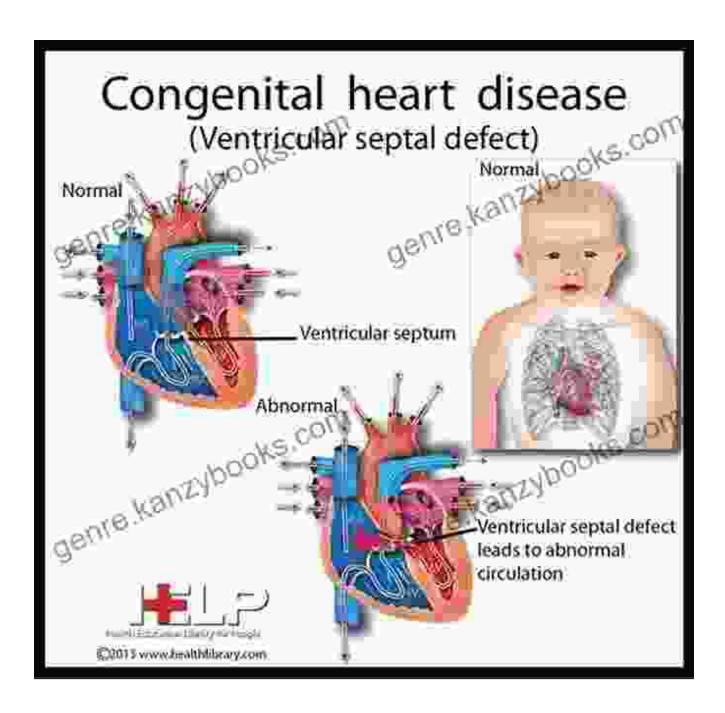
# A Parent's Journey: A Memoir of Congenital Heart Disease



When my son was born, we were told he had a congenital heart defect. We were scared and confused. We didn't know what this meant for him or for our family.

This memoir is our story. It's a story of love, hope, and resilience. It's a story of the challenges we faced and the triumphs we celebrated. It's a story of how we learned to navigate the complex world of congenital heart disease.



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#### **Diagnosis**

We found out that our son had a congenital heart defect when he was born. He was born with a hole in his heart. The hole was small, but it was enough to cause him to have trouble breathing and eating.

We were immediately referred to a cardiologist, who confirmed the diagnosis. The cardiologist told us that our son would need surgery to

repair the hole in his heart. We were scared, but we knew that we had to do whatever it took to help our son.

#### Surgery

Our son's surgery was scheduled for when he was 6 months old. The surgery was successful, and our son recovered quickly. He is now a healthy and happy 5-year-old boy.

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#### **Life After Surgery**

After our son's surgery, we were finally able to breathe a sigh of relief. We knew that he would still have to face challenges, but we were confident that he would be able to overcome them.

Our son is now a happy and healthy 5-year-old boy. He loves to play with his friends, go to school, and learn new things. He is an inspiration to us all.

#### **Hope and Support**

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There are many resources available to families of children with congenital heart disease. The American Heart Association is a great place to start. The AHA provides information and support to families of children with heart defects.

There are also many support groups available to families of children with congenital heart disease. These groups can provide a place for families to connect with others who are going through similar experiences.

I encourage you to reach out for help if you are facing challenges. There are many people who care about you and want to help you and your child.

Congenital heart disease is a serious condition, but it is not a death sentence. With proper treatment, children with congenital heart disease can live long and healthy lives.

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Thank you for reading.



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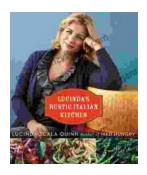
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