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From Publishers Weekly Sundquist proves to be equally enthralling and witty at the written word in this sometimes heartbreaking, mostly uplifting memoir. Diagnosed with cancer at the age of nine, Sundquist eventually is forced to deal with the harsh reality of losing his left leg to amputation. Yet even at his young age, he deals with the setback with courage and determination, eventually setting his sights on becoming a ski racer at the 2006 Paralympics in Italy. While skiing becomes a large part of his life, his story is just as much about growing up in small-town Virginia and, for example, dealing with common high school heartbreak. His dreams of a world ski racer are eventually met, because in his words, "I don't have time to fail". Some of his retelling of events at times seem over the top, but overall Sundquist is an honest and charming writer. And there are countless lighthearted anecdotes, like his desire to stop being homeschooled and attend public school partly for the pizza without whole-wheat crust. The final chapter provides a fitting conclusion to Sundquist's, proving that life is more about the journey than the destination.

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From Sundquist was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer as a nine-year-old and soon thereafter lost his leg to the disease. His dad was an aspiring minister and his mother a very conservative Christian who home-schooled her children. This first-person memoir relates his and his family's struggle with the disease and his evolution into a young man who competed successfully in the 2006 Paralympics in Turin, Italy. Readers expecting an inspirational tale of faith, family, and determination in overcoming a devastating illness will not be disappointed. What will delight readers even more is the unexpected literary skill and absurdist humor employed by Sundquist to recount his journey. Particularly telling are his memories of the years when he was diagnosed and the period immediately after the amputation; his child's-eye view of the proceedings is both heart-wrenching and laugh-out-loud funny. It's those Sedaris-like observations—substituted for the overwrought seriousness that fuels many inspirational first-person accounts of adversity overcome—that make this a very special book. --Wes Lukowsky --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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