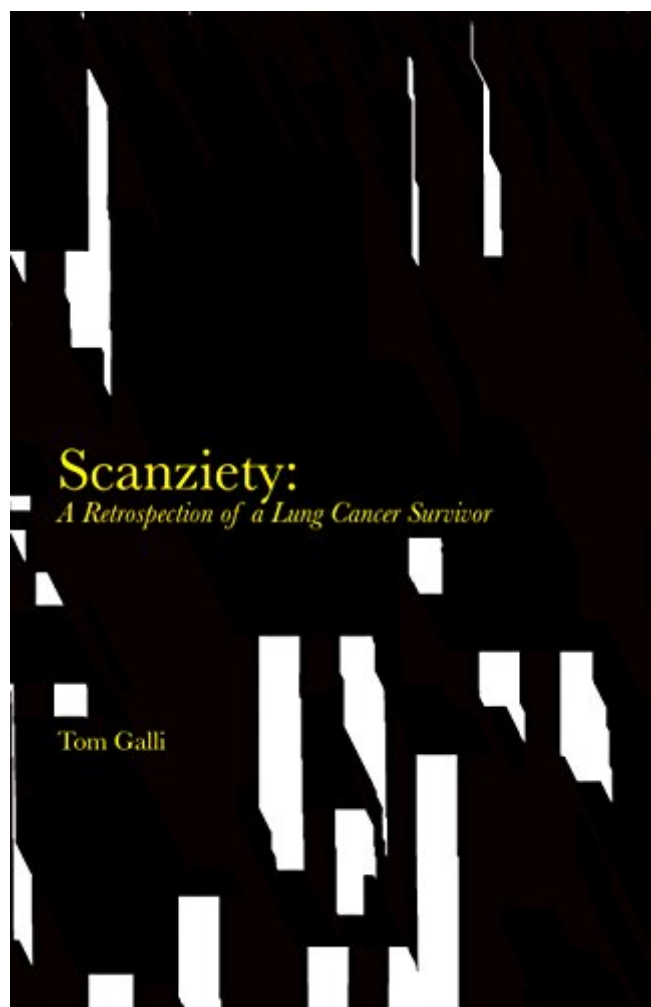


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Scanziety: A Retrospection Of A Lung Cancer Survivor



Synopsis

In a rare, autobiographical account of a patient undergoing lung cancer treatment, Tom Galli's *Scanziety: A Retrospective of a Lung Cancer Survivor* recounts his story from surprise diagnosis to "No Evidence of Disease," or NED. Presenting with a large tumor nearly filling his right lung main stem bronchus, he leads readers through life changing experiences on an emotional roller coaster. Never alone during his ordeal, Tom is comforted and sustained by the love of his life, yet becomes gripped with anxiety before each periodic chest scan to monitor his condition. What does it feel like to endure uncertainty between diagnostic scans? How is repetitive treatment failure coped with? How is hope sustained when facing vast uncertainty? What does one look for in choosing a cancer treatment team? Why is lung cancer research underfunded? *Scanziety* answers these questions as Tom describes his treatment history and its resulting effect on his life. At publishing, Tom has survived more than twelve years beyond late stage diagnosis "a medical and statistical anomaly. He didn't do it alone. His story points to the importance of a caregiver (in his case, wife Martha) and online cancer support communities who provide information and bolster the struggle to endure treatment. Tom's story brings to awareness an understanding of the ravages and prevalence of lung cancer, and the need to arrest its devastation. Through upswings and downturns, readers of this book will gain firsthand insight into a disquieting yet hopeful passage through episodes of scanxiety, a sensation experienced by lung cancer patients worldwide.

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Customer Reviews

This book should be read by anyone who is or loves a cancer patient. The author has opened the door to the day to day anxiety and dread of the lung cancer world, but much of his tale can be applied to other cancer patients, who are walking their own unpaved roads. Cancer is a scary beast and Tom has given us an insight into the hidden bravery that is inside each of us. Scanziety is correct. The anxiety facing each patient as they countdown to their next scan is felt by everyone fighting against the beast. Read this book and see that there are no Lone Rangers. We are all fighting in this war together. Thank you Tom for bravely telling us your story.

Written in the first person and detailing the author's difficult journey through the disease of lung cancer gave a perspective that could not be matched by any in the medical community. Tom takes the reader on the path from diagnosis through survival in a poignant narrative that is destined to help those who have had the misfortune to contract this awful disease and their loved ones. His honesty in reliving the many ups and downs of the maze of treatments was at times heart wrenching, and in some instances the reader saw some humor coming through. The strength and faith that were constants in this book were inspirational and will give hope to many. ScanZiety is invaluable to those whose lives this devastating disease has touched. I hope that elected officials in our government who hold the purse strings and dole out research money take a long, hard look at this narrative and ante up the funds for more research into more palatable treatments and finally, a cure. I was astounded to learn that aside from a couple of new modalities, there have been few changes or advances since my mother died from lung cancer over two decades ago. I would recommend this book to any medical professionals who treat cancer patients, to cancer patients and their family members, and to every legislator who has the power to advocate for research funding.

In this powerfully written book, Tom takes us on his journey with lung cancer. His introspection and awareness allow him to paint a very vivid landscape of this portion of his life. Through the telling of his experiences, he shares his growing awareness of the significance and beauty of life and

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