



On the Toss of a Coin: A memoir of a near-death illness. and my fight for survival (Paperback)

By Michael Wise

Troubador Publishing, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. One otherwise regular January morning in 2009, Michael Wise s world was thrown into turmoil. He was at the peak of his career as an internationally renowned specialist dental surgeon when he was struck by an exceptionally rare, near-fatal, streptococcal blood infection. Within hours, his vital organs failed as this catastrophic illness swept through his entire body. He was in a coma and on life support for ten days, careering ever closer to death. On The Toss of a Coin is a raw and honest account of Michael s fight for survival and rehabilitation, charting his gruelling journey from health, to near-death, kidney dialysis, a kidney transplant from a live donor and recovery. He was both patient and clinician, which gave him a unique insight. In part one, the reader enters the strange mind of a person in a coma; parts two to four describe the physical and emotional stages of the illness following intensive care. Michael remained on the critical list for several weeks as doctors battled to save his life. Kept alive by dialysis, Michael needed a kidney transplant, and after fourteen months a...

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