Synopsis

There was no blood at the scene, not even a cut on his body. Yet on May 25, 1999, when the top of a massive beech tree snapped off and slammed into 33-year-old, Adirondack logger Scott Remington, his bones exploded. The terrain was unforgiving and the area too remote for cell phones. So the fact that paramedics reached him and got him out of the woods is a miracle. So is the improbable aftermath of a freak accident whose outcome felt like death to a woodsman who never knew how to sit still.

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Customer Reviews

Amy Montgomery does a great job of capturing the experience of Scott Remington, a logger who suffered a life-changing accident. Close to death, Remington’s family and friends immediately form a tight circle of support for him which has only strengthened since the accident. Montgomery provides an intimate look at the physical and emotional challenges faced by Remington and his family. The writing style is comfortable and enables the reader to quickly identify with all of the people in the book. After a few chapters, the book no longer is about an accident. It is about Remington’s character, his capacity to change and his willingness to do so. More importantly, as we see parts of ourselves in the people around him, it is about the ability we all have to become better. Buy one for you and one for a friend.

Mrs. Montgomery has written an amazing story of survival and courage. With her clear and concise writing style, she has let the strength of the story be her guide - the author tells the story of Scott
Remington’s horrific accident with a simple clarity that is most impressive - she brings us into the homes of the Remington family and friends and gives us a glimpse of what they all endured after the accident. Where many authors will throw extraneous adjectives and superlatives at each character or event, Mrs. Montgomery possesses the writing discipline to let Scott Remington’s story stand on its own merits - Well Done! I look forward to her next book!

Amy Montgomery really brings to life both the suffering and humanity of Scott Remington without ever stooping to pity or cliché as is so often found in these books. The "heart" of Scott’s parents, children, and friends, as well as the heartbreak and confusion of his wife are brought to life in a clear and precise voice. The graphic description of Scott’s medical condition and therapies balanced against the journal entries kept by his parents and friends bring a real humanity to his story. The author has put forth a great first effort and created a book well worth reading. I am an avid reader of all different genres, but I will keep an eye out for Amy’s sophomore effort.

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