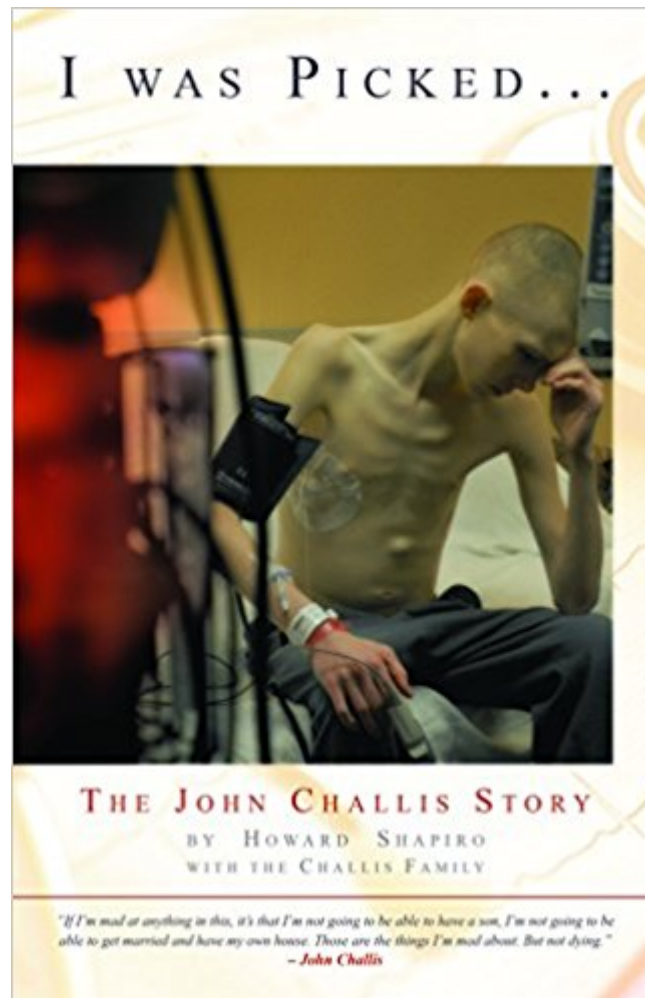




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# I Was Picked: The John Challis Story



## Synopsis

John Challis was diagnosed with Hepatocellular Carcinoma in June 2006. Throughout his two-year battle, he met some of the biggest names in sports and his positive outlook inspired athletes such as Mario Lemieux and Alex Rodriguez. His memory and spirit live on in his mantra, "Courage + Believe = Life."

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I had the opportunity to meet John during his courageous battle with cancer. His positive attitude and determination were an inspiration for all of us, and his legacy lives on for young athletes in the Pittsburgh area and across the country. Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh Penguins John Challis touched more people than most meet in a lifetime. His courage and attitude forever changed me and my family, and I know his perspective will inspire all who read this book. T. Clark Gamblin, MD, MS Chief of Surgical Oncology Stuart D. Wilson Chair in Surgical Oncology Clinical and Research Liver Cancer Program Leader Medical College of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Wisconsin I've met many courageous and inspiring people in my 37 years of sportswriting. John Challis is at the top of the list. His story is one of faith and strength, all with a smile, and we can all learn from it. Kevin Kernan, New York Post --Back Cover

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Superb. It is so sad to see a child be diagnosed with such a debilitating disease. This could be my youngest son, who is 19 at the time I am writing this. It is with such grace and dignity that this young man dealt with his cancer. I do not know why the term "fight" is attached to cancer. It is like any other disease and we seek treatment and learn to cope with the new limits we have to face as our bodies slowly change and submit to the disease that there truly isn't a chance of beating. Coming to terms with the fact that death looms on the horizon has to be one of the most horrific things we can face and this young man, as well as many other young children, are a true inspiration and extremely humbling. When my time comes I hope I am half as brave as this young man was, and I wish I could just hug his family and let them know their story touched me and that I will help keep his memory alive. An extremely emotional story, get your Kleenex ready.

I was picked: The John Challis story is a heart breaking account of a young man's struggle with cancer and how despite the odds he lived his life to its full extent and the love and care of his family and friends. John lived by the motto Courage + Belief = Life and this book tries to do justice to everything he (and his family) went through and the ways he went about assisting others while he fought for his life. A heart breaking story showing the young man's courage and faith. Well written.

I Was Picked: The John Challis Story by Howard Shapiro is a free NetGalley ebook that I read on a Sunday morning in late October. I Was Picked tells the simple, motivating, yet shortened life of John Challis. His natural, selfless, positive attitude helped to inspire his family, friends, and sports players & fans across the globe.

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