

Grit
is our
SUPERPOWER!



Dedication

This book is lovingly dedicated to those who battle with the dark days, and the ones who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

And to the one who inspired it, but will not read it — Jack — the best show choir and ukulele partner I'll ever have.



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Once upon a time, there was a little girl named June. June loved to swim, and to play princess, but June especially loved to dance.



One day, June started hopping. Not because she wanted to hop, but just because hopping felt better than walking.



June's parents didn't think much of it at first, but then she wouldn't stop hopping. Her parents asked her to stop and walk normally. "Please, slow down and walk."

"This isn't safe, you need to walk inside."

"You **MUST** walk."

But, June just couldn't. Her walking parts didn't work right anymore.

At last, her parents took her to the doctor to find out what was wrong. The doctor took some blood, did an x-ray, and then June and her parents waited for the news.

It was scary news. June had a tumor on her leg. The doctors would need to operate and remove it. June would need to use a wheelchair for a few months. June would be absent from school for a while, and she'd miss seeing her friends everyday. June would need to learn to walk again. Her leg might never recover — no one knew for sure.

June and her parents were worried...but the day came for her surgery and they hugged each other and hoped for the best.



The surgery went well. June used a wheelchair to get around and eventually went back to school with her friends.



With help of physical therapists, June started to learn to walk again. It was a lot of work. It wasn't easy. Some days, June just wanted to cry — it was too hard. Some days she wanted to quit.



But she kept at it. She didn't give up. Eventually she was ready to swim again...and dance again...

Did you notice June's superhero cape? That's right, June is a superhero and her superpower is grit.



Have you ever heard that word "grit" before? It means passion and determination. It means believing in yourself and working hard to get better.

Did you know grit is your superpower too? It's true! You can stick with it to achieve your goals — you can never give up. Think of it — you can get better at something every day. You can find new ways to solve a tough math problem, or you can get better at scoring goals in soccer.

With grit as your superpower you also have an invisible superhero cape — that is there whenever you need it.



To dance and
leap high.

to wrap
yourself in
for comfort,



or share with a
friend to sit on
and read a
good book.

Grit is Our Superpower!

Design your superhero cape.



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About the Author

Hi, I'm Maggie June. This book is my true story about being diagnosed with a benign tumor, having it surgically removed, and recovering with the help of my parents, teachers, and friends. I hope when you read this story you see that you too can overcome difficult situations with the grit inside YOU!

You are going to do BIG things, so be brave. You should always be proud of yourself. But remember, have FUN too!

"Your dreams are on the other side of your grit."



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