

# Andy & Sofía

Stem cells, scientific miracles and one fit savior

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d spend nearly 1,000 days in seven different hospitals, see a lot more than 300 doctors and swerve close to death often. These cells result from a individual embryo, containing genetic materials from my wife, Paulina, and me, acquired through in vitro fertilization (IVF). Today we are blessed that Andy, 11, and Sofia, 6, are both healthy, beautiful children. We lived that pain ourselves. When our son was born we didn't. After 3 years and five IVF cycles, and with the critical intervention of a novel medical technology known as pre-implantation genetic analysis (PGD), our girl, Sofia, was born. how our baby would suffer, and how we' We know our tale and its difficult moral options is extremely controversial. We needed to create a baby with the proper genetic profile, whose umbilical cord bloodstream could save our 2-year-old boy, Andy, dying from a rare genetic disease. t understand he' Within an incubated petri dish in a Boston laboratory, a cluster of eight living cells holds the key to a daring new period of medical science. and to give desire to other family members facing identical dilemmas. t understand we'd have to take matters into our very own hands to get the medical miracle that could save him. Nine years ago, Paulina and I embarked about a desperate quest. We didn't. Scientists there were able to develop two fresh stem cell lines whose unique genetic properties can help researchers understand how Andy't know what a tortuous road stretched ahead of us— Her cord blood stem cells, transplanted into her brother via bloodstream transfusion, changed his faulty disease fighting capability and saved his lifestyle. Study using these cells holds enormous potential to treat a fatal disease, conserving the lives of countless children and relieving their own families of unspeakable discomfort. In gratitude, Paulina and I donated the remaining frozen IVF embryos—the ones that could never be used because they carried the flawed gene causing the disease—to the Stem Cell Research Program at Children's Hospital Boston, where Andy's disease was diagnosed and cured. The baby would also have to be free of the inherited disease killing our boy's disease, and many others, develop. From that understanding will come treatments and remedies. d experience him. We've chosen to talk about it to provide the problem a human encounter and voice— We didn't



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A love-filled soul-touching true tale of a family group desperately seeking answers to their son's endless group of diseases Andrés Treviño's first season as a fresh dad wasn't exactly what he expected: his boy Andy was in and out of hospitals generally of his young lifestyle. The visit a medical diagnosis and the special treatment Andy needed merely to survive became the family's sole occupation. The search for a analysis and the special care Andy needed just to survive became the family's sole occupation. Andres's down-to-earth chronicle of his ordeal can be an inspiration to us all. Admirables todas las acciones y decisiones que tomaron sus padres para lograr que su hijo estuviera bien. Los quiero mucho Adrés, Paulina, Andy, Sofia y Tania! Reading ANDY AND SOFIA, you may laugh, you will most probably cry, and you will not be able to put it down!. As he walked out of my office, I immediately downloaded the reserve through amazon onto my Iphone. liked the way it is written. El mejor libro, la mejor historia!! Si bien es cierto que las historias de hijos con alguna enfermedad child muy parecidas, la historia de Andy y Sofia tiene una mágia especial!! Impressive A very touching and impressive publication!.." gracias de verdad por su ejemplo y x compartir lo peor y lo mejor de su vida! He stated "Mexico". Im not at the half point however but I thought so far it's been a great read and I'll recommend it to everyone who asks. When a fresh, radical and controversial treatment option is presented to them, Andrés and Paulina face a hardcore decision that will eventually determine Andy's fate and transformation their lives forever.! HERMOSA HISTORIA Una historia de como una familia esta en una constante lucha por encontrar respuestas a la enfermedad de su hijo....! I highly recommend it! I was so touched by this book! I loved reading this book! This is a parents biggest challenge in life. and, they never let it defeat them into submission. They found the power to fight; and, against all chances, they found a way to cure their son! My eyes were misty each and every time I opened up the reserve. Throughout reading the story, I possibly could feel the pain and tension that Andres and Paulina (and Andy) were living through; Kudos to Paulina and Andres for carrying out anything and everything for his or her boy, to Sofia for offering such an amazing gift to her brother, & most of most to Andy, who fought so difficult for so lengthy in order to be considered a regular child discovering what the globe has to offer! Once I started reading, I couldn't place it down. It is a testament to the energy of a Parent's like. I can't wait to read it again. su historia sera digna de terminar con un "Y vivieron felices por siempre. Their prolonged family members support, many devoted doctors and nurses, Andrés and Paulina's beautiful relationship and their love and devotion with their dying son certainly gave small Andy a fighting opportunity. Excelente! I observed his accent right away and asked where he was from. It brings awareness to the amazing struggle that children with immune deficiencies face. One would only hope to be able to stand for one's kids what sort of Trevinos did. I highly recommend this book! unos padres que lucharon sin descansar por encontrar un diagnóstico correcto, que buscaron entre las opciones de curar a Andy la mejor, y que a pesar del dolor y el sufrimiento vivido todos esos años fueron recompensados con un doble regalo de la vida: su hermosa hija Sofía, y la vida de Andy! You'll start to love this family that came completely from Mexico to the united states to save lots of their son.! A love-filled soul-touching true tale of a family group desperately seeking answers with their son's endless group of diseases Andrés Treviño's first year as a new dad wasn't just what he expected: his child Andy was in and away of hospitals generally of his young life. After narrowing down the illness to a genetic immunodeficiency disorder, the doctors educated Andrés and his wife, Paulina, that your best option for treatment was to leave friends and family in Mexico and start a new life in Boston. After narrowing down the illness to a genetic immunodeficiency disorder, the doctors

educated Andrés and his wife, Paulina, that your best option for treatment was to keep friends and family in Mexico and start a new lifestyle in Boston. I, being the curious George I am, proceeded to interrogate him "really? Their extended family support, many devoted doctors and nurses, Andrés and Paulina's beautiful marriage and their love and devotion with their dying son certainly gave small Andy a fighting possibility. When a new, radical and controversial treatment option is presented to them, Andrés and Paulina face a tough decision that will ultimately determine Andy's fate and transform their lives permanently. Having just finished the book, personally I think like I've simply been on a psychological roller coaster. Can't wait around to finish! The Treviño family is an inspiration. I totally recommend scanning this great book. The most wonderful book I've ever read. Andy & Sophia is a crucial read. It is therefore wonderfully written, it had been seldom I didn't possess tears working down my cheeks. The Treviño family members faced among life's true horrors; Thank you to the entire Treviño family for permitting others to experience your journey. An amazing story. What a beautifully written and heartwarming story of a family's combat to overcome every parent's worst type of nightmare: a rare and potentially terminal disease of the youngster. but, somehow, it had been conveyed with an uplifting and often humorous voice. I can't place this book down. I met Andrés at my place of work a couple days ago when he came in to lease a car. Beautiful, inspirational story. This book shows the depth of a parent's love because of their child. Desde el fondo de mi corazón agradezco infinitamente este libro, esta historia y esta lección de amor que me ha enseñado tanto! Andrés's down-to-earth chronicle of his ordeal is an inspiration to people. Why did you move right here", "I found a look for the treatment for my son" and gave me an extremely brief description of what occurred. My first response was "Wow! You should write a book!" as he responded "I did!". Good news for Andy. Interesting book with a whole lot of information on items we really don't understand. Been reading it for 3 times and just can't put it down. My buddy was hit by way of a car at age group 14 when his remaining leg became 5 in. smaller than the best one, and for 4 years I watched my parents battle with getting the incorrect answers from many doctors and continuously looking for better treatments for my buddy. Andrés and Paulina are perfect people exactly like my parents who by no means gave up on Andy and went to the finish of the world to make him healthy. Five Stars I loved reading this book.



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