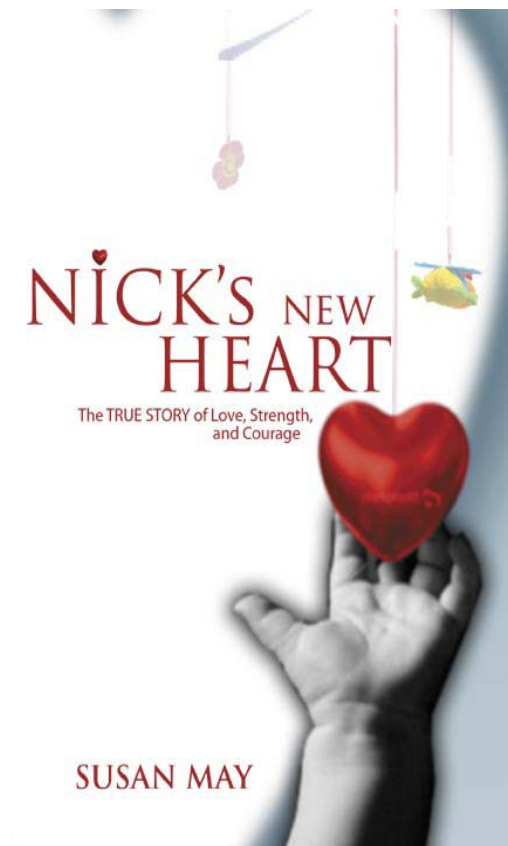


# NICK'S NEW HEART

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## THE BOOK



Heart transplants are high drama. They make national headlines and are subjects for TV shows. People are interested in reading about someone who has the odds stacked against him, especially if it is a twenty-three month old child. The whole world is interested in medical advances, particularly when children are involved. **Nick's New Heart** is about that drama. It is the true story of our family and our youngest son's struggle to live. Nick was born with a heart defect, had three open heart surgeries, and a heart transplant before the age

of two.

In **Nick's New Heart** Susan May shares how she and her husband planned for the eventuality of a funeral and how they struggled to explain Nick's situation to their other three children. She tells what it was like to wait for a heart as well as what life was like after the transplant including how their family lived as normally as possible even with a chronically ill child.

Nick was a pioneer in pediatric transplants. There are only a handful of parents who have experienced what the May family lived through. **Nick's New Heart** gives other

families a place to turn to in order to get first hand information about how another family lived and lives with a chronically ill child.

Today, seventeen years later and despite the fact that the shadow of death is always around, their life is good. Nick is a normal, well adjusted teenager (as normal as a teenager can be). The May family found that life can be wonderful among the unknown and uncontrollable.

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Copies of *Nick's New Heart* will be donated to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston to be given to each patient listed for a heart transplant.