

# My Sometimes Hilarious Story Of Infertility, High Risk Pregnancy, And Finding Out I Had My Child's Rare Disease



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I never thought I would be the one in a million. The one who would struggle to get pregnant. The one who would have a high risk pregnancy. The one who would find out her child had a rare disease.

But that's exactly what happened to me.

I started trying to get pregnant when I was 30. After a year of trying, I still wasn't pregnant. I went to the doctor, and they told me I had unexplained infertility.

I was devastated. I had always dreamed of being a mother. I couldn't imagine my life without children.

I decided to try IVF. It was a long and difficult process, but it finally worked. I got pregnant with my son, Ethan.

My pregnancy was high risk from the start. I had to have weekly ultrasounds and blood tests. I was also on bed rest for the last few months of my pregnancy.

But despite all of the challenges, I was so happy to be pregnant. I couldn't wait to meet my son.

Ethan was born at 37 weeks via emergency c-section. He was tiny and he had to spend a few days in the NICU. But he was healthy and I was so relieved.

When Ethan was 6 months old, I started to notice that he wasn't developing as quickly as other babies. He wasn't sitting up or rolling over. He also had a hard time eating and breathing.

I took Ethan to the doctor, and they told me that he had a rare disease called spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). SMA is a genetic disease that affects the nerves and muscles. It can cause weakness, difficulty breathing, and eventually paralysis.

I was devastated. I couldn't believe that my son had a rare disease. I didn't know what the future held for him.

But I was determined to give Ethan the best life possible. I started researching SMA and I found a clinical trial that he could participate in. The trial was testing a new drug that could potentially slow the progression of SMA.

Ethan started the trial when he was 1 year old. The drug has been working well for him. He is now 4 years old and he is ng great. He is able to sit up, roll over, and eat on his own. He is also starting to talk.

I am so grateful for the clinical trial and for the new drug that is helping Ethan. I know that he will still have challenges ahead, but I am confident that he will be able to live a full and happy life.

My journey has been difficult, but it has also been filled with love and laughter. I have learned so much about myself and about the strength of the human spirit.

I am sharing my story in the hope that it will inspire others who are facing challenges. I want people to know that they are not alone and that there is always hope.

If you are struggling to get pregnant, if you have a high risk pregnancy, or if you have a child with a rare disease, I want you to know that you are not alone. There are people who care about you and want to help.

Please don't give up. There is always hope.



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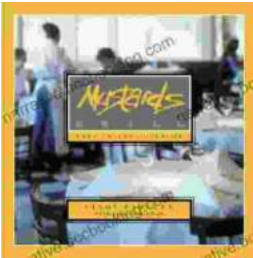
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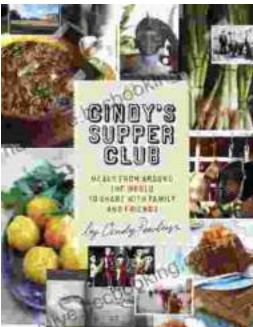
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