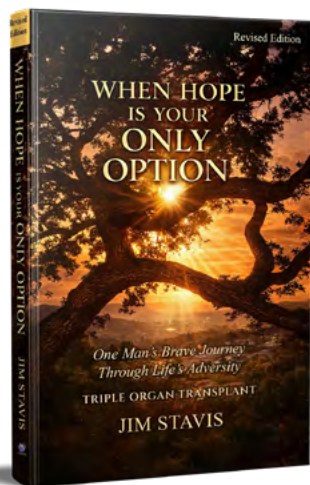




JIM STAVIS

When Hope Is Your Only Option

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Short bio:

Jim Stavis is a triple organ transplant survivor, the author of *When Hope Is Your Only Option* (Montaigne Medal Finalist), and the award-winning writer and producer of the documentary *Source of Hope*. Told at seventeen he'd be lucky to see fifty, he is now seventy-one. He remains the only triple-transplant recipient in Cedars-Sinai's history.

Long bio:

Jim Stavis was diagnosed with juvenile type 1 diabetes in 1971, at seventeen, and told to expect kidney failure, heart disease, blindness, and a life that likely ended before fifty. He built Paragon Steel instead — a Southern California steel distributor now in its thirty-eighth year, whose work includes the steel pods at Tongva Park and canopies at LACMA. In 2005, after years of dialysis and heart failure, he received a heart and kidney at Cedars-Sinai, followed by a pancreas in 2006 — a triple transplant with virtually no precedent. He remains the only such recipient in the hospital's history. His donor was Brice Fabing, a seventeen-year-old football kicker; Jim walks with the Fabing family each year in the Donate Life California 5K. He is the author of *When Hope Is Your Only Option*, a Montaigne Medal Finalist reviewed by Kirkus and Foreword, and the writer and producer of the award-winning documentary *Source of Hope*. His story has been featured in *USA Today*, *Reader's Digest*, and *Cedars-Sinai Pulse*. He is seventy-one.



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"The doctor said it had never been done. I said, I'll be the first." — the only triple-transplant recipient in Cedars-Sinai history

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The CEO on dialysis — running a steel company three days a week around a dialysis schedule, and winning a \$20 million contract in the middle of a recession

Told he'd die at fifty, now seventy-one — what you do with a life you were told you wouldn't get

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