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Against All Odds Island Press
 Conquering the Odds, Journey of a Shepherd Girl is the amazing story of a young girl, Habibo, who grew up in the primitive village of Balcad, Somalia. Habibo's life is one of difficulty and hardship, survival at best! Yet, because of unyielding determination, she has succeeded in life. Her successes, however, have not been without emotional strain and scars. Given up by her mother at the young age of six months to live with her grandmother and three uncles in a remote, primitive village in south central Somalia, she slept in a hut built by her grandmother which was little more than woven rugs draped over an igloo style structure made from tree branches tied together; the dirt floor she slept on was home to many cock roaches and beetles coming out only at night. As a toddler, while her grandmother grazed the sheep and goats in the grasslands, Habibo was left to stay in the hut by herself. Unfortunately, this is precisely when she was taken

advantage of, molested by neighbor boys from the age of three to five. By the time she turned five, her grandmother taught her how to graze the animals by herself, which she did each day, seven days per week in the grasslands of Somalia fending off jackals by day and hyenas by night. By the age of eleven, she was grazing her grandmother's cattle by herself as a nomad for months on end in a male dominated role having to fend for herself, sometimes successfully sometimes not, from the young men herding their own herds of cattle and camels. Habibo lived through, not only the attacks of crocodiles in the Shebelle river next to her village, but the attacks of guerillas during the breakout of civil war and the disintegration of her country into its current state of chaos. Sleeping in the forest at night with the other females of the village and herding the animals during the daytime, she survived the murder and rape which went on around her, much of which she personally witnessed. At fifteen years old, providence brought Habibo to the largest refugee camp in the world - Dadaab located in western Kenya. Built to hold 90,000, it had swollen to 150,000 by the time she arrived

there; it is now 460,000 and growing by the day. In Dadaab for three years, she helped her mother care for her younger brother and three sisters while living in their makeshift tent. Fearing for her life at night from marauders, rapists, thieves and murderers, she also witnessed the severe malnutrition and death of those around her, especially the very young and the very old. Selected by lottery to come to America, she came by herself, barely more than a teenager, with no relatives or friends, unable to speak the language and unfamiliar with western culture. Having learned the language, working, getting married and graduating from nursing school, she is now a registered nurse at one of the finest medical facilities in the world, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. An amazing woman, not without scars and plenty of tears, she has not only survived, but thrived throughout her life. Her inner strength is an example and encouragement to all people, men and women, young and old alike. A single mother, her devotion to her three children as well as her relentless pursuit of education will surely bring more success to her life. This is her story. Through it, her wisdom, courage, strength and determination of spirit shine through for all to see.

The Mighty Odds (The Odds Series #1) Simon and Schuster
Life in inner Sydney in the 40's and 50's is a far cry from the trendy suburbs we know today. Jack Stewart excels in his studies and in spite of his humble beginnings carves out a successful career. This is the story about one man's journey and his determination to make something of himself. From his love of beautiful girls to his fun-loving spirit and will to succeed, this story about Jack Stewart is a real story wrapped in a little piece of Australia's history. **JACK'S STORY IN PHOTOS** See Jack's story chronicled in pictures from his early childhood through to his journey in politics, taking battle against soon to become Prime Minister, Paul Keating. **EASY AND ENJOYABLE** Against the Odds is an easy to read account of an interesting life. It is most enjoyable from cover to cover. **REAL PEOPLE, REAL LIFE, REAL GOOD**

Promises to Keep Ikhaya Publishing

Susan O'Leary recounts the miraculous and triumphant fight of her then 9-year-old son to survive and recover from a devastating burn covering 98% of his body. The book unveils a truth of universal importance, namely, by helping others in need we can become their miracles.

Against All Odds Xlibris Corporation

The common thread among the 18 stories in *Against the Odds* is the way people can resourcefully overcome obstacles to realize their ambitions and dreams. The "odds" are varied in these skillfully written tales. An obstacle to one's success or happiness may lie in one's own character or the prejudice of someone else. A potential employer may cast a suspicious eye on an individual's background. A guardian seems reluctant to sponsor any further education for his charge. Other characters here are looking as much for increased self-respect as financial reward or better training. Set in locales as varied as Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Prince Edward Island, the stories of *Against the Odds* are peopled with orphans, teachers, actors, struggling single-parent families, intransigent relatives. It's a world, though distant from our own, where Montgomery's characters have problems similar to ours, and their methods of solving them are not very different from what we would try.

Against the Odds (The Odds Series #2) Canelo

An account of the aid worker co-author's dramatic January 2012 rescue from kidnappers in Somalia by members of a Navy SEAL Team Six unit offers insight into the effective use of targeted U.S. military missions.

Bird Brother Penguin

Creating Life Against the Odds Most prospective parents, when arriving at the decision to have children, presume their journey

will be an exciting and rewarding one, resulting in the birth of a healthy baby. When those dreams are shattered because they cannot conceive or miscarry, they ask, "Why me? What did I do wrong?" The trauma of infertility is as devastating to one's self-esteem as any other life crisis, it can destroy intimate relationships or it can bring out the best in us. In her book, *Creating Life Against the Odds*, Dr. Higgins, an obstetrician/gynecologist, describes her own experience becoming a mother by ovum donation. She also shares the first hand accounts of dozens of others who have turned to assisted reproductive technology (ART) in order to realize their dreams of becoming parents. These are stories Dr. Higgins has heard from her patients and from hundreds of women (and men) she has counseled or communicated with through confidential Internet support groups. The stories of these courageous individuals became the inspiration for *Creating Life Against the Odds*. Dr. Higgins takes us along on their journeys as they struggle with infertility, as they explore the options that medical science now offers, as they meet obstacles, and as they adjust to repeated loss. She also takes us into the minds and hearts of sperm and ovum donors, surrogates, and gestational carriers, looking at what makes them want to lend such an intimate, helping hand. Are they like organ donors? Do they do it for financial gain? When ART enters the picture and donors or surrogates are used, how should we describe their relationship to the children they helped create? And what about the children? Are they like adoptees? How do they understand their birth origins? And what should their parents tell them? Dr. Higgins' wisdom as a well-traveled physician, who has delivered babies and counseled patients from many cultures, allows her to tackle tough practical and ethical questions from a global perspective. These questions are answered honestly, with deep compassion and respect for those courageous men and women who have sought the help of ART and who belong, as a result, to a special group of parents whose success in family-building is due to an extraordinary commitment and a selfless expression of love.

Against All Odds IFP Enterprises, LLC

Against All Odds traces the hardships and ultimate redemption of "the other #22," Donnie Hixon, as he journeys from a childhood of hard knocks in the Harrisburg neighborhood of Augusta, Georgia, to Hollywood, USA. Hixon's unlikely role as stunt double for Burt Reynolds in 1974's *The Longest Yard* rights a series of life-altering setbacks as a youngster. Author of *The Augusta National Golf Club*; Alister MacKenzie's *Masterpiece*, Stan Byrde deftly weaves this heartbreaking, heroic, and oftentimes humorous tale of Hixon's life, interspersed with an ample dose of Augusta history. Movie icon Burt Reynolds, Green Bay Packer legend Ray Nitschke, The Godfather of Soul James Brown, the Augusta Riots of 1970, and alleged cover-ups in a small-town police department all play starring roles in this true to life, made-for-Hollywood script. You will ache with each resounding setback and cheer Donnie's persistence to achieve in the face of adversity. His enduring friendship with Burt Reynolds coupled with an insider's stories and pictures of NFL and movie greats on location at Reidsville prison in south Georgia during the fall of 1973 make this a must-read book for film, football, and history enthusiasts alike.

Creating Life Against the Odds Partridge Africa

Roman Halter was a spirited, optimistic schoolboy in 1939 when he and his family gathered behind the curtains to watch the Volksdeutsche (German Polish) neighbors of their small town in western Poland greet the arrival of Hitler's armies with kisses and swastika flags. Within days, the family home had been seized, twelve-year-old Roman had become a slave of the local SS chief, and, returning from an errand, he silently witnessed his Jewish

classmates being bayoneted to death by soldiers at the edge of town. So began his remarkable six-year journey through some of the darkest caverns of Nazi Europe that claimed the lives of his family and the 800-strong community of his boyhood. Incredibly, he survived the Lodz ghetto, Auschwitz, the Stutthof concentration camp, and a slave factory in Dresden, only to find this his native village, post-war, was nothing like the home he remembered.

Against All Odds Maven House

Legal life Manual. Do you live in the Jungle with Animals? Or live in civilized Society? If in the latter this book is for you. Are you a victim or a survivor? Survive and Protect yourself from gender discrimination, culture biases, belittling within home, educational to professional workplace, mental, verbal, physical, emotional, exploitation, rape and all kinds of sexual abuse. Trapped or stifled in unhappy marriage, parent child discord, years of working with bad bosses, compromise on a daily basis. Are you a prisoner of the moment.? Do you want to run away, feel suicidal? Politics of the Universe, society. Don't let it shackle you. When you are pushed to the wall. Push back. When you have nothing to lose then give yourself that one chance and take a courageous step. Don't give up. It's hard, very hard but courage and self-belief will open doors. Gather inspiration from my journey and trust me you can do it. All of us can be leaders, all we have to do is nudge that dormant factor. Giving in easy. Tenacity and resilience are words to describe that one moment when you decide to take action even if it is swimming against the tide or Against all Odds. No matter what the problem, I am your partner to overcome the challenge and turn it into a steppingstone to progress. Leader's walk the talk and should be accessible to make a difference in people's lives. Money cannot do that. Care can. Do You care for yourself or others? I care for others.

From Chicken Poop to Soup Abrams

"The odds were certainly against Andrew Bode, but with determination and set-belief in his remarkable journey, he evened them out....A journey of hope, faith and inspiration which will encourage others to believe in themselves!!!"

Enrique's Journey HarperCollins Australia

Sophia Bracy Harris was born into a world with a stark dividing line: one no less real for being invisible but was keenly felt. A line separating black from white, the haves and have nots, and those deemed better than or less than. Any challenge to erase that line could be fatal, and it was maintained by law and enforced by violence. Finding My Own Way is the story of a courageous woman who defied the lines drawn by Jim Crow, poverty, illness, gender bias and what would later prove to be the biggest line left to cross-self acceptance. This moving memoir traces Sophia Bracy Harris' journey from a humble cotton field in rural Alabama, to lobbying in the halls of power of state government, organizing black childcare providers to demand justice for women and children; serving as a trustee on the boards of several leading national organizations; presenting on the world stage at the World Conference of Women in Nairobi, Kenya and being widely celebrated by her peers. Though earning countless prestigious awards, achieving key legislative victories and working alongside some of the nation's leading figures in women's equality and social justice movements, she still waged the very private, painful battle to answer the persistent question, "Am I good enough?" Narrated with grace, humor and authenticity, Finding My Own Way is a compelling journey of a life punctuated by challenges and triumphs and, most importantly, the discovery that by birth we are all created equal and more worthy than we ever imagined.

Against All Odds Delacorte Books for Young Readers

One life-changing moment... Three years ago, Dr Henry Cavanaugh walked out of nurse Maia Tahana's life, unable to

allow himself a happy future after his family lost their lives. But now he's back — and working in her emergency department! Worse still, he's more irresistible than ever... Henry might have sworn off love, but when a powerful earthquake hits Christchurch he's faced with a prospect he can't bear...losing Maia forever. Now he has to fight with everything he has to win her back for good!

Against All Odds Little, Brown Spark

I've been asked many times about our journey through IVF; What was it like? Was it stressful? How did I feel and what did I do? Which is why I decided to share our story. It is based on the information taken from the diaries I kept at the time and snippets I discovered here and there, how I changed my lifestyle and every twist and turn along the way. It is not the most dramatic or remarkable but it happened against the odds and hopefully illustrates how to navigate certain aspects on your own voyage into the unknown. However, I do hope that my decision to share will help you to see that you are not alone and whilst the journey may seem long and bleak, miracles do happen...

Against All Odds Groundwood Books Ltd

What drove three young black men, each from America's most urban environments, to achieve their dreams of becoming doctors? The answer is in the Pulse of Perseverance. In 1998, Max Madhere, Pierre Johnson, and Joe Semien were three young, black, premedical students at Xavier University of Louisiana. Each was struggling with the demands of Xavier's rigorous curriculum, yet each was determined to succeed, even if the statistics, or the stereotypes about black men, said otherwise. By drawing on each other's determination and individual strengths, they forged a brotherhood and created a bond so strong that it would carry them through college, medical school, and well beyond. Now they've come together in Pulse to share their stories and encourage young people of color to pursue high-level careers. Max grew up in New York City and Washington D.C., Pierre in Chicago, and Joe in New Orleans. Underperforming schools, instability in the home, the trappings of street life, or simply being "expected" to fail could have derailed their aspirations, yet all three men refused to accept failure as an option. No obstacle was too great, no ambition too high. Today, Dr. Maxime Madhere, Dr. Pierre Johnson, and Dr. Joseph W. Semien Jr. are each board-certified physicians, as well as fathers and community mentors. Their message in Pulse is both simple and complex: no matter where you're from, no matter what "society" tells you, you can realize your dreams with hard work, determination, and God's guidance.

Against All Odds Createspace Independent Pub

When Terry Fox embarked on his famous attempt to run across Canada with one leg having been amputated in 1980, he inspired awe. Young readers will delight in reading about Fox and athletes like him in Real Heroes of Sport: Against All Odds.

Roman's Journey Outskirts Press

Humility Edgar Lungu has been known for many things but humility for a man of influence in a country where people often get over-consumed by their own self-importance sets him several paces apart from other politicians or national leaders. Observers have sometimes described his humility as his most admirable quality and, to many people - especially the common folk who make up the largest part of Zambia's population - his most endearing attribute. Tenacity If there was one word to describe Edgar Lungu as a late-blooming politician facing a vicious power struggle to replace Zambia's fifth President Michael Sata, tenacious would be that word. He needed bags of it, first, to survive the bitterly fought internal war to win the Patriotic Front's nomination to stand as its candidate in the 2015 Presidential election occasioned by Sata's death and, later, to fend off arch-

rival Hakainde Hichilema of the opposition UPND in another closely contested Presidential poll. Politicians make their names for any number of reasons or actions. Some for their ruthlessness, others for their brashness, cunning or indeed kindness. Edgar Lungu seems to have crafted a name for himself simply by cleverly playing the role of the political tyro who knew little about the game...the green horn the opposition made the fatal mistake of underrating. Peace-loving It is hard to imagine any other Zambian politician would so willingly have yielded to another the instruments of power left with them in accordance with the law by a sitting president, as Michael Sata did when he left Edgar Lungu to serve in his place the night he left for the UK to seek medical help in 2014. When Sata died in hospital, there were many 'expert' voices advising Lungu to keep hold onto the instruments of power, rather than decline to the incumbent Vice-President Guy Scott. Lungu happily handed over the instruments to a man who would then go on to do almost all in his powers to hinder his ambition to win the subsequent Presidential election. This is because he sought peace. I want to be remembered as an ordinary person who became President, a person who brought ordinary and human characteristics to the office of the Presidency Edgar Chagwa Lungu, Hot FM radio interview October 2015. By Anthony Mukwita.

Against the Odds Random House Trade Paperbacks

Tyree's book is an inspirational story of setbacks and how to persevere to overcome them. In the exciting and highly competitive field of track and field, Tyree was able to stand out as a dedicated athlete who always stood for the right.

Pulse of Perseverance Flying Against the Odds

In Bird Brother, Rodney Stotts shares his unlikely journey to becoming a conservationist and one of America's few Black

master falconers. Rodney grew up in Washington, D.C. during the crack epidemic, with guns, drugs, and the threat of incarceration affecting the lives of everyone he knew. He was no exception, but he was also employed by the newly founded Earth Conservation Corps, helping to restore and conserve the polluted Anacostia River. This work eventually sent his life in a different direction, as he began to train to become a master falconer and to develop his own raptor education program and sanctuary. Eye-opening, witty, and moving, Bird Brother is a testament to the healing power of nature, and a reminder that no matter how much heartbreak we've endured, we still have the capacity to give back to our communities and follow our dreams.

The Sun Is a Compass Capstone

When Kiki's father goes missing during his volunteer work as a doctor in a war zone, she does what she thinks she must to improve the odds of his coming home.

Against the Odds Abrams

In the new novel from the author of Emily, Alone and Henry, Himself, a middle-age couple goes all in for love at a Niagara Falls casino Stewart O'Nan's thirteenth novel is another wildly original, bittersweet gem like his celebrated Last Night at the Lobster. Valentine's weekend, Art and Marion Fowler flee their Cleveland suburb for Niagara Falls, desperate to recoup their losses. Jobless, with their home approaching foreclosure and their marriage on the brink of collapse, Art and Marion liquidate their savings account and book a bridal suite at the Falls' ritziest casino for a second honeymoon. While they sightsee like tourists during the day, at night they risk it all at the roulette wheel to fix their finances-and save their marriage. A tender yet honest exploration of faith, forgiveness and last chances, The Odds is a reminder that love, like life, is always a gamble.

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