

# The Change That Changed My Life: A memoir

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Would you like to be in a hospital for a whole day getting a big shot before your birthday? I wouldn't!

When I was in the first grade I liked to go to a building to hit some softballs.

When we did there was a big mat lying in the middle of the floor. When I was done my brother had to go hit, so I got bored. I started to play on that mat. I wanted to stay there forever! Then all of the sudden I started to cough. I got off of the mat and we went home.

The next day I felt as if an elephant had jumped on me! I told my mom that I didn't feel good, so I didn't go to

school. When I went to sleep on the couch my mom took a video of me... I was barely breathing. After she stopped taping me she sent the video to my dad. He called my mom frightened and told her to take me to the hospital. My mom woke me up and told me to get dressed. I tried to get up, but I couldn't. My mom carried me to my room, got me dressed, and carried me to the car.

When we got there I looked at the hospital. It was very big with lots of cars. I was starting to get a little happy because I thought I could walk again, but I just got upset again because I really could not, so my mom had to carry me inside. They got a wheelchair and rushed me into my room. I was just sitting there when I saw a HUGE shot! I was so scared! The nurse told me that the

shot was called an IV. I looked at my mom and started to cry a bit. I asked the nurse it was going to hurt, and she said yes! I looked at the nurse very confused. I thought that I thought every time you ask nurses and doctors if any shot is going to hurt the say no. This must hurt then! My mom told me that when my sister (Mayson) was younger than me, she got the same shot. All she said was OW OW OW, so when I got my shot all I said was OW OW OW! After that I told my mom that it wasn't that bad, but it was truly terrible! I was super tired at that time. I asked the nurse if I could take a nap and she said that I had to put this nosepiece on. It was sucking in air so I could breathe better in my sleep. I was breathing a lot better, but because it was up my nose, it felt weird. I thought I could not sleep very

well, but surprisingly I drifted right off to sleep.

The next day was Feb. 12. My birthday was the next day. The doctors knew so they gave me two stuffed bears. I named them oreo and chocolate chip cookie. They also gave me a board game called trouble, and a very fluffy blanket. I was very hungry, so I got to pick a breakfast choice. I got rice krispies. I took a bite and spit it out right away! It was terrible! I just choose an apple instead.

When I was done eating my breakfast my grandparents came to visit. They gave me some notes from my brother and sisters. The notes said that they wanted me to get better and that they love and miss me. I tried to write, but my arm was sore from the IV. It was so sloppy. When my grandparents left the doctor

came in and said I could go home. I was so excited! They had to take out my IV and I got scared. I thought it was going to hurt so badly, but it didn't hurt at all! I didn't even feel it! When I got home there was a lot of my family members there. They had a big sign saying Welcome Back! Everyone was happy to see that I was okay.

A few days later I went to see an allergist. It took forever! When we finally got in there he asked me if I was very bothered by a food. While my mom was in the middle of saying no when I blurted out, "YES!" My mom looked at me like I was crazy. I said, "I HATE NUTS!" The doctor asked me why while my mom stared at me. I said, "It makes my mouth feel funny." My mom gave me a why didn't you tell me face. I told my mom "I thought I did." She

said that I said my taste buds don't like it. Because I said I hated nuts he tested me for it. He also tested me for cats, dogs, dust mites, grass, and other things too. The doctor put some fluids in my back, and if the itch really badly, that means I am allergic to it. It was so painful! I felt as if my brains were going to burst right out of my head! After that was over with he said I was allergic to cats, dogs, grass, all types of nuts, and dust mites. My doctor said that he had been working for about 20 years and my allergy in dust mites was the worst he has ever seen!

Today I have to get allergy shots, and trust me you should be glad you don't have to get them too. Now I have to be careful for what I eat. I don't go to anyone's house very much anymore. Would you like that happen to you?

## Elvis Presley: From Living Little to Living Large

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Have you ever heard of the King of Rock and Roll? On January 8, 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi something fantastic happened. Elvis Aron Presley was born along with his twin brother Jesse. Jesse passed away at birth. The family was devastated. Their mother and father lived in a two room home in Tupelo. Elvis's mother, Gladys, was a stay at home mom while Vernon, Elvis's father, was a truck driver. Elvis once said, "When I was a boy, I always saw myself as a hero in comic books and in movies. I grew up believing this dream." He had a lot of dreams, but only one actually came true. Elvis's childhood wasn't all that great. They lived in a little house and were very poor. On November 16, 1937 Vernon got arrested for trying to change the amount of money on a check. He had to spend three years in prison. Elvis's role models weren't that great.

In April of 1954 he began his first job for Crown Electric. Presley only got paid \$1.00 per hour. That's not a lot at all! Elvis was very hard-working. For instance, after working for Crown Electric he started working for a precision tool company, and he was a truck driver. He always had something to do, so he was always somewhere making money.

Once Elvis reached 8th grade, he dropped out and got arrested for forging a check like his father. Even though he got arrested, Elvis still ended up graduating from Humes Preparatory Academy Middle School in June

of 1953. For a two to three months after graduation, Presley went back to being a truck driver. Elvis didn't go to college because his family couldn't afford it. One thing that Presley did have was an extraordinary voice. Presley was very talented. His voice could hit every note just right no matter how high the note was or how low the note was. He loved to sing. January 4, 1954 he recorded several songs. The day after he recorded "I Love You Because", "Blue Moon Kentucky", "Big Boy", and Crudup's "That's All Right". Recording music was one of Elvis's favorite things to do.

On March 24, 1958 Elvis got drafted into the army. He didn't shoot guns or fight in the war though, he sang there for entertainment. The workers loved his voice. Not long after Presley was in the army he got a call that changed his life forever. It was Sun Studios wanting Elvis to joined the music business. He was so excited that he didn't take time to hesitate. The first thing he said after hello was, "Yes, definitely!" This was the best day of his life!

On March first, nine years after he joined the music business, he married his beautiful wife Priscilla Wagner. They had a simple wedding near his home, Graceland. On February 1, 1968 the young couple was blessed with their daughter, Lisa Marie. The family lived a life like any other. Only they were living with the King of Rock and Roll. When Elvis's life got more busy with concerts and such, the family started to notice something. He was taking a bunch of painkillers. August 16, 1977 was a very depressing day for some. Elvis died in his bathroom from a heart attack. Nobody will ever forget this rock and roll legend.

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Back in Schnellville, Indiana, my mom and I were going to the grocery store. I was happy because I got to go get some toys for me. My mom said that this was the last time in a while for me to get a toy or two. She said that after we were done getting groceries, we would go to the doctor's office. I didn't want to go at all. I told my mom that, but she said I had to go. I whined all the way to the doctor's office. When we got there, I sat there wondering what was going on. They kept saying that my mom was going to have a baby in a few months. I just thought they meant that I was her baby, and she just had something that was normal to have after two years after she had me. The doctor left and mom followed him. I followed him too. He gave me a lollipop and said to have a great day.

The next day, mom said that we should play outside. I was happy to finally get to play with my mom when she wasn't busy doing something. She had a ball out and said that we could play catch or bounce with this ball. I was happy to play with my favorite ball in the whole entire world.

I said, "We should play catch."

She said, "OK."

Five months later, my mom's stomach got bigger. I didn't think that she was going to have a baby. I thought that she ate too much. I found out very soon after that that she was going to have a baby because they were making another room. Also, I asked her why she was making another room. She said that I was going to have a sister. I was very surprised that she said that. I thought she was going to say something like: your cousin is coming over for a little while. I never thought that I would have a sibling.

On April 12, 2009, on Easter, she was born. I was on an Easter Egg hunt while mom came home with the baby. I was the third person to hold her. At first, I didn't know who she was, but my mom told me what her name was. It is and was Hannah Marie Kuebler. I was so excited, although I soon found out that I had to share the attention. I was furious when Hannah got presents and I didn't. I tried cutting her hair once. I did cut her hair. First, I did cut a little of my hair and then a lot of Hannah's hair. I was in trouble for a while.

It turned out to be quite alright. We fight sometimes. I found out that my two cousins Abby and Josh were born one month before me. At Christmas they felt the same way I did. My first cousin, Sydnee, was there too. She was 13 that year when Hannah was born. Now she is 21. She was the fifth one

to hold Hannah.

The first thing I did was I tried to cut her hair all off. One day, before it was Monday, I decided to play haircut. I was the hairdresser. Hannah was the person who I needed to cut her hair. I said to come into the bathroom.

She said, "OK."

I said to take a seat on the toilet. Then I needed to find the scissors. I found them behind the sink. I said to Hannah, "I am going to cut a little bit of my hair first. Then yours." She seemed to be fine with me cutting her hair.

Then my mom knocked on the door and said, "Lily, open this door, please."

I, of course, said, "No." She forced the door. She was mad at me. She said that I shouldn't cut Hannah's hair because she was growing her hair out, and it takes a long time to grow her hair out. I was in the time-out chair for a long time.

Another thing I did was I threw shoes at her. Hannah got to sit on my mom's lap. Thought she was trying to take away my mom so I found the biggest shoes in the house and found Hannah by my mom. I just started to throw the shoes at her. My mom came over and took the shoes from me and Never do that ever again." I didn't do it ever again. Although I still felt kind of felt bad about. I am now Hannah's friend not enemy and we found out how to share the attention. We rarely fight about anything. I wish I didn't try to hurt Hannah. I am very glad we are friends.

## Causes of the American Revolution

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Usually when you hear or read about wars in Social Studies class, you read about who was in the wars and when they took place. However, you don't hear about many events that happened that led to the American Revolution. Some of these events that caused the American Revolution were the raising of taxes and

a series of new laws taking away their freedoms.

Let's talk about why the British raised taxes, who won the war, and who lost the war. First, we won the American Revolution and Great Britain lost. Britain had raised the taxes because they were in debt from the French and Indian war so, the British thought that the Americans would pay for it. The Americans paid taxes for a little bit but then they got tired of it. This caused the Boston Tea Party. The colonists dressed up as Indians so the British wouldn't

know who they were. Then they dumped 342 chests of tea into the water which was 90,000 pounds of tea! That was of money dumped into the water. In today's money that is close to one million dollars.

Another cause for the American Revolution is the number of laws the British government left on the colonists. Some of these laws are the Sugar Act, Currency Act, Quartering Act, and the Stamp Act. All these laws asked more from the colonists making them angry. Finally one last cause of the

American Revolution is the Boston Blockade. The British ships came in and blocked the Boston harbor. This stopped any trade from happening. This angered everyone, both the patriots and the loyalists. So they came together to fight against the British.

The American Revolution was a deadly war. 25,000 Revolutionary soldiers died. Over 231,000 people served in the army to help the colonists win this war. The colonists came together and won their freedoms from Britain. So, we have our freedom today.

## Jupiter Ascending

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When you think of Jupiter you just think of a planet in our solar system. Right? Well when you really get to know Jupiter it's more than just a planet it's the biggest planet in our solar system. It has a

storm the size of Earth that has been going on for 300 years, and strong winds.

Jupiter is the biggest planet in our solar system. The diameter is 86,881 miles. It is the 5th planet from the sun, after Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars including the Asteroid Belt!

Jupiter has a big red storm the size of Earth that has been going on for 300 years! It also has strong winds, and lots of

storms on Jupiter.

Jupiter is an outer planet. It is 778.5 million kilometers from the sun. Jupiter also is 3.2 astronomical units from the Asteroid Belt.

Jupiter is named after a roman god named Jupiter! Jupiter's atmosphere is made up of gas. If we would all stand on top of Jupiter we would fall right through! Jupiter has rings, but we can't see them as well as Saturn's rings!

Jupiter is an amazing planet! If we went up in space right now we would be so electrified to see how magnificent this planet really is!

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## The life of a secret soldier

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Do you think of secret soldier when someone says Deborah Sampson?

I do. She is a very brave and strong person.

Deborah Sampson was born in Plympton Massachusetts, December 17, 1760. Her dad died when Deborah was only 5 years old. Her mom got sick and she was poor, so she had to send her children somewhere else to

live. Deborah was sent to live with her aunt.

There she learned to read and write. Lately after that her aunt died.

After that she got sent to an old lady. Deborah did all the cooking and cleaning because the old lady was in her 80s. A man named Jeremiah Thomas sent the old lady to go and live with relatives so then he could take Deborah into his family. Jeremiah had 10 boys and a baby on the way. Growing up wasn't what Deborah liked best. Scene she couldn't go to school mostly all she did was chorus, she would ask her brothers what

they learned in school but they didn't tell her. She was technically an indentured slave. She became a school teacher because she didn't want a husband.

Deborah Sampson joined the army as a secret soldier. Ladies couldn't join the army back then. Deborah knew that but she didn't care.

She joined the army as Robert Shurtliff. As she was on a march one of her friends (which was a man) fell to the ground. She asked the general if she could take him to a farm of something. Deborah took it to a house and the man was a torie. He had a daughter

that was in love with Deborah but his daughter didn't know that Deborah was a girl. When she got caught by a doctor she married Benjamin Gannett and had three kids.

Deborah Sampson died at the age of 66, on April 29, 1827. She died in Sharon Massachusetts and died from what is called Yellow Fever. Which is known to spread in Africa, Central, and South America. She was also buried at Rock Ridge Cemetery.

Now that you know how Deborah Sampson became famous you too can know how brave and strong this women is.

## Global warming

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Have you ever thought hm what would earth be like if all the ice melted? Ya so have I. But let's not talk about your sprite not being cold anymore let's talk about us and the environment! This article as you can see is about global warming. So let's get into it!

The human loss side of things aren't too good so were going to take a look into that. First as we all know if all the ice melted the ocean leve would go up! The ocean level going up is bad, because almost every single ocean front city can be destroyed. Along with many lives lost and structures destroyed it would be a tremendous amount of land lost to the ocean. Money is something else we have to spend with this cause along with life, land, and entire cities. Now what do you think about global warming ya it doesn't sound to fun now does it.

The ecosystem side of

things aren't too good either. Now if your a fish nothing changed except just bigger sea space to swim in yay but if your a lets say a dog living in miami then, oh no the sea's eating my city. So yes even animals that stay where they live and don't migrate have to move. Luckily the ice won't melt like snap but will melt gradually at a slow rate. So that means moving, yes there will be time limitation but not to a state where you have to run for your life and bring nothing with you. I sure do hope humans don't go extinct along with many other animals, I mean not to scare you but that can happen.

I honestly don't know if humans would go extinct all I know is it could be a possibility with global warming. Animals not all but some might just go extinct. Ocean level would go up depending on how hot it is and also this is good go down when cold enough. For you to help stop it all you have to do is reduce water waste.

Now you have learned about global warming. Yes I'm afraid our informational report comes to an end here. Thank you for reading.