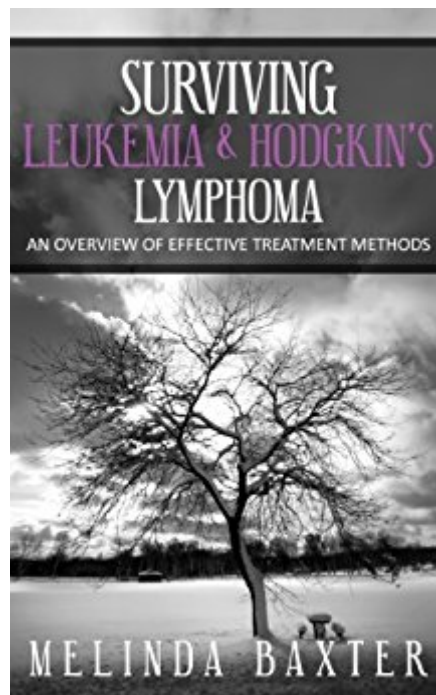




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# **Surviving Leukemia And Hodgkin's Lymphoma: An Overview Of Effective Treatment Methods**



## Synopsis

"Surviving Leukemia and Hodgkin's Lymphoma" is a text that will give the reader a more than basic insight into the inner workings of both diseases. The author guides the reader through the various symptoms that come with each and the current methods that are used to diagnose the diseases. After that the various methods of treatment, both medical and alternative are expounded upon. It is a great support text for anyone that has any of these diseases or has family members with the disease to have. It can really help them to not only understand what exactly the individual is going through, but also help them to know what they can do to help or when they would need to be the most supportive. Leukemia and Hodgkin's Lymphoma are not diseases that cannot be ignored so it is best to be prepared to deal with it.

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## Customer Reviews

I was asked to review this book in exchange for a free copy. Unfortunately for the author, after

finishing the book, I do not have a lot of positive things to say about it. As a current lymphoma patient, and as a person whose cousin is currently being treated for myeloid leukemia, I am well-qualified to comment on this book. And trust me when I tell you it's not that good. There is much better information available from any number of publicly-available web sites. This book reads a lot like a high school science report. It gives some accurate information, but it is so over-broad and poorly-written that it ends up being almost useless. In this book, the author attempts to give overviews of the diagnosis and treatment of two specific categories of blood cancer. However, the presentation is poor. The author really doesn't seem to like commas. This sounds like a silly complaint, but it makes it so hard to read. I kept having to re-read sentences to try and figure out what the author meant. And, aside from the lack of commas, the grammar in general is awful. I'm no saint when it comes to grammar, and I'm sure you can pull any number of errors out of this review, but I'm not trying to sell you something. In this book, tenses don't match up, words are used repetitively, run-on sentences abound, and awkward phrases are spread liberally throughout. Well-known names are weirdly misspelled. "Epstein-Bar" is the one that comes to mind. I could go on, but to sum it up, the author desperately needs an editor. I guess I could forgive the grammar if the contents of the book were worth reading. But they really aren't. The information is far too basic. Symptoms are presented as definite signs of cancer, when every other serious guide makes it clear that the symptoms of blood cancers are shared with many other diseases, and the symptoms are almost always something other than cancer. And other "facts" the author states are just plain wrong. Here are some specific examples:- In chapter one, the author claims one can prevent myeloid leukemia by wearing protective gear when working around radiation. This is obviously not true as, several chapters later, the author admits the causes of blood cancers are not known.- In chapter two, the author claims non-Hodgkins lymphoma is the more common of the two categories of lymphoma, while in chapter three, she states that Hodgkins is the more common variant.- The questions in chapter four are not related to cancer. There are so many important and relevant questions that she could have listed, but this reads as if it was copied off a pamphlet sent out by the AARP.- The one treatment pretty much everyone experiences, chemotherapy, is almost completely skipped in favor of a detailed explanation of stem cell transplants, which almost no blood cancer patients receive. The stem cell transplant section is by far the most detailed part of the entire book, and I'm not sure why.- Hair transplants are suggested as a treatment for chemotherapy hair loss. WHAT?!? Overall, I can't think of any person that would benefit from reading this book. It doesn't give any information that a person who was just diagnosed would find useful - in fact, it would unnecessarily scare the pants off them. It doesn't mention major parts of the diagnosis process

such as bone marrow biopsies, or give any good tips about how to cope with the main treatments. It doesn't contain information for people who have relapsed. It won't ease the minds of any family members who want to know more about their loved one's disease. And anyone trying to do a school project would be far better off reading pamphlets put out by major hospitals and cancer treatment centers. So, while I hate to give bad reviews, I can't see giving any more than two stars for this.

Although not easy to understand completely, cancer disease is very present on almost everyday situation, almost everybody knows someone or has a relative who is suffering from any type of cancer disease. My husband did and he survived after several years, although his recovery is out the of the regular medicine books and prognosis, he is surviving every day like most of us do, as just being healthy means that you are surviving from that terrible disease. This is a great book written by author Melinda Baxter with the sole intention to provide helpful and informative material for anyone who has little or no idea about this type of blood cancer. Acute Myeloid Leukemia, also known as AML, is a very aggressive cancer which attacks the non-lymphocyte white blood cells. This disease also has sub-category classifications like acute promyelocytic leukemia, acute myeloblastic leukemia, acute monocytic leukemia, erythroleukemia and acute megakaryoblastic leukemia. Basically, cancerous blood cells fail to mature into normal blood elements and spread into the marrow of the bone, replacing the marrow's natural components. This immaturity of these white blood cells makes them impossible to function properly resulting in the patient's inability to prevent infections or even fight them. There are a decreased number of normal red blood cells, normal white blood cells and normal platelets, leading to symptoms of anemia, infection and consistent bleeding. Following, the author describes shortly concept about Hodgkin's Lymphoma which is a slow spreading cancerous disease originating from white blood cells, initially develop in the lymphatic tissues of the body and then spreading from one lymph node to the other. These lymphatic nodes are directly related to our immune system. Small nodes are the ones usually affected, like the ones located underarms region, neck, groin, within the chest, abdomen and pelvis. Symptoms for both types of blood cancer will be mentioned shortly on this book, subtypes of these diseases and risk factors will also be included as on chapter three. Treatment, testing and diagnosis are mentioned on this book with several up-to-day procedures, including alternative procedure, for that matter. Finally, on this book you may read about Chemotherapy, its benefits and side effects. Living healthy and surviving cancer is in reference on the final pages, on which important advice is given.

At the end of 2015, my younger sister was diagnosed with Lymphoma. As you can guess, this sent my family into a spiral of worry, confusion, and stress. Our first question was, "what is it?" that one question was followed by hundreds of other questions, and we set out to find the answers to those questions. WebMD and google searches were our first places of research, providing some vague and general information. I was fortunate to come across this kindle book: *Surviving Leukemia and Hodgkin's Lymphoma: An Overview Of Effective Treatment Methods* by Melinda Baxter. Not only did it provide the answers to our "What-If" questions, but also gave us some ideas of possible next steps for our family. This is a very informative and positive book, and we are happy to have it!

Disclaimer: I received this product at a promotional price for reviewing purposes. Even though I received this item at a discounted rate, this is truly my honest opinion of the product, after trying it for myself.

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