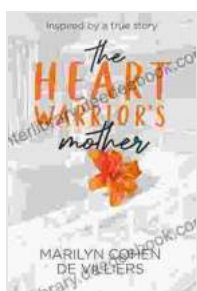


# The Heart Warrior Mother: Marilyn Cohen De Villiers

Marilyn Cohen De Villiers is a mother of four children, two of whom have congenital heart defects. She has dedicated her life to raising awareness of congenital heart defects and supporting other families who are affected by them. This is her story.

## Marilyn's Story

Marilyn's first child, a son named Ethan, was born with a congenital heart defect called tetralogy of Fallot. This is a complex heart defect that affects the structure of the heart and the way blood flows through it. Ethan had to have open-heart surgery when he was just 3 months old. The surgery was successful, but Ethan continued to have health problems throughout his childhood.



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In 2007, Marilyn's second child, a daughter named Ava, was born with a congenital heart defect called hypoplastic left heart syndrome. This is a rare and life-threatening heart defect that affects the development of the left side of the heart. Ava had to have open-heart surgery when she was just 3 days old. The surgery was successful, but Ava continued to have health problems throughout her childhood.

Marilyn and her husband, Chris, dedicated themselves to learning everything they could about congenital heart defects. They joined support groups and became involved in advocacy work. Marilyn became a passionate advocate for families affected by congenital heart defects. She spoke at conferences and lobbied for funding for research and support services.

## **The Heart Warrior Movement**

In 2010, Marilyn founded the Heart Warrior Movement, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of congenital heart defects and supporting families who are affected by them. The Heart Warrior Movement provides a variety of services, including:

- Educational resources
- Support groups
- Advocacy work
- Financial assistance

The Heart Warrior Movement has helped thousands of families affected by congenital heart defects. The organization has raised awareness of these

conditions and has provided support and resources to families who are struggling to cope.

## Marilyn's Legacy

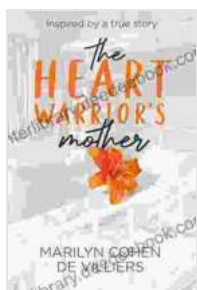
Marilyn Cohen De Villiers is a true heart warrior. She has dedicated her life to helping others. Her work has made a real difference in the lives of thousands of families affected by congenital heart defects. Marilyn's legacy will continue to inspire others for years to come.

## How You Can Help

There are a number of ways you can help Marilyn Cohen De Villiers and the Heart Warrior Movement continue their important work. You can:

- Donate to the Heart Warrior Movement
- Volunteer your time
- Raise awareness of congenital heart defects
- Support families affected by congenital heart defects

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of families affected by congenital heart defects.



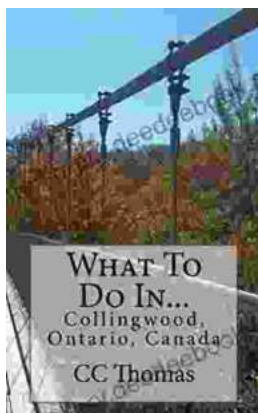
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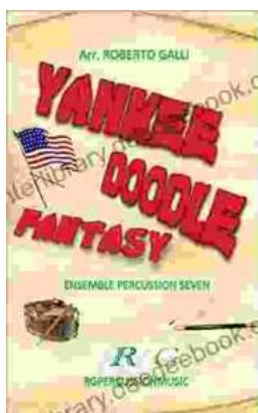
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