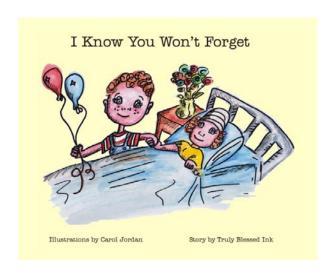
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**Summary:** <u>I Know You Won't Forget</u> is the story of a young boy whose mother suffers a traumatic brain injury. After being embarrassed by her unreliable behavior and ridiculed by his classmates, the boy helps his mother develop coping strategies to overcome her impairments, ultimately finding happiness. The story shows children how a brain injury can affect everyone in a family and strain relationships, and how resulting issues can be resolved.

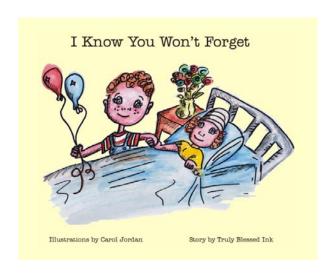
**Author bio:** This book was written by survivors of traumatic brain injury participating in the New York State Department of Health/Medicaid Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver program. They receive support in their homes and communities throughout New York's Capital Region as they pursue their individual goals. In 2003, they established their first weekly group, "Brainstormers," through Crotched Mountain Community Partnership. In 2007, the authors chose to participate in a self-directed group program through Living Resources. Together they provide and receive peer support, plan and participate in social activities, and create projects designed to help others and raise awareness of TBI. Today, they have established ten different groups, and several more groups are being developed. More than 30 survivors have contributed to the creation of this book under the pseudonym, "Truly Blessed Ink."

**Illustrator bio:** Carol Jordan is a wife, mother and grandmother who owns and operates a small arts and crafts studio in Amsterdam, New York. She holds classes almost daily for individuals with disabilities, many of whom are supported by programs through Liberty Enterprises, an ARC agency. In 2003, Carol suffered a traumatic brain injury following brain surgery to remove an acoustic neuroma. She now suffers from total hearing loss in her left ear, mild facial paralysis, and difficulties with balance. As someone who has enjoyed drawing and painting her entire life, Carol believes that art is an effective way to bring out the feelings hidden deep inside us all. She hopes that through her illustrations of the story of Joey and his mom, the family members and friends of TBI survivors will better understand the ways they can help their loved ones.



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"As a brain injury survivor, I am so moved by the authors' dedication to bring understanding and hope to those affected by traumatic brain injury. This simple story, with wonderful illustrations that make you feel a part of each scene, will help children understand how a brain injury can affect someone. Most importantly, it lets them know that they can be an important part of the healing process. *I Know You Won't Forget* reminds us that with love and support, there is hope."

Trisha Meili, author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *I Am The Central Park Jogger: A Story of Hope and Possibility* 

"Brain injury affects everyone in the family. I Know You Won't Forget is a story that gives children an understanding of what can happen to a parent after a brain injury. It offers ideas on how the child can play a helpful role as well. With vibrant artwork, and a simple but effective storyline, the story offers a useful way for children to understand a little better how to look at the world from the other person's point of view. This is an excellent resource to help children understand brain injury."

Greg Ayotte, Director of Consumer Services, Brain Injury Association of America

"With great sensitivity and understanding, *I Know You Won't Forget* speaks to children about the real life impact of brain injury. The book's gentle touch is reassuring to children, while providing important information about what is happening and ways in which they can help their parent after brain injury. Kudos to Truly Blessed Ink for this truly wonderful book."

Judith Avner, Esq., Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of New York State

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