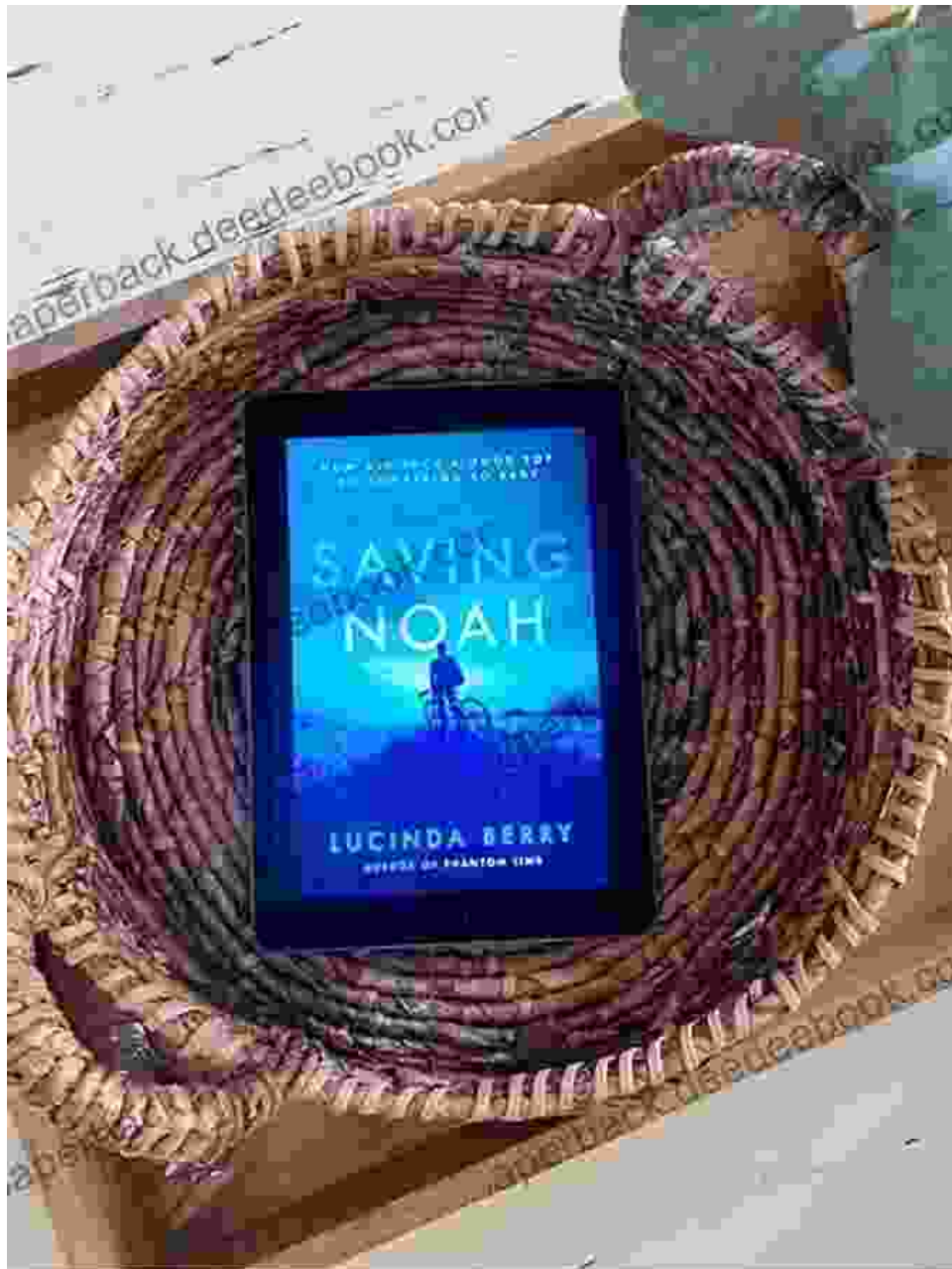


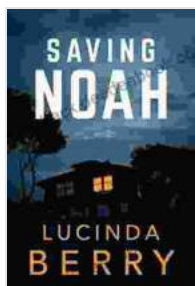
Saving Noah Lucinda Berry: A Heartbreaking Tale of Love, Loss, and the Power of Determination



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Noah Lucinda Berry was a happy and healthy little boy, full of life and laughter. But at just 2 years old, he was diagnosed with a rare and life-threatening disease called spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). SMA is a genetic disorder that affects the motor neurons in the spinal cord, leading to progressive muscle weakness and atrophy.

Noah's parents, Lucinda and David Berry, were devastated by the diagnosis. They were told that there was no cure for SMA and that Noah would likely not live past his early teens.

But Lucinda and David refused to give up. They spent countless hours researching SMA and looking for any possible treatment that could help their son. They found a clinical trial at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that was testing a new gene therapy for SMA.

The gene therapy was a risky procedure, but Lucinda and David knew that it was their only hope. Noah underwent the gene therapy in 2017, and it was a success. The therapy stopped the progression of SMA, and Noah's motor function began to improve.

Noah is now 7 years old, and he is a happy and healthy little boy. He is able to walk, run, and play with his friends. He is still receiving ongoing treatment for SMA, but he is doing well and his prognosis is good.

Noah's story is a testament to the power of love and determination. His parents never gave up on him, and they fought tirelessly to find a cure for his disease. Their love and dedication have given Noah a chance at life, and they have inspired hope for other families affected by SMA.

SMA: A Rare and Devastating Disease

Spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) is a rare genetic disease that affects the motor neurons in the spinal cord. Motor neurons are responsible for sending signals from the brain to the muscles, allowing us to move.

SMA is caused by a mutation in the SMN1 gene. This gene produces a protein called SMN, which is essential for the survival of motor neurons. Without SMN, motor neurons die, leading to muscle weakness and atrophy.

SMA is classified into four types, depending on the age of onset and the severity of the symptoms. Type 1 SMA is the most severe type, and it usually affects infants. Children with Type 1 SMA have difficulty breathing, swallowing, and moving. They often require a ventilator and feeding tube to survive.

Type 2 SMA is less severe than Type 1, and it usually affects toddlers. Children with Type 2 SMA are able to sit and stand, but they may have difficulty walking. They may also have problems with breathing and swallowing.

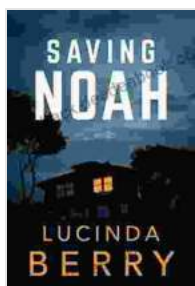
Type 3 SMA is the mildest type, and it usually affects older children and adults. People with Type 3 SMA may have difficulty walking and running, but they are usually able to live a relatively normal life.

SMA is a devastating disease, but there is hope for patients. New treatments are being developed all the time, and they are giving patients a chance at a longer and more fulfilling life.

The Power of Love and Determination

Lucinda and David Berry are an inspiration to all parents who are facing a difficult diagnosis. Their love and determination have given Noah a chance at life, and they have shown the world that anything is possible when you have hope.

The Berry family's story is a reminder that we should never give up on our loved ones, no matter how difficult the challenges may seem. With love, determination, and a little bit of hope, anything is possible.



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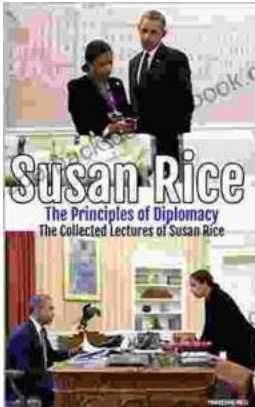
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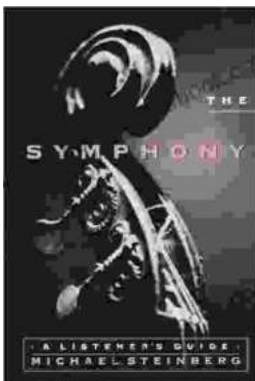
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