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Against All Odds-Chuck Norris 2006-09-01 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.

Against All Odds: A Story About How I Became-Terrell Green 2020-07-24 This book is for anyone who wants better for themselves. The stories in this book are real situations from my life. Good and bad, it made me who I am. It's my hope that you find yourself in these stories and know you're not alone. Depression, anxiety, and PTSD are real things. I don't have all the answers (hell, I'm still working on me daily), and I can't promise this book will "fix you" or make you happy. But I do hope my story inspires you to keep going-your life matters Against All Odds.

Against All Odds - The Most Amazing True Life Story You'll Ever Read-Paul Connolly 2010-03-01 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...

Against All Odds-Drew Oakley 2017-01-17 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

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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.

Against All Odds-Tyree Washington 2020-07-20 Tyree's book is an inspirational story of setbacks and how to persevere to overcome them. In the exciting and highly competitive field of track and field, Tyree was able to stand out as a dedicated athlete who always stood for the right.

Escape-George Lubow 2004-09 My name is George Lubow, I was born in the small town of Nowogrodek; in what was once Eastern Poland, now Byelorussia. I am a retired businessman and Holocaust survivor. For more than 35 years I was in the dress business. In 1957, I opened my first dress shop in South Pasadena. A year later I opened my second dress shop in Montrose. I met a cross section of the local population. In the process of selling dresses, I listened to many of my customer's problems. In return, I told them my story. They urged me to write a book about my wartime experiences. I started writing in longhand about 25 years ago. My neighbor, Peggy Hardaker offered to type my story. She kept after me to write more. It was painful for me to bring back old memories. But, at the time many letters to the editor of the Los Angeles Times were distorting the truth about the Holocaust. I felt obligated to write this book so future generations would know and remember the horrors. The generation of survivors is passing on. Each of us has a story to tell. We must also remember that in the darkest hour there were Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives to save us. This is my story.

Against All Odds-Danylo Teslenko 2020-01-23 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 very glad that I have the privilege to know this man and help him, if ever so slightly, to achieve his success. Arseny CEH9 Trinozhenko, friend, teammate, blogger. Download your copy of " Against All Odds " by scrolling up and clicking "Buy Now With 1-Click" button.

Against All Odds-P.J. Naworynski 2017-10-24 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 complete 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.

Against All Odds-Yukiyasu Tōgō 1993 The Chairman of Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc. presents the remarkable history of the most efficient, most profitable automobile maker in the world and its revolutionary "just-in-time" production process, accompanied by sixteen pages of photographs.

Against All Odds-Craig Challen 2019-11-05 'I just want to warn you. You're going to dive to the end of the cave. You're going to see these kids. They're all looking healthy and happy and smiley. Then, you're going to swim away, and they're probably all going to die.' In June 2018, for seventeen days, the world watched and held its breath as the Wild Boars soccer team were trapped deep in a cave in Thailand. Marooned beyond flooded cave passages after unexpected rains, they were finally rescued, one-by-one, against almost impossible odds, by an international cave-diving team which included Australians Dr Richard Harris and Dr Craig Challen. These two men were chosen for their medical expertise and cave diving knowledge, but this dangerous rescue asked so much more of them. They had to remain calm under extreme pressure and intense scrutiny, adapt to constantly changing circumstances and importantly, build trust among the rescue team and with the young boys and their coach, whose lives were in their hands. Here is the story of these two Australian men who became international heroes - it is a story of determination, cunning and triumph that will long be remembered.

Against All Odds-Senator Scott Brown 2011-02-21 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 Clarence Thomas's My Grandfather's Son, his experiences with struggle and achievement go back a lifetime.

Against All Odds-Annete Tuttle 2019-10-22 I've come to believe that there are no coincidences when God is involved. Life is actually a well-orchestrated series of beautiful possibilities. As we partner with God's heart, He connects all the dots so that His perfect will is accomplished. I was just one dot in this beautiful story of redemption and restoration. --Annette Tuttle On January 12, 2010 at 4:53 p.m., a magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit the island of Hispaniola near Leogane, about 16 miles west of the capital city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I could never have imagined that a natural disaster over 1600 miles away would forever change my life. This is a story of two lives intersecting in the most serendipitous way to become the answer to each other's prayers. As I prayed and cried out to God asking if there was anything I could do to somehow help in the suffering of the Haitian people, Shultz was praying and crying out to God to rescue him out of the chaos and devastation that was now his life. I became the answer to his prayers, and he became the answer to mine. This is a story of the power of prayer and what God can do with our simple yes.

Against All Odds-Lando Success 2018-12-24 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.

Stuey Lewis Against All Odds-Jane Schoenberg 2012-05-22 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!

Against All Odds-Danielle Steel 2017-05-02 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The wise, moving new 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

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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.

Against All Odds-Betty R. James 2007-09-01 ?Against All Odds: Artist Dean Mitchell's Story is a biography of a small-town southern boy who grew up in a time and culture where his artistic talents were not appreciated.. Dean's grandmother, Marie Mitchell took on the task to raise the frail infant grandson from the age of eleven months, even though she was caregiver for her aged mother at the same time. Raised in poverty, Dean began working on tobacco farms as a young boy in order to help his family make ends meet. The family was often short of basic necessities and the small monthly welfare check his grandmother received was their largest source of income to take care of the boy she often called her precious gift. Read the epic of how Dean survived hard times and numerous obstacles that confronted him along the way to becoming an accomplished artist. His love for art and the encouragement of a loving grandmother inspired and motivated Dean to overcome these limitations as well as the career expectations of family and peers. Share episodes of fear and frustration in gaining acceptance for the art he wanted to depict along with the exhilaration and satisfaction when finally winning national acclaim for his artistic creations. This book portrays a story of determination, inspiration and dedication exhibited by a young man who would not accept the limitations of others in his pursuit of becoming an accomplished artist.

Against All Odds-Mitchell Mark Topal 2018-03-07 Against All Odds is the incredible true story of combat, love and heroism in World War II. It follows Ray Firmani, who enlisted in the Army, earned his wings and won the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary heroism.

Against All Odds-Stanley J. Byrde 2019-11-15 Against All Odds traces the hardships and ultimate redemption of "the other #22," Donnie Hixon, as he journeys from a childhood of hard knocks in the Harrisburg neighborhood of Augusta, Georgia, to Hollywood, USA. Hixon's unlikely role as stunt double for Burt Reynolds in 1974's The Longest Yard rights a series of life-altering setbacks as a youngster. Author of The Augusta National Golf Club; Alister MacKenzie's Masterpiece, Stan Byrde deftly weaves this heartbreaking, heroic, and oftentimes humorous tale of Hixon's life, interspersed with an ample dose of Augusta history. Movie icon Burt Reynolds, Green Bay Packer legend Ray Nitschke, The Godfather of Soul James Brown, the Augusta Riots of 1970, and alleged cover-ups in a small-town police department all play starring roles in this true to life, made-for-Hollywood script. You will ache with each resounding setback and cheer Donnie's persistence to achieve in the face of adversity. His enduring friendship with Burt Reynolds coupled with an insider's stories and pictures of NFL and movie greats on location at Reidsville prison in south Georgia during the fall of 1973 make this a must-read book for film, football, and history enthusiasts alike.

The Secret of Inner Strength-Chuck Norris 1989 The athlete and movie star's explanation of his personal philosophy of positive force and the psychology of self-improvement is interspersed with anecdotes about international karate competitions, training with Bruce Lee, and Norris's acting career

Healing Happens-Avital Miller 2018-04-03 Healing Happens brings you insight and inspiration from health and healing experts who cured themselves and others despite dire medical prognoses from over twenty illnesses including cancer, diabetes, and autoimmune disorders. Enhance the power to heal through natural healing techniques in order to live comfortably, energetically, and joyfully.

Against All Odds-Andrew Pike 2019-08-15 '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 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.

Siya Kolisi-Jeremy Daniel 2019-09-11 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 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.

Against All Odds-Leon Hesser 2019-09-24 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 Borlaug, Nobel Peace Prize Winner, the man who fed the world.

Against All Odds-Travis Tyler 2016-01-11 If you've never heard of Travis Thi'sl Tyler before, prepare to take quite a journey through his life and marvel at what God has brought him through. If you're a fan of his music, different songs will come to mind as you read through his life. You'll see where such songs as "I Needed You" and "I Hate You" came from, and feel the powerful meaning behind songs like "I Forgive You," among others. Thi'sl grew up facing the crushing issues of poverty, fatherlessness, gang violence, and drugs, but these things didn't defeat him, thanks to God's saving grace. Be ready to experience a story that will make you laugh, cry, think, and rejoice at seeing the powerful freedom that comes from God! Thi'sl's story has inspired and will continue to inspire people all across the world! - Bubba Watson Two-time PGA Masters Champion

Unmeasured Strength-Lauren Manning 2012-08-21 Traces the decade-long recovery of a September 11 survivor who suffered burns on over eighty percent of her body, describing her experience during the attacks and how she changed to renew her commitments to life and her loved ones.

Against All Odds-Shirley A. Bahlmann 2002 This collection of fact-based adventures will appeal to readers of all ages. The stories put the reader right in the middle of the action, alongside the pioneers as they overcome dangerous challenges. The author has thoroughly researched each story, and skillfully brings to life these heroes of the American West. How would you respond to these challenges? Poisonous snakes in your bed Watching an Indian chief take your two-year-old cousin hostage Facing a cornered, enraged bobcat without a weapon Indian warriors galloping toward you while your wagon is helplessly stuck in the snow These are only a few of the life-threatening situations that confronted courageous pioneers. In these remarkable true stories of survival, you can experience these and other exciting adventures. Think about what you would do, then open the book and discover how these pioneers and Indians survived the challenges that were a daily part of the settling the American West.

Against All Odds-Myoshi Thomas 2018-09-07 Myoshi shares her powerful story of overcoming a jail sentence and coming out of it able to inspire others with her story. Against All Odds "From Jail Cells to

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Against the Odds-Marjolijn Hof 2011-03-01 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.

Angels in the Wilderness-Amy Racina 2005 This book is a first-person account of a disaster on a solo hiking trip. Author Amy Racina was hiking in a remote part of King's Canyon National Park in California's Sierra mountains when she lost the trail. With no warning, she suddenly fell sixty feet, breaking both legs on the rocks below. She survived for four days and nights, battling pain, fear and exhaustion, pulling herself along with her hands and refusing to give up. She was miraculously saved, her calls heard by a man who was partially deaf. It describes her dramatic rescue as she was airlifted out, swinging helplessly from two straps, dangling fearfully beneath a helicopter high above the ravine where she had fallen. It is an amazing tale of despair and courage and hope. It speaks of incredible strength and heartbreaking weakness as it details what one woman believed might be the last days of her life. It is a memory of the darkest of times and an affirmation of miracles.

Against All Odds: a Success Story-Charlton Jimerson 2015-03-14 Major League Baseball outfielder Charlton Maxwell Jimerson is here to set the record straight. It started going askew in 2001, when Jimerson was named College World Series Most Outstanding Player. Stories surfaced about his tough childhood, and not all the reports were accurate. But now, the man himself tells the inspiring true story of his journey to the Major Leagues in his personal memoir, *Against All Odds*. A life story that feels like a baseball game-full of starts and stops, climaxes and pauses, ups and downs-Jimerson's memoir is even organized into "nine innings." Beginning with his early childhood, he candidly shares what life was like in a family of five kids, with a mother who struggled with drug dependency and often suffered drug-related violence. He describes his growing love of baseball, sharing how both school and sports offered him positive ways forward. And throughout, he notes the key people and crucial moments in his life that led him to become the successful man he is today. A fascinating insight into life as both a Minor and Major League Baseball player that baseball fans and memoir readers will love, *Against All Odds* will motivate you to achieve your own dreams. Much more than a baseball story, but a journey into the life of Charlton Jimerson

A Most Improbable Journey: A Big History of Our Planet and Ourselves-Walter Alvarez 2016-11-15 "A thrilling synthesis from a brilliant scientist who discovered one of the most important chapters in our history." —Sean B. Carroll *Big History*, the field that integrates traditional historical scholarship with scientific insights to study the full sweep of our universe, has so far been the domain of historians. Famed geologist Walter Alvarez—best known for the "Impact Theory" explaining dinosaur extinction—has instead championed a science-first approach to Big History. Here he wields his unique expertise to give us a new appreciation for the incredible occurrences—from the Big Bang to the formation of supercontinents, the dawn of the Bronze Age, and beyond—that have led to our improbable place in the universe.

Against All Odds-Willy Goellner 2017-06-07 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 God's grace, a hopeless situation can be turned around by hard work and an iron will to succeed.

The Official Chuck Norris Fact Book-Chuck Norris 2009 For the first time, Norris gives readers not only his favorite "facts about himself, but also the stories behind the facts and the code by which he lives his life.

Wilma Rudolph-Stephanie Macceca 2010-09-01 A series that let's young readers explore the lives and influence of important individuals whose stories and contributions have left an imprint on United States History. Includes primary source photographs, high-interest nonfiction text, fun facts, timelines, glossary and index.

What Are the Odds?-Lindell Publishing 2020-04-30

Against All Odds-Kari Paulsen 2015-02

Against All Odds-Betty Ogiel Rubanga 2017-02-09 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.

Ester and Ruzya-Masha Gessen 2008-12-30 In this "extraordinary family memoir,"\* the National Book Award-winning author of *The Future Is History* reveals the story of her two grandmothers, who defied Fascism and Communism during a time when tyranny reigned. \*The New York Times Book Review In the 1930s, as waves of war and persecution were crashing over Europe, two young Jewish women began separate journeys of survival. Ester Goldberg was a rebel from Bialystok, Poland, where virtually the entire Jewish community would be sent to Hitler's concentration camps. Ruzya Solodovnik was a Russian-born intellectual who would become a high-level censor under Stalin's regime. At war's end, both women found themselves in Moscow. Over the years each woman had to find her way in a country that aimed to make every citizen a cog in the wheel of murder and repression. One became a hero in her children's and grandchildren's eyes; the other became a collaborator. With grace, candor, and meticulous research, Masha Gessen, one of the most trenchant observers of Russia and its history today, peels back the layers of time to reveal her grandmothers' lives—and to show that neither story is quite what it seems. Praise for Masha Gessen "One of the most important activists and journalists Russia has known in a generation."—David Remnick, *The New Yorker* "Masha Gessen is humbly erudite, deftly unconventional, and courageously honest."—Timothy Snyder, author of *On Tyranny*

Against All Odds-Mahisha Dellinger 2014-11-10 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.

Against All Odds-Drew Lyon 2017-01-01 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*.

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