thing he remembers, it was two days later and he woke up thinking he was dead. His heart had stopped, he had been put into a medically induced coma, and doctors had told his family to prepare for his demise. They all thought it was the end. But in many ways, it turned out to be just the beginning. In *How to Rally*, Ader details his remarkable recovery, from being unable to stand on his own to returning to play tennis, the sport he has loved for decades, to running his business, U.S. Realty Advisors, the industry-leading corporate real estate firm he built from scratch more than 30 years ago, and to enjoying life with Pam, his wife of more than 56 years. Through eight lessons drawn from decades of experience overcoming obstacles and beating the odds, Ader will inspire readers to develop a careful, reasoned understanding of risk and reward, set bold-but-realistic goals, take decisive action, care about the people around them, and invest time and energy with an eye toward the future. The skills that served Ader well in real estate and in life turned out to be remarkably similar to what he needed for a successful recovery from major illness. No matter what you are trying to overcome, *How to Rally* can serve as a master

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class in harnessing what you need to build back your life. Currently ranked World No. 1 in women's doubles, Sania Mirza became an instant sensation when she won the Wimbledon Championships girls' doubles title at the age of sixteen. From 2003 until her retirement from the singles circuit in 2012, she was ranked by the Women's Tennis Association as India's top player, both in singles and doubles. A six-time Grand Slam champion, she notched up an incredible forty-one consecutive wins with her doubles partner, Martina Hingis, between August 2015 and February 2016. *Ace against Odds* is the story of this most iconic Indian player who beat incredible odds to get to the top of her sport. Sania writes with candour of the hardships along the way, of the physical and emotional trauma caused by injuries and medical procedures, of the friends and partners who became her mainstay along with her family, of the pressures of constant public scrutiny and, not least, the politics and heartbreaks that inevitably accompany success. Sania broke the rules, she spoke her mind, she pushed herself to the limit, she played for India fiercely and without care for how it might impact her rankings - she is and will continue to remain an inspiration long after she steps off the tennis courts

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

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

When Kiki's father goes missing during his volunteer work as a doctor in a war zone, she does what she thinks she must to improve the odds of his coming home.

In this updated autobiography, the British inventor of the bagless vacuum cleaner tells the story of his incredible struggle to design and launch a machine that worked better than all others.

The high-stakes story of Australia's largest private bookmaker Alan tripp, a man some call a genius and others call a criminal, became the world's most successful private bookmaker. He was Australia's most convicted SP bookmaker and was the prime target of gaming and vice squads around the country in the 1980s. Yet he would eventually sell his businesses for hundreds of millions of dollars. this is his story. Starting-price bookies, although illegal, were long a feature of Australian life, giving punters the opportunity to have a bet away from the track. But with the rise of the tAB, police were ordered to stamp out all other off-course bookmaking in order to protect the state governments' monopoly. Alan tripp, the biggest SP bookie in Australia, was their number-one target. His punting clientele ranged from the high society of Sydney to the underbelly of Melbourne, and included Prime Minister Bob Hawke,

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media baron Kerry Packer, gangsters Lewis Moran and Alphonse Gangitano, and underworld figure Mick Gatto - as well as many leading trainers and jockeys of the day. tripp's life quickly became a rollercoaster of high-stakes gambling, with the dual threats of bankruptcy and prison never far behind. In a fearless and thrilling narrative, Nichola Garvey recounts the drama and intrigue of the life of Alan tripp, the billion-dollar bookie who beat the odds.

"It takes a different kind of thinking to solve a problem than the kind of thinking that produced the problem." -Albert Einstein JJ HAD A DEVASTATING PROBLEM. At age fifty-one, he was diagnosed with stage four cancer and given three years to live.

Rather than accept that outcome, JJ did what he always does: he set out to find a solution. Desiring to look beyond traditional treatments and their often harmful side effects, he put his unconventionally wired mind to work. JJ was relentless as he investigated alternative therapies and pursued global trailblazers in cancer research. Moving from the role of patient to patient-researcher, he became a trailblazer in his own right, being sought after for his latest findings. Ultimately, JJ brought together the most innovative international minds at the Rethinking Cancer 2017 conference in Paris. Together, they found common ground, and they continue to create integrative, synergistic approaches to treatment. Today, almost a decade after his diagnosis, JJ has

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defied the odds and is cancer-free. Recently retired from his career as a commercial airline captain on the Airbus A380, he now devotes himself to sharing his ongoing research with scientists and patients. JJ's story illustrates how looking at things differently often enables us to see them in a whole new light. "Captain Trochon is a true warrior, willing to fight like no other to win his battle against cancer." -Prof. Valter Longo, Director of USC Longevity Institute, Los Angeles

A New York Times best seller. Millions of people worldwide know Chuck Norris as the star of more than twenty motion pictures, a martial arts expert, and the only man in the Western Hemisphere to hold an eighth degree Black Belt Grand Master in Tae Kwon Do. Countless others see him daily in syndicated reruns as the hero of the longest running CBS series to date, "Walker, Texas Ranger." What many don't know is that Chuck Norris is a sincere Christian—a man whose faith plays a role in everything he does. Against All Odds is the inspirational story of how Norris overcame abject poverty from childhood, the effects of his father's alcoholism and desertion of the family, and his own shyness and lack of strength and ability early in his life. Norris writes candidly about the past and gives God full credit for where he is today.

Living in communist Romania of the 1970s and '80s, Diana's life takes a sudden dramatic turn when her

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diplomat father unexpectedly defects to the West. In her biography, Diana Baleanu tells a tale of persecution, abuse and suffering endured at the hands of the dreaded dictator Ceausescu's tyrannical government and secret service. But just as all hope of ever seeing an end to her ordeal or of being reunited with her father is all but lost, history miraculously changes its course.

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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.

Follows one young man from his impoverished childhood with a crack-addicted mother, through his discovery of the sport of football, to his rise to become one of the most successful, highly-paid players in the NFL.

Chronicles the rise of John Johnson from poverty to millionaire by the time he was thirty-one, detailing the lessons he learned along the way that helped him achieve success

The amazing and dramatic story of Bill Lester, one of the most well-known NASCAR drivers in history—and a pioneer whose determination and spirit has paved the way for a new generation of racers. NASCAR has traditionally been a southern, white man's

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sports, but it was knocked off its axis when Bill Lester entered the playing field. Bill did not grow up in the sport as so many other drivers had. He enjoyed racing as a side hobby while he worked as an engineer at Hewlett-Packard until, at the age of 40, and while standing on the brink of peril or promise, he quit his job to pursue racing full time. Blessed with natural talent, Bill still had a trifecta of odds against him: he was black, he was middle aged, and he wasn't a southerner. Bill was not the quintessential "good old boy" that NASCAR was used to seeing and many fans did not hide their contempt for him. Bill Lester rose above it all, as did his rankings, and he made history time and time again, becoming the first African American to race in NASCAR's Busch Series, the first to participate in the Nextel Cup and the first to win a Pole Position start in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. In *Winning In Reverse*, Bill reveals how he came to love working on muscle cars as a child, racing in the streets as a teenager, getting married, pursuing amateur racing and then finally transitioning to the pros. Readers will be inspired by Bill's inspirational and encouraging voice and the conviction that fills each page. Whether you are contemplating a career or lifestyle change, challenging social norms, or struggling against prejudice or bigotry, *Winning in Reverse* is a story for sports fans and readers everywhere about the power of perseverance in the

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face of adversity.

The football star made famous in the hit film (and book) *The Blind Side* reflects on how far he has come from the circumstances of his youth. Michael Oher shares his personal account of his story, in this inspirational New York Times bestseller. Looking back on how he went from being a homeless child in Memphis to playing in the NFL, Michael talks about the goals he had to break out of the cycle of poverty, addiction, and hopelessness that trapped his family. Eventually he grasped onto football as his ticket out and worked hard to make his dream into a reality. With his adoptive family, the Touhys, and other influential people in mind, he describes the absolute necessity of seeking out positive role models and good friends who share the same values to achieve one's dreams. Sharing untold stories of heartache, determination, courage, and love, *I Beat the Odds* is an incredibly rousing tale of one young man's quest to achieve the American dream.

ESPN personality, former *Dancing with the Stars* contestant, and Paralympics champion Victoria Arlen shares her courageous and miraculous story of recovery after falling into a mysterious vegetative state at age eleven and how she broke free, overcame the odds, and never gave up hope. When Victoria Arlen was eleven years old, she contracted two rare diseases simultaneously and fell into a mysterious vegetative state. For two years her mind

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was dark, but in the third year, her mind broke free, and she was able to think clearly and to hear and feel everything—but no one knew. Her doctors wrote her off as a lost cause, and Victoria remained a prisoner in her own body for nearly four years. But every day, silently in her own mind, Victoria would pray to God, and she promised Him that if He gave her a second chance, she would make every moment count, and change the world for the better. At fifteen, against all odds and medical predictions, Victoria woke up. Finally she was able to communicate through eye blinks, and gradually, she regained her ability to speak and eat and move her upper body, but she faced the devastating reality of paralysis from the waist down because of damage to her spine. However, Victoria didn't lose her strength or steadfast determination, and two years later, she won a gold medal for swimming at the London 2012 Paralympics. She went on to become one ESPN's youngest on air-personalities and, after nearly ten years of paralysis, she learned to walk again and even competed on Dancing with the Stars. In *Locked In*, Victoria shares her inspiring story—the pain, the struggle, the fight to live and thrive, and most importantly, the faith that carried her through. Her journey was not easy, but by believing in God's healing power and forgiveness, she is living proof that, despite seemingly insurmountable odds and challenges, the will to survive and resolve to live can

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be a force stronger than our worst deterrents. How an English inventor, against all the odds, took on all the multinationals and revolutionised housekeeping - and became a millionaire at the same time.

When Siya Kolisi leads the Springboks out onto the field at the Rugby World Cup in September 2019, it will be the crowning glory of an incredible journey that began on the impoverished streets of Zwide, a township outside Port Elizabeth. As the first black South African to captain a Springbok rugby team, Kolisi's remarkable story is unique and deserves to be heard. His mother was a teenager when he was born. She left him in the care of his grandmother who brought him up until she died (in his arms) when Siya was twelve. He found love and acceptance playing junior rugby with the African Bombers club until his talent was spotted by the prestigious Grey High School who offered Siya a full scholarship that changed his life. He adapted well to the posh private school, but it was on the rugby field where he excelled. Siya was rewarded with a call-up the SA schools team and a contract to join the Western Province rugby union. Author Jeremy Daniel tracks Siya's journey from running wild on the streets of Zwide, through some crucial games in high school, into the Western Province rugby set-up and his fight to become Springbok captain. He goes deep inside the systems that identify junior talent, the characters

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who shaped his journey and the moments where he showed who he really was. Siya never forgot where he came from, and ultimately adopted his mother's other two children after she died when he was in high school. His life has not been without controversy, and his marriage to a fiery young white woman was a lightning rod for racial politics. But he is a shining beacon of hope for South Africa, he is massively popular and there is a huge appetite from the public to know about his life and to support him as Springbok captain.

Beating the Odds is the improbable, inspiring autobiography of financial guru Eddie C. Brown, one of the nation's top stock pickers and money managers. It details how Brown skillfully kept Brown Capital Management afloat through the dot-com bust, 9/11 and the Great Recession. Born to a 13-year-old unwed mother in the rural South, this African-American investment whiz created a Baltimore-based financial firm that amassed more than \$6 Billion under management. Brown delves into the profound heartbreak and disorientation upon the death of his beloved grandmother – who was his surrogate mother -- and recounts how Brown's moonshine-running Uncle Jake subsequently became the dominant adult figure in Brown's life. His unflinchingly honest, easy-to-read memoir details how intellectual curiosity, abiding self-belief, hard work and divine providence helped Brown earn an

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electrical engineering degree, become an Army officer, and later a civilian IBM engineer. Readers will learn of the strife that ensued when Brown quit IBM to earn an MBA, leading to investment jobs that prepared him to start his own money management company in 1983.

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. Winning Against the Odds tells the fascinating, eccentric story of one of England's most fascinating and eccentric men. Stuart Wheeler went to Eton and Oxford. He was an officer in the Welsh Guards, a barrister, an investment banker and a major donor to the Conservative Party. You might think that he has led a life of impeccably conformist upper-class respectability. You'd be wrong. For Wheeler is also an illegitimate child adopted at the age of two, a maverick businessman who made his fortune on the back of 'the most brilliant idea that anyone had had of his generation' and a devoted gambler who has been thrown out of more than one Las Vegas casino. He played cards with Lord Lucan two nights before his infamous disappearance, effectively invented

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spread-betting with the creation in 1974 of IG Index and gave William Hague's Conservatives £5 million (still the biggest political donation in British history) before being expelled from the Tories, joining UKIP and becoming a key figure in Vote Leave during the Brexit referendum campaign. Forthright, principled and always entertaining, *Winning Against the Odds* is a story of bets won and lost, of outrageous personalities and dramatic events, and of a singular mind that engages with the world around it in a completely unique and compelling way.

A biography of Wendell O. Scott, who made history as the only African American driver to win a race in a NASCAR Grand National (now Sprint Cup) division. In *Larry Holmes*, the reader will experience the uplifting odyssey that took Larry Holmes from a boxing nobody to a world champion. Holmes is considered to be one of the greatest heavyweight champions of our time and held the title for more than seven years. But his rise to the top was hardly an easy one. He began his life as one of twelve children raised by a single mother in Cuthbert, Georgia, and had to struggle in poverty for the first sixteen years of his life. His road to champion-from which he would net \$40 million-was one requiring doggedness and extreme courage, qualities that led people to dub Holmes "The People's Champion." Also featured in the book is an insider's look at Holmes relationship with Muhammad Ali, his views

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on the state of boxing in the 1990s—including the Mike Tyson situation, his fights with Don King, and his ratings of the top boxers today. Larry Holmes is a champion in every sense of the word. He has risen to every challenge he faced—from poverty to ridicule to naysayers—and his life story is both inspiring and moving.

When Eddie Olczyk looks at his life, he can't believe how many times he's beaten the odds. At age sixteen, he was selected for the 1984 U.S. Olympic hockey team, and four months after the competition ended he was drafted in the first round by his hometown Chicago Blackhawks. He played alongside Mario Lemieux and Mark Messier and saw his name engraved on the Stanley Cup. He's brought hockey into American homes as one of the most recognizable voices of the sport, and he's even become a respected analyst in the world of horse racing, thanks to his talent as a bettor—Olczyk once won more than \$500,000 picking the winners of six consecutive races while wagering only \$168. But perhaps there is no greater example of Eddie O. beating the odds than in 2018 when he went into remission eight months after being diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer. He will readily admit that this was the greatest victory of his life. This memoir is an honest and emotional account of everything Olczyk has experienced: the sacrifices his parents made so he could pursue a career in the NHL, the joy of

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playing for the Hawks, the mental and physical stress involved in the life of a professional athlete, the incredible moments he's called from the broadcast booth, and the profound lessons learned while battling cancer.

One gambler is a manic former cokehead with an Ivy League degree. The second is a college dropout trying to make a living at the only thing he enjoyed at school -- gambling. The third, one of Vegas's most respected bookmakers, is perilously close to burning out. The Odds follows the lives of these three professional gamblers through a college basketball season in a one-of-a-kind city struggling to reconcile its lawless past with its family-friendly makeover.

With a wiseguy attitude and a faultless eye and ear for the sights and sounds of Vegas and its denizens, Chad Millman has created a portrait that the Wall Street Journal called "fascinating. . . often screamingly funny." The Las Vegas Review-Journal had just one word for the book: "Superb."

Dyson has become a byword for high-performing products, technology, design, and invention. Now, James Dyson, the inventor and entrepreneur who made it all happen, tells his remarkable and inspirational story in *Invention: A Life*. Famously, over a four-year period, James Dyson made 5,127 prototypes of the cyclonic vacuum cleaner that would transform the way houses are cleaned around the world. In devoting all his resources to iteratively

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developing the technology, he risked it all, but out of many failures and setbacks came hard-fought success. His products—including vacuum cleaners, hair dryers and hair stylers, and fans and purifiers—are not only revolutionary technologies, but design classics. This was a legacy of his time studying at the Royal College of Art in the 1960s, when he was inspired by some of the most famous artists, designers, and inventors of the era, as well as his engineering heroes such as Frank Whittle and Alex Issigonis. In *Invention: A Life*, Dyson reveals how he came to set up his own company and led it to become one of the most inventive technology companies in the world. It is a compelling and dramatic tale, with many obstacles overcome. Dyson has always looked to the future, even setting up his own university to help provide the next generation of engineers and designers. For, as he says, “everything changes all the time, so experience is of little use.” Whether you are someone who has an idea for a better product, an aspiring entrepreneur, whether you appreciate great design or a page-turning read, *Invention: A Life* offers you inspiration, hope, and much more.

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

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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...

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This book is about how a British inventor, against all odds, took on the multinationals and revolutionised housekeeping by inventing the bagless vacuum cleaner - and became a multi millionaire at the same time.

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 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

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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.

Memoirs of sleight-of-hand practitioner and authority on gambling and odds.

"A Fight Against The Odds," is a book that takes the reader through the life of Shelton T. Gibbs from childhood through his high school years. It focuses on the trials and tribulations he as well as his six friends go through while trying to balance their street life and their passion for basketball. It details their encounters with different basketball programs, players that have played in the NBA and still play in the NBA, but most importantly it brings you through the very exciting years of playing for the Hall of Fame Coach Bob Hurley.

John Stieber was a twelve-year-old schoolboy in Ireland when he was sent to secondary school in Germany. Caught there by the outbreak of the Second World War, he was unable to return to his parents for seven years. In due course, he was called to serve in an anti-aircraft battery and in the National Labour Service. Just after his eighteenth birthday, he was sent to the Russian Front with the elite Paratrooper and Tank Division, Hermann Goring. He lived through an amazing series of events, escaping death many times and was one of the few survivors of his division when the war ended. In this narrative of his early life, John Stieber describes how he went from a carefree childhood through increasing hardships, until every day of his life became a challenge for survival."

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