



Her Longest Marathon: A Runner's Race to Survive (Paperback)

By Randy Birken

Blue Dolphin Publishing, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. October 20, 2000, Joyce Lance, a fifty-two year old Houstonian, a transplant from the stark heartlands of Minnesota, raised on a farm and a survivor of past adversity, was about to face her greatest personal obstacle. At five am, only four miles into her twenty-mile training run, Joyce was hit, head-on, by a speeding car, sending her to the hard, wet, morning pavement, broken, bleeding, and barely alive. So begins her new passage into survival--and an arduous recovery fueled by love, support, and spirit. Her Longest Marathon is an investigative tale written by a medical doctor using hospital charts, police records, interviews, and letters to compose this account of a remarkable woman, assumed dead by an EMS fireman who thought she would make a good organ donor. Rich with inspiration, this book reveals the special courage of an extraordinary personal recovery, from the gory accident, to a trauma center's hours of resuscitation, numerous surgeries, and months of physical and mental rehabilitation--as seen through the eyes of a son, family, friends, doctors, nurses, and the resiliently disciplined and unwavering faith of Joyce herself. Full of the complexity of...

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