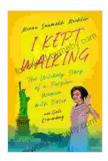
# Unveiling the Extraordinary Path of an Unlikely Hero: The Unlikely Journey of a Persian Woman with Polio



Prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary and inspiring tale of Roya Shams, a Persian woman whose unwavering spirit triumphed over adversity. In her memoir, "The Unlikely Journey of a Persian Woman with Polio," Roya paints a vivid portrait of her remarkable life, from her humble beginnings in Iran to her triumphant achievements in America. Her journey is a testament to the indomitable human will and the power of hope amidst life's challenges.

#### A Childhood Marked by Polio

Roya's life took an unexpected turn at the tender age of three when she contracted polio. The devastating effects of the disease left her with paralysis in her right leg and foot, forever altering her life's trajectory. Growing up in a society that often marginalized individuals with disabilities, Roya faced numerous obstacles. Yet, she refused to be defined by her physical limitations.



#### I Kept Walking: The Unlikely Journey of a Persian

Woman with Polio by Esmeralda Santiago

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#### The Journey to America

With unwavering determination, Roya pursued higher education and achieved academic excellence. However, her aspirations were met with resistance in Iran's restrictive political climate. Undeterred, she embarked on an arduous journey to America, where she believed she could realize her full potential.

#### **Triumphs and Tribulations in a New Land**

Upon arriving in the United States, Roya faced新たな challenges. Cultural differences and the language barrier posed significant obstacles. Yet, she persevered, graduating with a degree in sociology and dedicating herself to helping others with disabilities.

#### A Voice for the Voiceless

Roya became a tireless advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. She founded the Roya Shams Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides support and resources to individuals with physical impairments worldwide. Through her advocacy and activism, she has played a pivotal role in raising awareness and promoting inclusivity.

#### **An Inspirational Memoir**

In her memoir, Roya shares her life experiences with raw honesty and emotional depth. She candidly recounts the struggles she encountered, the triumphs she celebrated, and the lessons she learned along the way. Her story is a testament to the power of resilience, the importance of self-belief, and the transformative impact of human connection.

#### A Legacy of Hope and Empowerment

The Unlikely Journey of a Persian Woman with Polio is not merely a story of one woman's triumph over adversity. It is a powerful call to action, reminding us that every individual has the potential to make a difference in the world. Roya's memoir inspires us to embrace our own challenges, pursue our dreams, and strive to create a more just and equitable society for all.

#### **Praise for Roya's Journey**

"Roya Shams' memoir is a must-read for anyone who has ever faced adversity. Her story is a testament to the indomitable human spirit and the power of hope." - Sara Almadori, author of "The Girl Who Walked on Air"

"A captivating and inspiring account that celebrates the resilience and determination of a remarkable woman. Roya Shams' journey is a reminder that anything is possible if we dare to dream." - Dr. Eric Thomas, motivational speaker and author of "The Secret to Success"

The Unlikely Journey of a Persian Woman with Polio is more than just a memoir; it is a transformative experience. Through Roya Shams' compelling narrative, we are reminded of the extraordinary potential that lies within us all. Her story challenges societal norms, inspires personal growth, and ignites a flame of hope within the hearts of readers. By sharing her journey, Roya empowers us to embrace our own unique paths and strive for a world where every individual is valued and celebrated for their contributions.

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