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ALL PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF "Surviving Death" WILL BE DONATED TO BENEFIT CANCER RESEARCH. Upon learning of her late husband's diagnosis with stage II bladder cancer, the author kept a daily log of her observations and emotions in the belief that she would be able to share that historical record with him after the cancer had been cured or gone into remission. When it became clear that Michael would not recover, Sarah used her writing as a personal outlet for the emotion, fear and hope that accompanies such an experience. As a result of those daily (sometimes hourly) entries, the effects of the cancer and of the cancer treatments were meticulously documented - from diagnosis to radiation and chemotherapy treatments to finally fighting the resulting infection that took Michael's life. Surviving Death provides a real-time, personal account of the experience of being a wife and mother in this quite common position of providing emotional strength, acting as a patient advocate and bearing witness as an observer to the inner workings of the American medical system while spending three uninterrupted weeks in a hospital's intensive and hospice care. This chronicle is not only relevant to those who have experienced the loss of a spouse or loved one. This story is repeated in hospitals many times each day. It is relevant to any in the medical profession who care for the critically ill and important to their families. This is a one-of-a-kind chronicle that is important because of its immediacy and the integrity with which the story is recounted - the only changes have been those made to preserve the anonymity of the doctors and the hospital where this took place. The account of three weeks attending the treatment and death of her spouse of 23 years is at once disturbing, humorous, irreverent, heartbreaking and hopeful. ALL PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF "Surviving Death" WILL BE DONATED TO BENEFIT CANCER RESEARCH.

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