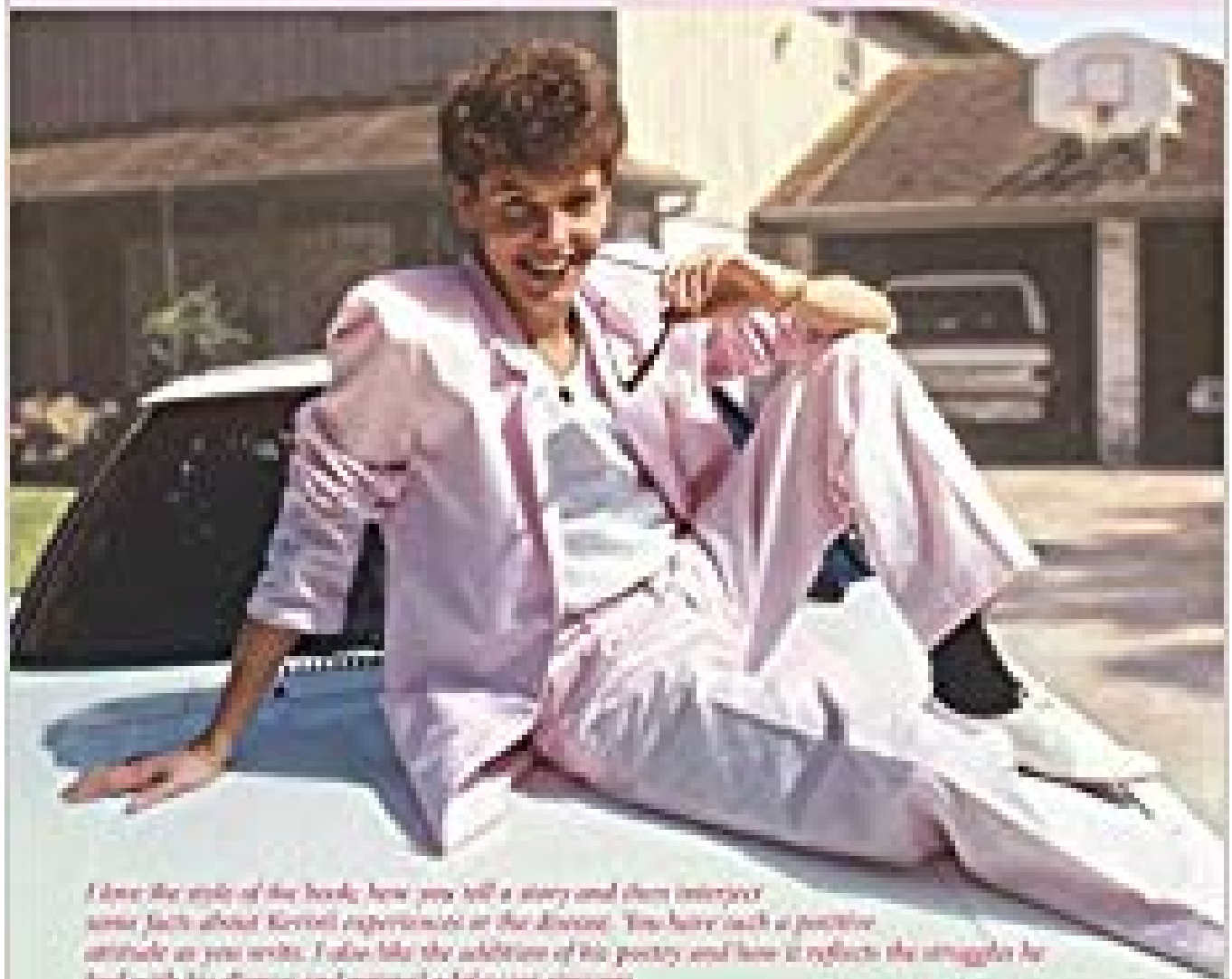


It's Been a Good Life, Dad

My Son's Struggle with Cystic Fibrosis



I love the style of the book: how you tell a story and then intersperse some facts about Kevin's experience with the disease. You have such a positive attitude as you write. I also like the addition of his poetry and how it reflects the struggle he had with his disease and normal adolescent concerns.

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It's Been an excellent Life, Dad!-My Son's Have a problem with Cystic Fibrosis portrays a man- Kevin Hendon-who lived his eighteen years with cystic fibrosis ever present. The final two sections of the publication sample the recollections of individuals who understood Kevin and share the abiding influences of Kevin's spirit in the wider community of those his lifestyle has touched. Hendon, tells the story of his son's lifestyle in the first component of this biography. He presents the disease's harsh truths and the serious limits-and of medicine's capability to respond to the disease's issues., Kevin's poetry takes middle stage. Whether you possess cystic fibrosis or know someone who lives with this disease, you might find yourself turning the webpages of this portrayal and feeling the temptation to echo the author's despair when he stated, "What a miserable lifestyle! With equal clarity, though, he reveals the energy and dedication his son showed in the face of his medical diagnosis. He shares his feelings of isolation and frustration. He expresses his observations about friends and college. He ruminates on appreciate, lust, and romance. He reflects on the place of religion and family members in his existence. The writer, Jerry E. In the next part of IT HAS BEEN a Good Life, Dad! It's been an excellent life ." However in the face of the disease and in response to such tugs to give directly into despair, Kevin's responds, "Oh, no. . . . It's been a good life."



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Captivating Biopic of a Courageous INDIVIDUAL Who Lost the War with Cystic Fibrosis, While Winning Every Battle He Fought Jerry Hendon's story about the life of his boy Kevin is captivating. Become warned: Once you have used Hendon up on the invitation to become a co-participant to make meaning out of Kevin's life-story, you will see it difficult to split up yourself from the knowledge, until the final page has been switched. Kevin's story is well-created and compelling. Knowing our patients and their families changed my entire life. I regret that I hardly ever met Kevin but after reading about his exceptional journey, I feel that I know him through his father's eyes. You won't have the ability to help encountering your own humanity at a deep level, even as you celebrate and esteem Kevin's. Kevin asked his dad to tell his story and Jerry has brought their life alive during this time. Kevin is a handsome and delightful kid and teenager. This is a story of love, courage, faith, and an incredible warrior. Jerry brings his family alive on these web pages...lovingly remembering his son Kevin. "Fill your paper with the breathings from your center. But, I didn't obtain the opportunity to meet the Hendon family before Kevin's death. The struggling can't be avoided, but his unique spirit also embraced the pleasure of everyday events and milestones. Jerry is a great writer...thus he continually paints pictures of a family group husband/wife and child with CF that's not as we know a paint by numbers picture. Thanks a lot Jerry! Of program, reading about his last times was a tearful encounter, but well worth it. Though I understood him personally, I did so not know all of the struggles he confronted on a day to day basis. I found his style and charm irresistible. I enjoyed his collections and his white Mazda! Jerry has left zero rock unturned. He has truly gone to Aunt Torchy's diary and actually tracked down Kevin's girlfriend, Susan, to find out just what she remembered of Kevin 30 years afterwards. Let this story switch yours, too. By the finish of the reserve you feel as if you know Kevin and experienced all the pain. Kevin died much too early and at the same time when hope was way off in the future for CF. Would that we could all be thus lucky to possess our stories documented in that thorough, heartfelt and profound way. The family is brought together in their fight against CF. I am an avid non-fiction reader which book did an excellent work of pulling me into the tale and the lives of Kevin and the Hendon family members. Once I began reading it, I possibly could not really put it down. The writer told the tale of his child Kevin's 18 yr journey of living with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). But it was greater than a story of that young man's lifestyle, it enveloped his entire family, his close friends, school-life and medical care professionals that did an amazing job of enabling Kevin to lead a fairly normal life for most his years.. The hook was how Kevin touched & In his teenage years, Kevin had dates, drove an automobile, and participated in high school events. Ann, Kevin's mother, is kept solid with a deep faith and Aunt Torchy turns to Shakespeare and all his heroes in coping with the disease holding up her sister and being truly a best friend/Aunt to Kevin. I was surprised at Hendon's capability to recall 18 years of key events in his son's lifestyle - he must be a meticulous record keeper! As a writer I have experienced the curing power of writing and I do believe this will need to have been curing for Jerry but at the same time also a huge amount of concentrated energy to create this story. Very well written, I cherished the different phases of the book and felt as though I lived with this family members while reading Jerry's accounts of Kevin's life. Throughout the book, the tale maintained curiosity by moving seamlessly in one aspect of Kevin's existence to another, weaving-in the various people who touched his life at different times.. Jerry has written a heartwarming story about his boy Kevin's struggle to live and die with Cystic Fibrosis. A Must Read Once We started reading Kevin's story, I couldn't place it down. Even though I knew them I wasn't alert to a lot of what they went through. Made my heart swell with sadness but I couldn't put the book down. Whatever component they performed in the battle to maintain Kevin alive so long as possible, Ann & In this book, Jerry

Hendon clarifies about cystic fibrosis, Kevin's journey and the family members's journey through lifestyle. Many thanks, Jerry, for placing your heart down on paper. I know this needed to be heart-wrenching and exhilarating during your search for the right words and phrases in telling Kevin's story. Really worth the read even though you don't know them because you will by the time you browse the last page. Great read! Methodical, educational, emotional and inspirational! Salt and Light How a teenager with a debilitating disease touched so many people I saw the reserve "It's Been an excellent Life, Dad" about Amazon, and the story sounded intriguing. I came across it to be informative and educational on cystic fibrosis, and life in a children's medical center while also including timely and poignant personal insights and stories, that make you become emotionally invested and keep turning the web page. The honest approach of Kevin's father (the author) helps paint a clear picture and you feel that you will be in the area with them through the ups and downs by the end of the book. Well written with every imaginable emotion felt by the reader. The book is good for those that enjoy biographies as you can know several characters well. This would be especially enjoyed by those who have exposure or interests in the medical world or childhood disease. I have spent some time as an individual in a children's hospital and I believe patients, households and friends touched by loss or medical hardship would find this insightful. An excellent book, I highly recommend it! Living lifestyle and facing loss of life with cystic fibrosis It's Been AN EXCELLENT Life, Father tells of the life span of a boy and his journey through existence with cystic fibrosis. A Glimpse RIGHT INTO A Life Well Lived Having worked in the Cystic Fibrosis Center at Texas Children's Hospital to get 15 years and coordinating the summer camp for our patients (Camp Fun) for a decade I formed relationships with this patients and their families through the years. As the parents and doctors understood Kevin had health problems, he was identified as having cystic fibrosis. Unbeknownst to both parents, they each carried the recessive gene for this condition. When Kevin was feeling well, he played and enjoyed existence. lifted-up a lot of people – also though he previously this debilitating disease, he generally found a way to bring happiness to those around him. Readers facing medical difficulties will be inspired by Kevin's energy and the wisdom of his poetry. They both cherished writing plus they both enjoyed lifestyle as it comes. Jerry went to the mat because of their son. Kevin's story is poignant but existence affirming. Seeking Joy and Wisdom While Fighting Chronic Disease There are two battles when facing a chronic progressive disease- firstly, facing the suffering and hardship, and secondly, trying to embrace the joyous moments that are given to you. Not everyone gets the strength to encounter these two opposing issues. Kevin Henden's life will be an motivation to anyone or any family members facing them. This tale occurs in the 1970s and 80's therefore the future for someone with CF had not been as hopeful since it is today in the 21st hundred years. Jerry Henden journeyed with Kevin, and by telling the tale of Kevin's life he reveals that these were kindred spirits. But he cherished his life and told his father, "It's been a good life, Father". There are many heroes in this reserve, but Kevin and Jerry motivate you the most. As his intervals of illness became closer together and more serious, Kevin seemed to realize his lifestyle would be short. Highly recommended. His father and writer of this reserve, Jerry Hendon, kept an archive of Kevin's existence." Is a quotation from William Wordsworth And that is just what Jerry Hendon did while he attempts to keep in mind all the details of his life along with his child Kevin. This reserve has given me an even deeper insight into how cystic fibrosis impacts the patient and, especially the family members. In the event that you know a family that's going through a similar experience Kevin's story will allow you to walk with them down this hard road. When you will learn a great deal about cystic fibrosis, Kevin's chronic health condition that would ultimately take his existence, all such details is incidental, offered only as it

becomes required to understand what is going on. Through Kevin's diary we think it is wasn't exactly helpful when she compared Kevin's health issues to the trouble she's putting in her contacts! A marvelous, psychological and informative read! In the beginning I expected this reserve to be depressing, it had been sad in places and I cried, but not depressing. Jerry has written a heartwarming tale about his boy Kevin's . I recommend this reserve to a person with a heart for people. Well done! Like, laughter and tears. Lots of tears When I read Jerry's reserve, I laughed, then I cried, then I laughed some more and cried a whole lot!. He was filled with fun and laughter, and grabbed life by the heart, squeezing every drop of joy from the time he had. First and foremost, this is a story that celebrates the human being spirit and demonstrates methods to exist gratefully and with gusto, whilst that life is being lived precariously. Difficult to read without tears, but more difficult to put straight down once started! I came across the reserve to be both emotional and inspirational. The struggles, difficulties, psychological and physical discomfort experienced by Kevin, his family and friends are sensed by the reader while bringing smiles, tears, understanding, and courage at the same time. Ann, Kevin's mom, became known as Momma Grizzly to medical care providers and even to how Jerry himself felt overlooked when Ann didn't want to tell Kevin how serious his disease was and he did...was he simply the payer?. The story of a beautiful and far loved son, an amazing young man who had a feeling of his personal mortality. What a story! By the finish of the publication you feel like you understand Kevin and went through all the discomfort with Jerry. Be sure to have cells ready and don't skip the poerty.



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