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# CARRY ON

A Story of Resilience, Redemption, and an Unlikely Family

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Leroy Sutton dropped both his hip and legs at 11, when he was run over by a train. Both teenagers were disadvantaged students with significant physical disabilities. When award-winning ESPN maker Lisa Fenn returned to her hometown for a story about two wrestlers at one of Cleveland's toughest public high colleges, she had no idea that the trip would change her existence. Dartanyon Crockett was legally blind due to Leber's disease; In the spirit of *The Blind Side* and *Friday Night Lights* comes a tender and profoundly moving memoir about an ESPN producer's unexpected relationship with two disabled wrestlers from inner city Cleveland and how these bonds - blossoming, ultimately, into a most unorthodox family - would transform their lives. This powerful memoir is among love, hope, faith, and strength - a tale about a unique family and the courage to carry on, even in probably the most extraordinary circumstances. After forming a profound connection with Dartanyon and Leroy, Fenn realized she couldn't simply walk away when filming ended; these males had had to get over the odds too many times. Rather Fenn devoted herself to making sure their success long after the reporting was completed and the story aired - and an unlikely category of three was formed. The years ahead will be fraught with complex challenges, but Fenn stayed with the boys every step of just how - teaching them essential life skills, helping them heal old wounds and traumatic pasts, and providing the first steady and consistent support system they'd ever had. Brought together by wrestling, that they had created a brother-like bond as they worked to get over their disabilities.



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A couple course acts collaborate on an unbelievable story I have to admit in advance that I'm in the tank for Lisa and D'artanyon, but lots of that is because the reason our paths actually crossed thanks to their compelling tale. As a journalist, Lisa can be a total pro, and brings together this unbelievable story of friendship, like, teamwork and overcoming indescribable odds. It was no easy climb for just about any of these but their persistence will resonate with the reader lengthy after they are finished with the story. Thank you, Lisa Fenn One of the best things I've ever read! The author, who met Dartanyon and Leroy while interviewing them for ESPN, soon befriended them and grew to like them. I recommend "Carry On" to everyone! "Carry On" opened my eye to the realities of poverty in America, and actually challenged my (mis)perceptions. character development which allows me to be emotionally invested in the characters; Many thanks, Lisa! First it is an inspirational tale of two amazing teenagers who overcome overwhelming chances to achieve incredible . KEEP ON inspires us-- to come out of our "bubbles" and face abject poverty: its difficulties, its expectations, and its own dreams. I only want it hadn't finished. I was so relocated by this tale. Their story is normally astonishing, and Ms. Fenn brings it to life brilliantly. A romantic revelation of incredible dedication to succeed, when ... A romantic revelation of incredible determination to achieve success, when the odds are overwhelming to fail. Lisa Fenn informed us about Dartanyon and Leroy's trip to the Olympics, intertwined with her own,so provocatively, that we become totally immersed within their lives! There are times when I was "telling Leroy not to do that"[.Again and again you remind yourself:'This the true tale of their lives'!.. Well Done!. It's so hard to take in all of the obstacles they live with.aloud] or cheering them in. Carry On - should be required reading for everybody!! For me, memorable books will need to have: good writing - challenging but nonetheless accessible; An astonishing story, brilliantly told It's true; and lastly, it must challenge, influence or change my perceptions or preconceived notions. "Carry On" is one of those books. This is a beautifully created memoir where the author's focuses on the two teenagers that eventually become section of her family. What stands out will be the bonds and relationships shaped by Lisa, Leroy, Dartanyon, and how these bonds of love are a critical and necessary section of what is had a need to try to overcome the many challenges confronted by Leroy and Dartanyon (poverty and disability and precisely what goes along with that). Her willingness to greatly help and her dogged dedication are admirable and her insight about getting born into privilege versus becoming born into poverty is definitely captivating. I found this to be an honest and unflinching look at exactly what it takes to overcome poverty in dark America. I understand that it will stick with me for a long time, and has recently inspired me to seek opportunities to contribute in my own community. Besides that, it's a really great story around three incredible people who become a family, with a wholesome dosage of sporting competitions, failures and triumphs! Spoiler alert: it takes more than cash. Lisa's tale of the youthful men's rocky trip from often hopeless childhoods to hopeful adulthoods is usually inspiring, intriguing, and eye-opening. The name says it all. What is the method? She had therefore many opportunities to stop on Leroy, on Dartaynion on getting an adoptive parent, on learning to be a biological mother or father but even though the burdens of all four converged in a manner that would crush many of us, Lisa Fenn endured and grew more powerful. That is an incredible story. therefore i was ecstatic to see the story come out more detailed on the net. I couldn't put the reserve down, and finished it in one time. I distinctly remember viewing this story on an ESPN short about Leroy and Dartanyon when it first aired in 2009 2009; Carry On Carry on is an extremely inspiring book written by Lisa Fenn. This book dives even further into the tale about the unlikely bond that was formed with three inspiring individuals. The reserve encapsulates the wonderful power of friendship and sport. This book is highly recommended to all people, especially to sports athletes. What elevates this reserve above the typical sports story is that Ms. A Center- moving, Heart-warming Challenge Lisa Finn integrates a solid faith in God with the compelling story of two young men whom culture had tossed aside.. That is a book that succeeds on a number of levels! First it really is an inspirational tale of two amazing teenagers

who overcome overwhelming odds to achieve incredible goals. Furthermore, Ms. Fenn very clearly demonstrates the energy of connections and how it could make all the difference on earth. Not only will be the two main protagonists of the amazing story inspiring so is the author for having the desire to attain out and make a difference. As the Olympics wind down and we head towards the Paralympic Games, this is actually the perfect book to truly get you psyched for the next set of world-class sports set for Rio in a few weeks. The idea of the publication is most of us can make a difference and Ms. Fenn must be commended for carrying out just that as shown in this incredibly absorbing read! Accurate compassion, perseverance, dedication transforms life and character One of a kind must read. Amazing book! Couldn't place this book straight down! It's a tale that will effect your life and leave you influenced. We can all eliminate valuable lessons. Fenn respects Dartanyon Crockett and Leroy Sutton as complex, flawed human beings, not just characters in a morality tale. It inspired people to shop around for more methods to be of service. The indomitable spirit of Lisa Fenn will continue to inspire me. Probably it can it become replicated by each folks in some small way. HAPPY READING!! I'm inspired by this tale to donate to the trust, buy the book, and cheer for both young men as they maneuver through their remarkable lives. ??? Good read Well written and well told tale from every side that follows its theme and message as we watch these young men develop and mature, along with the author. Very nice to learn a book compiled by someone who actually knows how to write and utilize the English language.. Nobody who reads this will remain unchanged. Well written and inspiring I just chose this for my bookclub to learn. It was a great choice as it prompted discussions on therefore many levels from the issues the boys faced and issues Lisa faced in assisting them, to the sport of wrestling and judo, to the inside story of earning ESPN documentaries, to explaining white privilege, to education systems, etc., etc. It is a story that has an ending which makes us question-- why do Leroy and Dartanyan "make it"? I learned therefore much. A Gripping Read Carry On is a fascinating look at the strength, abilities, determination, and hardships of two disabled teenagers.! Although I am an avid reader, I've by no means been moved to review a book on Amazon until I completed "KEEP ON" by Lisa Fenn.!! It's this exquisite knowing that most likely drove her to try the initial place and set in motion the hugely improbable occasions in this book. Incredible! Five Stars This is the best book I have read in quite a while! Honest, uplifting and inspiring! sports stories are never about just the sports.



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