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## Biographies About People Triumphing Over Adversity

- **Mitch Albom** Tuesdays with Morrie (378.12.A339.t)  
Dying professor gives former student lessons in life
- **Jean-Dominique Bauby** The diving bell and the butterfly  
(B.B323.Bd)  
Extraordinary story of man only able to communicate by  
blinking an eyelid
- **Rick Bragg** All over but the shoutin' (B.B72977.ba)  
Tribute to his mother who kept the family together in times of  
terrible deprivation
- **Michael J. Fox** Lucky Man: a Memoir (B.F8315.FI)  
Popular actor tells story of Canadian childhood, his rise to  
fame and dealing with diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.
- **Myrlie Evers-Williams** Watch Me Fly: What I Learned on the  
Way to Becoming the Woman I Was Meant to Be  
(323.092.E937.w)  
Widow of Medgar Evers recounts her struggles to become  
educated and raise three children alone
- **Homer Hickam Jr** Rocket boys (B.H5198.HR)  
Rocket scientist's affectionate memoir of growing up in 1950s'  
America
- **Judy Collins** Singing lessons (B.C6937.Cs)  
Singer's account of overcoming alcoholism and the tragic  
suicide of her son
- **Hamilton Jordan** No Such Thing As a Bad Day: A Memoir  
(B.J7623.Jn)  
Former Whitehouse Chief-of-Staff battles cancer during  
Washington years
- **Jacqueline Joyner-Kersey** A Kind of Grace: the  
autobiography of the world's greatest female athlete  
(B.J8577.k)  
Olympic gold-medalist triumphs over poverty, family tragedy  
and serious asthma attacks.
- **Stephen Kuusisto** Planet of the blind (B.K9696.Kp)  
Autobiography of man almost totally blind since birth

- **Jennifer Lauck** Blackbird : a childhood lost and found (B.L363.Lb)  
The house on Mary Street, Carson City, Nevada is home to five-year-old Jennifer Lauck. Her life should be perfect, but her mother is very ill. In this memoir, Jennifer describes growing up in the 1970s and the extraordinary circumstances of her lost childhood.
- **Jennifer Lauck** Still waters (B.L362.Ls)  
The sequel to "Blackbird"
- **James McBride** The colour of water (B.M1226.Mc)  
Moving tribute by black musician to his mother, daughter of a Jewish rabbi
- **Denise Chong** The Girl in the Picture: the story of Kim Phuc, the photograph and the Vietnam War (959.7043.C4553.g)  
Struggles of the girl in the famous photograph in the aftermath of the Vietnam War
- **Frank Minucci** Brother Frank (ME Info Net)  
Drug dealer and mob enforcer who ended up an ordained minister
- **Lance Armstrong** Its Not About the Bike (B.A7363.Ai)  
Champion cyclist talks about his battle with cancer
- **Debbie Morris** Forgiving the dead man walking (364.1532.M831.f)  
The movie "Dead man walking" starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn was based on this true story
- **David Pelzer** A Child called "it": one child's courage to survive (362.76.P369.c)
- **David Pelzer** The lost boy : a foster child's search for the love of a family (362.76.P369.l )
- **Velma Wallis** Two Old Women: an Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival (398.2W158.t)  
Legend of two old women who find they can do more than they thought they could when abandoned by their tribe during a cold winter.