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# Living With Cancer: The Ultimate Teen Guide (It Happened To Me)



## Synopsis

Cancer hits hard at any age, but it is especially challenging for teens who must battle their disease while negotiating the tricky terrain of adolescence. This book explores the range of challenges cancer places on both teens who have cancer and teens who have friends or family members with cancer. Denise Thornton follows cancer's devastating path through a teen's life from diagnosis to treatment and survivorship, with special attention to how cancer can affect relations with friends and family, and its impact on school life. *Living with Cancer* explores the toll cancer can take on self image and looks at how teens facing cancer have found a sense of balance and control. Each chapter takes advantage of expert knowledge and new information that is continually coming to light, but the bulk of the book is made up of narratives shared by teens whose lives have been changed by cancer. This book will prove immensely useful for teens who are facing cancer, as well as friends and family members who want to understand and support them.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 12 - 17 years

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## Customer Reviews

Each year, 72,000 teens and young adults are diagnosed with cancer, and thousands more will have a parent or sibling diagnosed. Considered the "invisible cohort" within cancer research, teens living with cancer have unique needs that are not always met. This thirtieth volume in the *It*

Happened to Me series examines the needs and experiences of teen cancer survivors in their own words, along with some general information and support recommendations. Thornton, whose brother died of leukemia, clearly cares deeply about her subject and the teens who tell their stories....Teens needing comfort during a difficult time may find it in this volume. (VOYA)Written primarily for teens surviving cancer, this guide is chock-full of advice, tips, and firsthand accounts. The views of teens with a sibling or a parent battling the disease are also presented. Honest and heart-wrenching, this title doesn't shy away from the brutal realities of the disease. Chapters are broadly organized, focusing on topics that include the initial diagnosis, treatment, family, friends, self-image, and school, among others....Source notes and additional resources at the end of each chapter are extensive. Sidebars highlight topics such as celebrity battles with cancer, books and movies featuring characters with the disease, or more scientific information, such as the fact that the first bone marrow transplant was done on a teen....The material is current and relevant, and the many black-and-white photos are dynamic and well chosen....This is a valuable resource, reminding those affected that they are not alone. Living with Cancer...addresses the emotional needs particular to teens. (School Library Journal)Captures poignantly the emotions of young people dealing with their recurrent cancers. (New York Journal of Books)At the heart of the book are the experiences of young cancer survivors and families, who reveal their pains both emotional and physical, their coping strategies, their fears and hopes - and their determination and courage....This accessible book offers valuable, often lifesaving insights and information to both adults and youth. (Youth Today)

Denise Thornton is the author of Physical Disabilities: The Ultimate Teen Guide (Scarecrow Press, 2007).

This is a great resource for anyone with teens dealing with various forms of cancer. I am somewhat biased, however, because my daughter is one of the teens that was interviewed for this book. I can tell you, however, that the stories are real, with very little editing for content. If you work with teens or have a teen going through cancer, this will help them realize that they aren't alone. Teens rarely WANT to join a group of other teens for anything, but this book can help them see that they aren't the only ones dealing with the various effects of treatment and the illness itself. Worth the money at full price, but there are several used books available. Check it out.

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