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Semicolon: Memoir Of A Colon Cancer Survivor



Synopsis

Semicolon takes a frank but humorous, and often witty, look at the procedures and events surrounding one man's journey through colorectal cancer. Mark takes on the serious, at times frightening, and potentially deadly issues. It will enlighten and entertain you at the same time.

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Customer Reviews

Mark has written a very heart-felt and personal story which goes beyond his situation, providing a pathway of knowledge for those with colon or rectal cancer. As a fellow colon cancer survivor, I identify with his feelings and emotions. Although I was fortunate enough to not have to go through the chemotherapy or radiation with my cancer, I understand what he felt and experienced during those grueling times. I have friends and acquaintances who are fellow survivors of this ridiculous cancer and I now know what they have had to go through. Hopefully I will not have a recurrence and require additional treatments (beyond the scheduled colonoscopies, CT scans, and blood tests) but

through Mark's experience I now have more of an idea about what will happen and how to get through it. Mark's story is written in a blog or diary format which provides a POV experience as it unfolds. Even though it has some lapses in time, it is woven together into a heartfelt, joyous, and at times extremely personal account. The additions to his story which involve his daughter and mother demonstrates that Mark is "Everyman" with a personal story and dimension that goes beyond his cancer. He is much more than his illness, as he shows in his book. I believe this book provides a handbook, which should be read by every colon and rectal cancer patient/survivor and their loved ones and caregivers. Thanks, Mark, for shining this light!

This is a non-fiction story; told in first person. And a very great tale at that . . . What a gratifying story to have read! For once, I've finally gotten to hear first hand from a male's perspective of what it's like to walk alongside a diseased relationship. And just as one may have thought it's not a pretty picture. As the story unfolds, this author pours it all out to its readers . . . from diagnosis to recovery. The story has plenty of insight about the scope of this deadly relationship; and what is to be experienced and expected. And as we know, many have actually died from its claws. More often than not, I've found myself engulfed in reading the woman's side of the journey. Now to have travelled with this author (Mark) as he took us down his long journey kept me in awe . . . just wondering what unexpected twists and turns he'd encounter next. Mark does a fantastic job in pulling the reading into the story; as he recalls or relives what life was like living inside a toxic disease. Amazing how he continued to work and maintain some sense of normalcy while continuously fighting to win the battle against the clutches of this relationship. Every time I hear what this disease does to an individual it just cuts right through to my skin. And it only proves there is no preference for who it shall attack. Yes, there are some losses in this story. But we can be grateful and blessed that this author made his way through the journey; and has discovered there is light at the end of the tunnel. Truly, this is a phenomenal story; and the author is to be commended for his willingness to share his journey. I was highly impressed to learn this author has chosen to donate portion of proceeds to the center for Colon Cancer Alliance. And it's simply another way to join in the fight . . . Kudos, to this author! Truly, it is a must read.

I am a colon cancer survivor and I enjoyed the book. I liked how he had a sense of humor in the book too. I am happy for him to have the cancer in the past and wish the author the best.

Memoir of a Colon Cancer Survivor is exactly the type of book I was looking to read. The author writes of his journey in dealing with a devastating colon cancer diagnosis. Going through colon cancer myself and reading about Mark's experience was extremely comforting. It was actually like having a good friend that had gone through the unknown before and was able to tell (me) all about it--the good and the bad, and yet, through it all, come out on the other side as a survivor. If Mark can do this, so can you! A must read if you or someone you know has CRC.

If you want the cold hard truth about what this man and other colon/rectal cancer patients go through this is a good book! It took me a couple of chapters to get into it but when I did I read it till it was finished. Mark tells it like it is and sometimes it's not so pretty but it's real. Most of the things he talked about are things my son at 38 yrs. old said when he was going through colon/rectal cancer. Now I know his feelings were shared by others in the same situation he was in. I will pass this book onto him as he is a member of Colon Cancer Alliance as I am. There were moments that I laughed and a lot of when I cried, not only the memories that my son has shared but some that Mark has shared on his own journey. Colon cancer is curable as he says if detected early. My son is still with me, Thank God. He was also stage 3. Read this book and it will tell you exactly what you'll be going through if you have been diagnosed. Also join a Relay For Life. I have done it for 3 yrs. The first year as a team mate, a year as captain and last year as a year of a team member. Bless you Mark and as a colon cancer survivor I thank you for getting the word out.

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