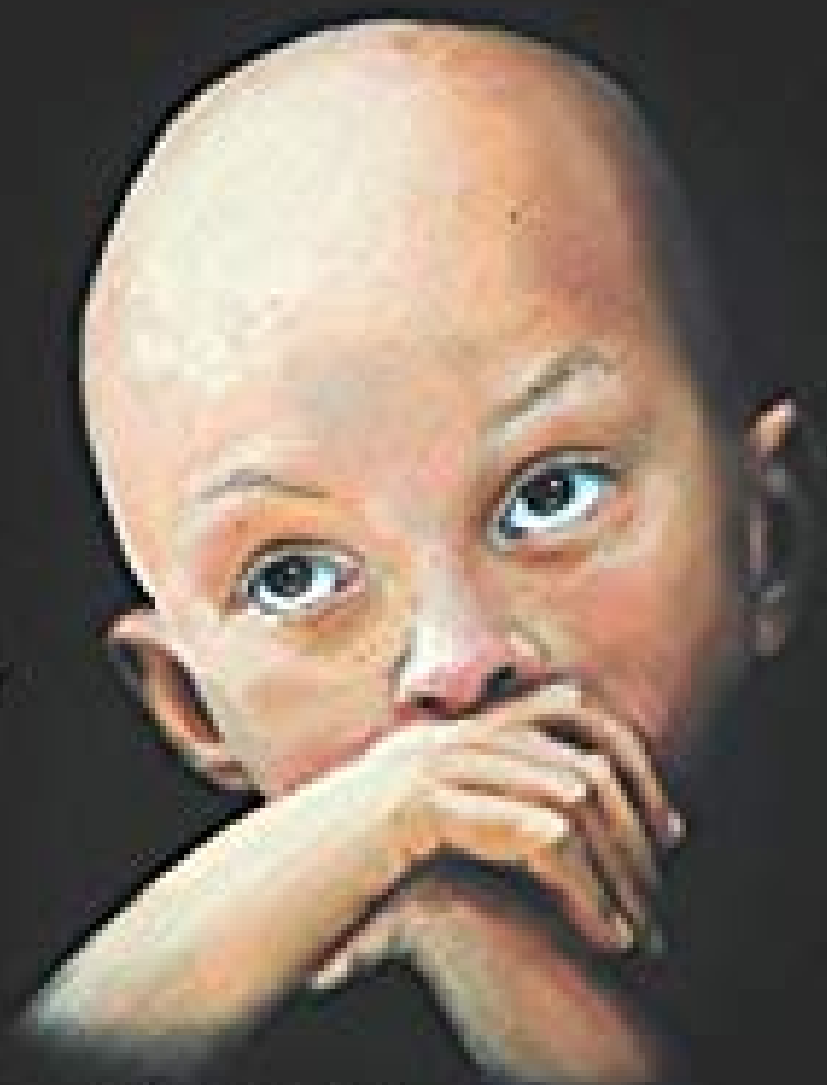


Steve Dolling

# I'll Shave My Head Too

*A Father's  
Stories  
Through the  
Happy Hell  
of Childhood  
Cancer*



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Spencer was diagnosed with Stage IV neuroblastoma in the age of 6. Spencer performed soccer, sailed boats, built windmills, skipped a lot of college and developed a significant teenage drug habit. On the way, Steve wrote this deeply personal, hilarious, and utterly shifting collection of tales. Scupper did what sinister Portuguese Drinking water Dogs do: he tried to eat the house one piece of furniture at the same time and displace the "owner" from his place in the bed. And Spencer? Tracey and Steve do what most parents make an effort to do: give a fun and stimulating environment because of their kids to grow in and reach their full potential. Foster did what brothers do: he offered up his bone marrow and rode shotgun in the all-terrain electrical assault automobile. They spilled out of his brain and onto the key pad as there isn't enough room for happy optimism and utter terror to coexist. I'll Shave my Head Too is an incredible stability between readability, humour, and emotional impact.



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Never Give Up! Be prepared to laugh just as much or even more than cry while reading. I'm hypercritical, too challenging or perfectionist -- forgetting that even without malignancy, all of our clocks are working, especially the clock governing the short time we have with our kids. I started then to read some of what Steven was composing and was horrified as I laughed while reading concerning this family coping with this big and scary cancer monster. I could not believe that I laughed or shook my head at the musings on mundane, and not so mundane, life events when I experienced I should be sad.. Nevertheless, my general feeling was one of wanting to hop on a plane and go out with the Dolling family members.. Written in the moment, they provide a vivid depiction of family lifestyle those six years. Why on the planet would someone be envious of a family group whose child provides NB? Connection, support and laughter were my reasons..If you are hesitant about ordering the publication because you come to mind about it being too 'sad' or 'heavy' there is lots of chat of farts, street hockey, and misadventures to make you smile. There is also a war going on inside your home between man and pet dog and you may to read to discover who wins and who's crowned the 'alpha'.. On the day of his funeral we had a day of fun where in fact the children were given a great deal of materials and glue and got to create something that could shoot paper balls across the room and at one another.. I recall my principal strolling in only as we were in the testing phase of the paper ball launchers.Do not get me wrong, there were times I did cry and instances I acquired to close your blog and go through it another period. a vehicle ... Not really having a family of my own I will under no circumstances know what it is like to have an ill child or to lose a child but I sure wish one day I feel the connection with a family group that Steve writes about in his publication.and not being super impressed as the room was filled with kids laughing and shouting. You will not regret it for another.Now stop reading and go choose the book! You will not regret it. Life with cancer was never more entertaining than this Steve Dolling is normally a parent (husband, friend) who's funny and outrageous, loving and persistent. He applies his narrative abilities to this amusing, endearing, and uplifting account of six years in the cancer tumor trenches with his older son, Spencer. Steve's comic timing is definitely miraculous, and he includes a gift for juggling several subjects at once to create layers of signifying.Read this reserve! It's an excellent romp to read and heady inspiration for life well resided.The short essays in I'll Shave My Mind Too are grouped into three timespans of Spencer's illness. I recall thinking that I wanted to be a part of that sort of family and then immediately wondering what on earth I was thinking!. It's a highlight roll to blow you away. The format allows plenty of breaks to refill your glass or gaze out the screen. This very sad tale will rejuvenate you. Not a "Heavy" Book If you are hesitating to get this because you think it looks too "heavy," I urge you to seize it and go through away. Dolling's reserve is actually an inspiration -- the kind of reading that you carry into your day to day routine, that enhances your appreciation of the things that count.. I recall Spencer's aunt posting his story with several her running close friends, both true and online close friends.The Dollings inspire me to do better. Until you go through this publication.Heaven forbid anybody having to proceed through Spencer's encounter with cancer, but what a lucky child he was! The family lifestyle--involving plenty of aquatic experience, a high-spirited puppy, two wise and funny males, and a loving marriage--inspires envy and awe. I believe that quite perhaps it was the most fun we had that year.. whether it's on the trip or upon reflection. This narrative accepts that and while not producing lemonade out of lemons, displays how one family gracefully handles the situational and psychological rollercoaster with grace, candor and the correct degree of levity to benefit all touched by the situation. Carpe Diem. Kindles are better than paper The pages don't stick together when they are wetThis compilation could have you smiling and laughing, then

choked up and crying Turn the web page and repeat An amazing story This is an incredible book. The tale tells of a family's struggle with cancer. Steve's ability to use humor as an instrument to bring others to a location no mother or father would venture..e. everyone). It offers comfort to those that have/experienced the same sentiments/journey and an insight into lifestyle as a cancer parent to those who are blessed to possess skirted its circuitous route. Steve, Spencer's dad, doesn't hold anything back again, but somehow he discovers the humor in the knowledge of dealing with a horrible disease.. The writing style is similar to Rachel Remen's DINING ROOM TABLE Wisdom with many specific chapters that weave together the years of Spencer's life. This publication might change you permanently. Try humor first Locating humor in your worst type of nightmare seems impossible.I remember when Spencer passed away and I was teaching 12 12 months olds at the time.. They remind me that time with this kids sailing, angling, playing board video games, and launching homemade mortars -- that's the time that counts. Steve weaves his terms, through the horrible truth, terms that remind the reader you have a choice. While you may not reach select to opt out of your particular "hell", you can choose how to encounter it. You can duck & cover till the finish or turn and face it. Steve's writing encouraged us to place our best encounter on, to try humor first also to approach life's difficulties face on with an increase of than just courage. Steve is a grasp in capturing what all malignancy parents .. It should be read by anyone who had handled cancer (i. Steve is a get better at in capturing what all cancers parents think and feel.. The result is not a tedious chronicle of illness. As all understand, it just isn't fair, but neither is certainly anything in lifestyle. It'll make you cry, but you will laugh while you cry.... Spencer and his family dealt with his disease in a primary, honest, but uplifting way. Irony.. is something special. Not the normal narrative about them Honestly can't imagine needing to take this journey... In reading the reserve I remember why, the family was real.. a metaphor. It is a lesson on coping with adversity.. a synonym for. We also had drinks with umbrellas... "LIFE!" Amazing story about an amazing family Funny, frightening, inspiring, heart-wrenching.As a dad, I sometimes take it all too seriously.. Real.



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