

NICK'S NEW HEART

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SUSAN MAY skillfully weaves a story of strength, ability, determination, faith, teamwork and inspiration in her book as she recounts the story of her baby Nick and the overwhelming odds he faced. Although his birth at first seemed normal, the initial smiles of doctors and nurses soon turned solemn, then to whispers, urgent phone calls, and consultations as Nick's worried mother asked, "Is my baby fine?"

Her question either went unanswered or was met with a simple, "I do not know. More tests are needed."

The others requests to see her baby resulted in evasion, "Not now. Not yet. We'll see." After a brief explanation to the parents, an ambulance appeared at the hospital – not an ordinary ambulance, but one specially equipped to deal with problems of the very young. Nick was placed with in the ambulance and whisked away to specialists, cardiologists with an excellent staff in a large children's hospital in Atlanta. While Nick's father followed the swiftly moving vehicle, his mother remained in her local hospital. She was soon released, taken to the door in a wheelchair with a balloon that read. "It's a

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BOY!” But she held no boy in her arms. Instead she felt bewildered, Frightened. She wanted some how to disappear, to hide behind a plant and become invisible.

She did not realize then that the adventure had only begun, as test revealed that this baby had a catastrophic problem potentially more deadly than cancer. The author writes Nick’s story from the family’s point of view. She also

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