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Shortly after her thirty-seventh birthday, *Wall Street Journal* reporter and editor Laura Landro was told that she had chronic myelogenous leukemia. *Survivor* is the remarkable account of her battle against this devastating, potentially fatal cancer -- and her successful struggle to take control of her own case.

At first almost paralyzed with fear when diagnosed with this form of blood cancer, Laura Landro resolved to use her journalistic training to seek out the treatment that would give her the best shot at surviving. Noting that most Americans spend more time researching what kind of car to buy than they do their health care, she shows how and why all patients can -- and *must* -- arm themselves with the facts, learn to understand medical jargon, get doctors to answer *all* their questions in layman's terms, weigh conflicting medical opinions, and make the difficult choice among the options open to them.

Survivor is a moving, deeply personal account of a life-and-death experience. In it, Laura Landro tells of a fight to live that brought her to the brink of death -- and to a despair that at times made her wonder if the struggle was worth it. Her inspiring story offers all readers hope and the know-how to navigate the terrifying and bewildering world of medicine, even when they are very ill and at their most vulnerable.

Laura Landro has written a book that is must reading for everyone who has been diagnosed with cancer, and for everyone who has a cancer patient in the family. It will rank beside such classics as Norman Cousins's *Anatomy Of an Illnes As Perceived by the Patient*, Cornelius Ryan's *A Private Battle*, and John Gunther's *Death Be Not Proud*, at once a work of literature and a manifesto for every cancer patient.

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