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My Name Is Bryan

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Based on A True Story



Synopsis

If your friends jumped off a cliff, would you jump too? Bryan chose to dive. Moments later, as he lay on the beach, unable to move his arms or legs, two questions ran through his mind: Would he walk again? And would he ever have kids? Based on the incredible true story of life, love, and never giving up.

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Customer Reviews

If you are an emotional reader like I am then grab a box of tissues. I have always said I love it when an author can pull me in and make me feel like I am walking in the story right along with the characters. This one did just that, and so much more. I don't know how many times I have asked my kids this questions "If your friends jumped off a cliff would you". Never once did I consider "if your friends went cliff jumping would you". I loved cliff jumping when I was younger. Now as an adult / mother, I would never do it. Plus the older I get the wimpier I get...hehe. Bryan is looking forward to going on a trip with the youth. This will be his last time to go because he is 18 . He sets off on his adventure with his best friends, sister Becky, and much to his chagrin his parents as chaperone's,

along with other youth. (youth, a word in my world (LDS world) meaning ages 12-18 groups). They are going on a white water rafting trip. Bryan's father tell him that there will be some cliffs they will be able to jump off of when they are on the trip. Bryan is so excited and shares the news with this friends. All of the boys are even more excited to go on this trip now. Two days into their rafting trip they make camp and find the cliffs. Bryan's friends were enjoying themselves before Bryan was able to join. When he arrived he didn't want to "show" every one up, but he decided he must dive. Bryan takes a running jump and does the most beautiful swan dive and enters the water like butter, and his whole life changes. Bryan realized when he hit the water that something was wrong.. The bottom was coming too fast, and then he hears a pop. He knows, right then that his life will never be the same.

Recently out of high school, Bryan Carroll was on a river rafting trip with a group of teenagers with his parents as chaperones. Near the end of the trip there was a spot where they could dive off a cliff. Most of the others were jumping or doing flips. Bryan chose to do a beautiful swan dive. He didn't come back up. The others waited on the cliff for Bryan to surface so the next person could jump in. After one, then two minutes passed, one of the other young people on the shore waded out to see what had happened to Bryan and found him floating just under the surface of the water. He called to the other boys and they hurried to drag his limp body onshore. My Name is Bryan is a true story. It is a story that will restore your belief in true love and inspire you to keep going when you want to give up. Bryan was born sometime in the late '50s or early '60s (the book didn't specify) and that means that there was very little technology for the disabled in those days, unlike today. Yet Bryan was able to accomplish so much with his life, even as a quadriplegic. By nine years after his accident he was married, had an engineering degree and was the father of two children. The story of his family as he was growing up, especially his relationship with his grandfather was very touching. The author did an excellent job of bringing each of their personalities across into the story so that we could get to know them. By the end of the book I felt like they were my friends too and I didn't want the book to be over because I wanted to keep visiting with them. I think that My Name is Bryan will remind readers that it is important to surround themselves with people who can support them emotionally when things are tough.

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