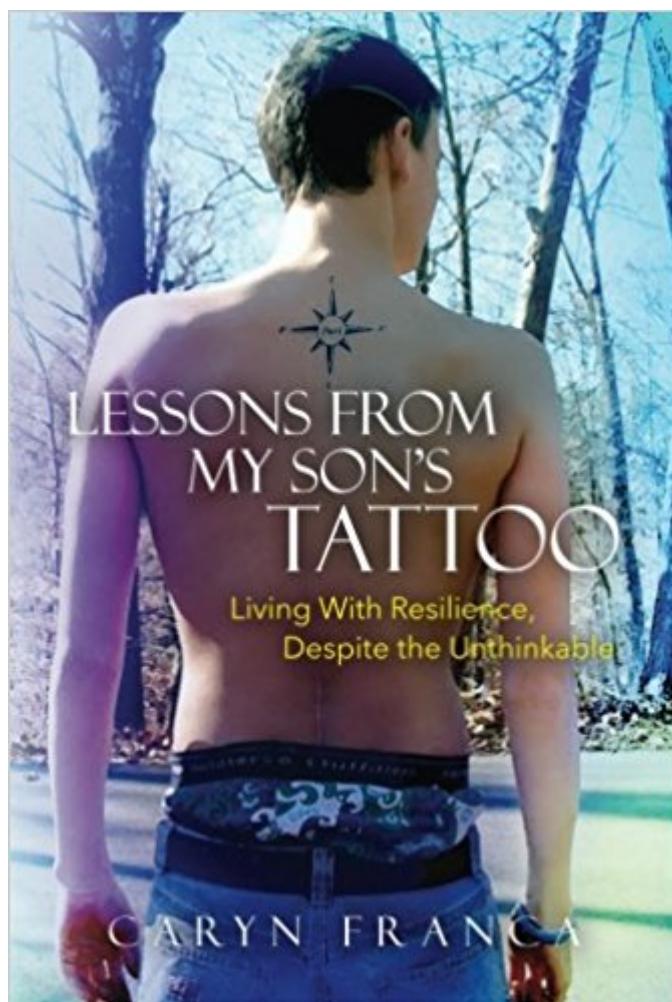


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# Lessons From My Son's Tattoo: Living With Resilience, Despite The Unthinkable



## Synopsis

In the story of a heartbreak that no mother should have to face, Caryn Franca manages to put into words the unspeakable feelings that give a voice that is universal as we all go through the tragedies that are a part of life. Her memoir shows that though we may suddenly feel crushed by life, we are not alone. Caryn's son Nick was diagnosed with cancer at fifteen, beginning a hard-fought six-year battle. They moved forward one day at a time. And though it is a mother's job to teach her son, Caryn found that Nick was the one teaching her. For one so young, he became amazingly courageous and inspiring. On his back he tattooed a compass with the words courage, strength, friends, family, and faith: his guideposts for life moving forward. He encouraged his family to get inked as well, and over the next few years, his family learned just how important those ideas were. Slowly, they each had to learn how to live with loss and find encouragement in the small miracles that happened each day. By leaning on each other and developing inner strength, they found the courage to push forward—with his memory in their hearts and the lessons he taught them etched into their skin.

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Caryn Franca maintained personal journals and a blog throughout her son's six-year battle with cancer. She is the cofounder and former president of Band of Parents, a nonprofit that raises money for cancer research. To date the group has raised \$6 million and has funded a trial that is now standard protocol at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. More information about the nonprofit can be found at [bandofparents.org](http://bandofparents.org). Caryn holds a bachelor's degree in education and has trained as a life coach with CoachU. She has found success in network

marketing with Shaklee Corporation. This is her first book.

I just finished reading a friend's book that was just published. It is a must read for every person. Caryn shares the story of helping her son fight for his life while battling cancer. The story is about the journey of life and being able to be resilient in the worst of times.. There has always been something special about Caryn Franca and her husband and the book shares the secret. They focus on living each moment instead of living for past moments or moments in the future. As Nick battled cancer he focused on living each moment.. After reading Lessons From My Son's Tattoo I am recommitting to this beautiful way to embrace life. Thank you for sharing your story and the wisdom you discovered from your beautiful son!

Caryn Franca takes you on an intimate journey with her son Nick, and her family, as they, (as a family), deal with the unthinkable. From the moment of diagnosis to the legacy Nick leaves behind, there are lessons I learned, inspiration I gained, and daily reminders burned into my brain of how blessed I am to enjoy another day of precious life.

Caryn Franca has written a beautiful book that chronicles her son's 6-year battle with neuroblastoma. What an amazing and brave young man he was. Caryn shares their roller-coaster journey with such honesty and openness and love for her son, family and friends. This story reminded how important it is to nurture and hold close our family and friends, as they are who will lift us up when we need it the most, and to also live in TODAY and appreciate TODAY. LLND! Live Like Nick Did! This book will help many who may be traveling a difficult road. - Kathy Finn

Though this is such a sad story to tell, it is shared in such a hopeful and joyful way. The gratitude that is shared throughout the pages really made me reflect on the gratitude I need to feel more of in my daily life. The commitment to love and keep showing up for your family is so touching in this book and I truly admire the strength that Caryn and Jim shared for each other in their husband/wife relationship. There is a lot to learn from this book and I highly recommend! LLND

I think I shed tears on almost every page, yet I could not put this book down. The strength and courage Nick showed throughout his battle with cancer amazes me. If he can live that way while living through hell, it makes me want to live the same way since I am not. I hope I can face issues in my own life as courageously and strong as the entire Franca family.

No one knows what emotional hardships and physical struggles one can bear until you have experienced them. Nick, Caryn, the Franca family and friends now know. By using Nick's compass, they were all able to make the journey with Nick and explore the uncharted waters of cancer. Caryn Franca beautifully details the heroic actions of her son who fought the good fight with almost super human resilience and surrounded by love. *Live Life Like Nick Did!*

As the mother of a child who has fought cancer for 11 of her 17 years, I struggle to put my deepest feelings and fears into words. Caryn not only captures her family's journey but speaks for all of us who have watched their children suffer so bravely. It is a reminder to live each day to the fullest, no matter what our circumstances may be. This book leaves me feeling humbled, grateful and blessed.

-Cindy Terrio

An absolute MUST READ BOOK! I finished this within 24 hours of getting it in the mail. It will break your heart and show you all the beauty of life and love all at the same time. Caryn and the Francas are truly the most remarkable family and so brave and strong. This book will teach you how to embrace life and remind you to always *Live Like Nick Did!* Beautiful and amazing book!

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