

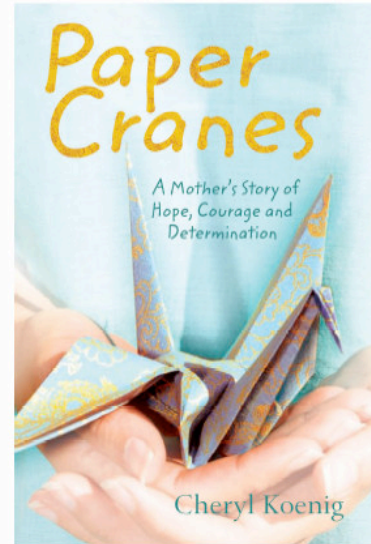
PAPER CRANES

A mother's story of hope, courage and determination.

CHERYL KOENIG

Paper Cranes is the latest release in the Hourglass series – the true story of an ordinary woman, Cheryl Koenig, and her extraordinary strength that allowed her to survive the unthinkable and help her young son regain his life.

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At the age of twelve Cheryl Koenig's son Jonathan was involved in a horrific car accident. He was given very little chance of survival, and when he did miraculously pull through, doctors predicted that he would most likely never walk, talk or even eat again. Cheryl refused to accept this prognosis and set out on a relentless quest to save her son. Her fervent hope that he would one day be well again was poignantly expressed by his many school friends who filled their school prayer room with hundreds of handmade paper cranes, symbols of hope and healing.

Drawing on Cheryl's diary from the time, *Paper Cranes* tells the story of Jonathan's extraordinary courage and the Koenig family's unceasing drive to help him defy the ominous predictions. Set against the backdrop of Cheryl's heartfelt grief, denial and anger, the book outlines their desperate search for knowledge in the area of recovery from traumatic brain injury. At the same time she and her husband were forced to deal with the trials and tribulations of the legal system, in their search for justice for their son.

Now, ten years since his horrific accident, Jonathan can walk well, has just begun to run and is learning to drive. He can now snow ski, swim laps and play tennis and astounds many with his piano playing skills. All this as well as working five days a week in three part-time jobs!

This inspirational and uplifting story demonstrates that with the right attitude it is possible to determine your own destiny regardless of what life throws in your path.

Cheryl Koenig was born and still resides in the southern suburbs of Sydney. She met her soulmate whilst still in school and married at the age of just nineteen. Almost 30 years later she is still very happily married and has two treasured sons. Cheryl volunteers much of her free time to improve government policy and services in the area of brain injury. She is a Consumer Representative on the GMCT Brain Injury Rehabilitation Directorate and a member of an Advisory Panel for the Brain Injury Association. She has previously written two books *'There's Always Hope....Just Alter the Dreams'* and *'The Courage to Care'* both published by NSW Health.

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