



# *Missing Michael*

A Mother's Story of Love, Epilepsy, and Perseverance

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Missing Michael A Mother's Story of Love, Epilepsy, and Perseverance may be the author's moving account of her son's struggle with epilepsy, its complications, and the effects of the medications used to treat it., a mom lays bare her thoughts about school and health care systems, societal indifference, and the harm that outcomes from lack of compassion and tolerance. Michael's parents are faced with the unenviable task of determining how many seizures are "suitable" and how much drug is simply "too much. And throughout its web pages, this mother's tale celebrates the relationship of family members and the energy of love and hope. She applauds Michael's power of spirit and his courage and ability to overcome considerable obstacles. And while the family members is normally grateful for Michael's presence however he is, there are occasions of pure pleasure when his true character manages to break through the drug-and-seizure-induced fog. Occasional feedback from friends and family such as for example, "Michael seems similar to himself," or "Michael appears a lot more alert," are indicative that others in his life miss facets of Michael as well. In Missing Michael... The story covers a time period of over fifteen years as the family members attempts to keep normalcy even as Michael's condition and treatment frequently envelop him in a haze-like state. She acknowledges the dedicated professionals who have helped Michael medically and academically. There are moments, days, and weeks when he bears small resemblance to his gregarious, mischievous pre-seizure self." Michael's condition over the years is wildly variable.



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Victory Against all Odds A candid portrait of success against the chances through belief and endurance is painted by Mary Lou Connolly in *Missing Michael, A Mother's Story of Love, Epilepsy, and Perseverance*. The journey of Michael's existence from birth to his first actions of independence as a young adult is normally outlined with examination of his daily struggle with seizures. Connolly's descriptions are well stated, helpful, and current in terminology. Through his years, Michael encounters various forms of seizures. Her depictions of unwanted effects due to anti-seizure medications will be helpful information to any category of an epileptic. The need for doctor-patient interactions is explored and comprehensive as we see Michael grow up in a single area with medical assistance also in family close friends. Among the highest reference factors in this story may be the family bonding more than Michael's turmoils with epilepsy. Social aspects are covered through school issues and prolonged family members circles. Through all, the courage to persevere is central and character is born. Finally, simply because a reviewer and author who deals with seizures myself, I applaud Ms.. Revealing the ongoing stigma such as for example her battle with school authorities will certainly help break the mold incorrectly cast by uneducated authorities. Although I did not agree with every family decision, I recommend this book for just about any family, public or learning center coping with seizure disorders. This book was so beneficial to me, as I look after my own epileptic daughter. A wonderfully written book in regards to a mother's love and devotion to her son in addition to a fierce determination to provide her child and family with as much 'normalcy' in lifestyle as possible despite an extremely challenging medical condition. When you have a kid suffering with intractable seizures.. Connolly on her behalf candid portrait of her family life with Michael. I fell in love with Michael and his family members. This sharing is a primer to those who find themselves friends, family, co-workers, and care professionals of these with Seizure Disorders. This is a great book to help in the knowledge of epilepsy in the life of a family. Michael and his family present what they have already been through. For taking the opportunity to allow others see the vulnerability, the dignity that Micheal possessed (even though He did not constantly realize it). Sawyer, reviewer and writer, *Facing Me, Breaking the Bonds of Seizure Confinement* A 'Must Browse' for All. Nothing is even more impacting to Michael than his mother's will to endure and get over this disruptive adversity. It was like reading my very own daughters life tale! I've epilepsy myself and when I go through it, it brought back thoughts of what happend if you ask me when I was youthful. I applaud the parents for showing the support they did for their children! Best book on epilepsy!! This book was excellent. This book made me feel not so "alone" as I have a problem with my own daughters epilepsy which can't be controlled. this is essential read! I related therefore much that I desire that I possibly could sit and have coffee with the writer, as Personally i think like I have so much in keeping with her. I laughed, I cried... I am NOT the only one going through this! For me personally, the best area of the book shares there are people within our village that perform understand and treatment outnumber by far those that don't. I go through it and sobbed as I experienced like it was my own tale. I felt better realizing that I am not the only Mom feeling these things and getting the same issues and worries for my daughters future. Many thanks! I quickly acquired to order another duplicate. There are certain chapters that I have read over and over as the authors attitude is indeed great and it reminds me that tomorrow is a new day. You should never be alone... the village is always there Yesterday evening, I sat down and read *Missing Michael*. The book did not keep my hands until I browse the last page. For those that were a part of the Mary Lou and Michael's village, this book can be a testament that it requires lots of people to end up being a back-up for those that we like and respect. For enabling those near and afar to help when

and where needed. I applaud Mary Lou, Michael, Meaghan and Barry for not shutting out the village. Great story!. Great book! Mary Lou thank you - I have a better understanding due to your words. Five Stars It's in great condition. A dedicated family won't give up Missing Michael is written through the eye of a loving mom whose family absolutely won't quit in its dedication to help a family cherished one who have struggles with epilepsy. I think that this book can help others know very well what we move through whenever we cannot obtain the seizures in order. As somebody who struggled with epilepsy for a lot more than three decades before the disorder was removed from my life through surgery Dec. 6, 1994 at Scripps Green Hospital in La Jolla, Calif., the book helped me understand a lot more the importance of my family coming to my side for so many years both before and after my surgery. It really is a book that's very difficult to put down once you've began reading it and drives home the importance of holding together the family members structure all the time. The Connolly family ought to be lauded because of its undying effort to greatly help Michael and Mary Lou Connolly deserves a big pat on the trunk for a wonderfully-written publication. Facing Uncertainties As a mother or father and psychiatrist treating people with physical disabilities, I came across this reserve a gripping and compelling accounts of the trials and tribulations of the Connolly family members. I was impressed by the author's candid description of how she handled frustration, helplessness, and powerlessness of the life-and-death uncertainties of her son's seizure condition. I applaud her self-disclosure in the program of helping others who face similar problems, and I recommend this book highly to any parent coping with their child's illness. I anticipate the sequel where we reach see what Michael's tag on this world is realized. This can be a second time that I've purchased this reserve, as I provided my 1st copy to a friend whom includes a daughter that was simply diagnosed. A very helpful reserve!. Stephanie S. It really is a real look into our lives. It is both heart-warming and inspirational and can unquestionably help others understand the need for under no circumstances giving up no matter what the challenge. ESSENTIAL Read for Families Missing Michael is an excellent and compelling reserve. As gripping as their parents' love for his or her son may be the unyielding like and support from Michael's big sister Meaghan. Families will be faced with challenging times and may learn from this Family that has truly persevered. That is an excellent work from author Mary Lou Connolly and should be shared with those you care for.



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