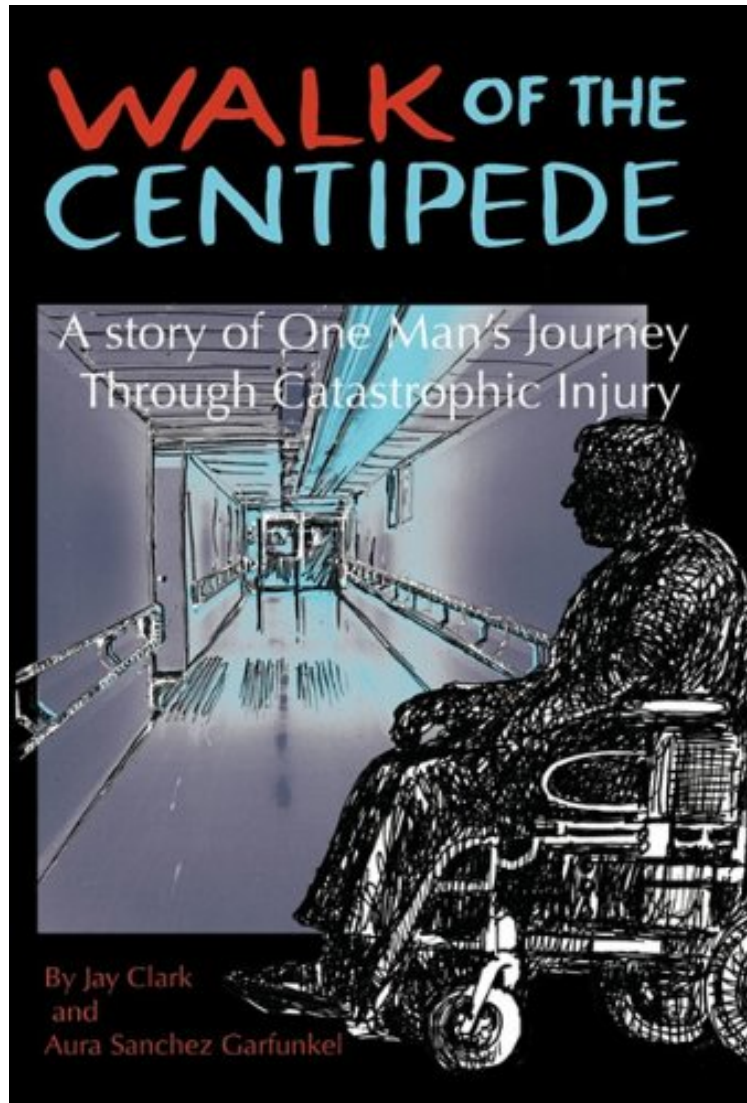


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Overcoming tremendous odds By Rayleen Nunez This is the real life story of a man who became a quadriplegic after a horrible accident while playing racketball. But it is not only his story;

it is a story of his family, his wife, Aura, and his three children, as well as loving friends. Both Frank, the subject of the book, and his wife, Aura, are attorneys. Frank was also a professor at Boston University Law School, with a focus on special needs children. This is a story about love and courage. I would urge everyone interested in the differentially abled, special needs education, housing accommodations for the physically challenged, and the love of family to read this. It is inspiring! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Reading presently By Grandma I chose to buy this as a group I want to join is currently reading this. So far I am enjoying it a lot. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One can't understand the problems in the system unless you're in the system By Wendy Soucie Frank Garfunkel was my uncle. I read this book thinking I knew the story behind Frank's injury, the limited recovery, and some of his life after. In actuality, I knew little and understood even less about pain, trauma, the healthcare system, and how much he loved life and his family. I thought some of the most important points were how pain turns you inside yourself and how hard he fought to stay connected to his friends, family, and even to finish his Phd students at BU through that pain. He is an inspiration to those who wish to reconnect or experience for the first time the thrill of skiing or sailing and must find adaptive ways to accomplish that. He was a fighter for others and for himself as the path to improving the system of healthcare and services for those with special needs in education or in life. Each voice in the book, Frank's, Aura's and Jay's, provide a retrospective not often seen in a book of this type. I won't part with my copy, but intend to share this with friends and associates dealing with this situation in life.

"A revealing tale of loneliness and camaraderie, dissonance and intimacy with hospital staff, and pain and triumph as one man struggles to reclaim body and spirit after a devastating accident." -Ed Boyd, Ed.D, psychologist and educator Frank Garfunkel, dynamic teacher, activist, and sports enthusiast, slammed headfirst into the wall of a squash court. Suddenly a quadriplegic in a rehab hospital, he found himself facing the existential absurdity of total helplessness. Unable to write about his experiences, he documented his ordeal in a series of probing conversations with longtime friend, Jay Clark. Ironically, Frank, a professor of special education at Boston University, devoted his career to waging battles for the rights of the disabled. Fate catapulted him into the greatest challenge of his life. In twenty transcribed conversations, Frank spoke with Jay about a neurological system in chaos, "You're operating a puppet, and the puppet is you." Following a three-month hospitalization, Frank returned home, relieved to be in familiar surroundings but facing endless attempts to regain control of his "Everest/Death Valley" life. His conversations with Jay reveal daily encounters with vulnerability, bewilderment, and depression but also with laughter, gratitude, and love. *Walk of the Centipede* is the story of a fiercely independent man faced with utter dependence.