

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a pink and teal swimsuit, is seen from behind, paddling a grey kayak on a blue lake. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky in the background. In the distance, there are green hills and a wooden pier with a thatched roof. The overall scene is peaceful and hopeful.

There Are No Alligators in Heaven!

A family's perspectives on surviving
the unrelenting savagery
of Cystic Fibrosis

Jennifer Hale

WITH HER PARENTS

Donna & Evan Michael Codell

Donna Codell

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Jennifer Hale was 2½ when she was diagnosed in 1974 with Cystic Fibrosis (CF), an incurable genetic disease. At that time, children with CF experienced a life span of just 15 years. Within an ironic twist of fate, Evan experienced first-hand therefore lots of the horrific effects of lung disease that Jennifer bravely battled her life time, and he realized directly how strong and courageous his child really was. The tale that the three of them tell together is among optimism, courage, and wish that inspires others to find joy in life also to never quit the battle – whatever the battle is actually. There Are No Alligators in Heaven! Jennifer issues most of us: “End up being the light that remains on even in the darkest of moments. he himself passed away in December 2016, just before the publication was published. The publication features Jennifer’s personal writings, combined with the personal accounts of her parents, presented in an easy, engaging conversational design. This mixture produced an amazing young woman who, later with the steadfast support of her spouse Mark, beat the chances and lived completely for 43 years while continually battling the unrelenting savagery of this eventually fatal disease, until her loss of life in December 2015 that came as she was awaiting a lung transplant. The extraordinary tale of Jennifer moves to some other level when her dad, Evan Michael, found that he had a need to draw strength from Jennifer when he was identified as having Stage 4 lung malignancy in 2012. But Jennifer had a particular passion forever, and her parents – Donna and Evan Michael Codell – had the dedication and fighting spirit to enrich and prolong Jennifer’s life in every way they perhaps could. While Evan was fully involved in the advancement of There Are No Alligators in Heaven! It really is a first-hand account of Jennifer and how she and her parents – united in unwavering appreciate and commitment – adopted their instincts, pieced together solid guiding concepts, and took decisive action, some counter to prevailing medical methods of that time period, to wrestle the alligators of Cystic Fibrosis every single day after day. It had been his dying wish for others to know Jennifer’s tale and how she established the bar on her behalf existence. is a moving tale of an unheralded hero. Keep fighting your struggle with a light center, a smile on your own encounter, and a spark in your eyesight. This will feed your soul and spirit and give you strength to fight on.” And, in the end, thank God, there are no alligators in heaven.



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This is an incredible story of a family group and their journey through life. This is an amazing story of a family group and their journey through life. Their girl Jennifer was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when she was two and she lived a full and good lifestyle until she passed away at age 43. Much longer than most with this disease. I was in awe of their love and devotion to each other. The mom/dad and daughter threesome, such a journey and done with such care. As you browse the tale you feel as if you are in the area listening to each one of them chat. The dad developed lung tumor, stage four and passed on as well. A moving tale of a loving and supportive family members as they raise their amazing child. Blessings for you Donna on your passion and dedication to bring wish and nutrition awareness to everyone. I am in awe of this whole family. Essential read. The daughter and father duo were solid throughout their period posting such a devastating issue. Shows the power and perseverance of a young girl to fight for her lifestyle and how her loving parents trained her the skills she needed to battle to the end. Life changing. Down to Earth Retelling of a Family's Fight to Survive This is a tale of tragedy confronted with courage, honesty and humor. So actual, it feels like you are upon this journey yourself. It is a real story and I recommend it. and empathetic. A wonderful book of love, strength, sadness, joy and hope. A lovely Story of Like and Perseverance. Jennifer was an amazingly strong woman, was married to a loving husband and had 18 years together. Inspiring and well crafted. I love this book I really like this book. An instant browse that leaves you more aware. It is easy to read and the story is touching and encouraging. The complete family supported one another every single day. Amazing story of love Amazing story of love, power and attitude. If you would like to learn how to approach adversity I urge you to learn this book Michael p Five Stars Very touching and psychological journey. love, faith As a past critical care, ER and hospice nurse RN the communications in the publication are powerful. In the event that you know of a person or family members struggling with a challenging diagnosis, get this reserve and examine it and then provide it to them. It's an honor and privilege to write my overview of Donna's book. The objective of Donna's publication it to bring desire to those challenged with a health challenge, for Donna's girl it had been Cystic Fibrosis, (CF) and her husband, Cancer. Sadly, Donna not only lost her child to CF but during the same struggling period she lost her spouse to Cancer. To listen to how Donna, Jennifer and Evan Michael maneuvered the roller coaster trip of both Jennifer and Evan Michael's health issues is usually a miracle in movement; Jennifer, Evan Michael and Donna are amazing people and today it's Donna's mission to transport forth the message of hope and the power of nourishment for bringing your body into balance in order that it may heal its personal." Then shut up and listen and carry out what they let you know. There are plenty of messages and words of wisdom through the entire book that can only come from someone who is on their journey seen through the eyes of a terminal illness. The capability to face the daily problems of a terminal disease and see the power of looking at the glass half full as opposed to half empty is usually powerfully inspiring and curing. Among the best phrases of advice (there are numerous more so understand this book) is on page 144 from Donna's right now deceased husband. He talks about how exactly to speak to a person who is struggling on the journey and what it's better to NOT to say. Don't consult "How are you today? Yes they did, but knowing what I know from a scientific and nutrition perspective I believe they had many more years of better wellness than they might have if they acquired stayed with the SAD (Standard American Diet). A roller coaster trip that proceeds today as Donna provides forth her message of inspiration, love, faith, family, wish, gratitude, attitude, wisdom and the power of nutrition and self-care. They may need a hug, they may need you to pay attention and they might want you to you need to be silent. furthermore their health challenges brought forth Donna's health challenges. I understand you

might be thinking, but Jennifer and Evan still died.” Instead ask, “Who do you want me to end up being for you personally today? He was her rock. An excellent book of love, power, sadness, joy and hope. The parents in this publication, especially the mom showed such love, devotion, power and vulnerability in this book. It really shows how solid parents can be amid tragedy. Their story can inspire any individual or family that’s struggling with a hard issue. The daughter showed such power and determination in the face of her disease. You will see strength, joy, and love from this wonderful publication. The story is indeed educational, inspirational, psychological and beneficial to learn what a family goes through whenever a family member has a debilitating illness. Inspirational story A beautiful story with so much love and passion for life and at the same time powerful that provides the strength that sometimes we need. As you read the story you feel like you are in the area listening to each one ... A very well crafted book. This was no easy trip at all, therefore many trials and tribulations, but such strength throughout. I understand that the month of December will permanently more be a challenging month for Donna to weather conditions. I would extremely recommend everyone to learn this publication. In the days of people looking for superhero’s, look no further than "Jennifer Hale". To reduce a child is definitely heartbreaking, but to workday and night to try to maintain this from happening must have been such an exhausting labor of appreciate. With the love and encouragement of her parents, Jennifer grew into a gorgeous, compassionate and extremely courageous person who tried to live as normal a life as possible and encounter her many challenges with a good attitude. The globe was lucky to possess her presence for 43 years and we can learn much out of this family’s story. And all credit to Donna who is doing her best to remain concentrated and strong even with the loss of both her girl and spouse. It’s hero’s journey!Joan Zietlow, RN, BSN, CHHC, MBA
Powerful love This book really touched my heart. Make sure you read this book. One Family's Inspiring Tale of Coping With Adversity This book is an inspiring story of two parents and their ill child who met every challenge of this disease with strength, courage, dignity and persistence. Her optimism through intense struggles made everyone love her and want to be around her. She is my superhero! I thank the Codells for posting their most personal tragedies and triumphs with most of us. It was unfortunate and funny; heartwarming and heartbreaking. I would recommend this moving and poignant tale to young and old. Everyone who has confronted illness and loss will see ease and comfort in reading the story of this family. I loved this book I loved this book.



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