

Again

Surviving Cancer Twice with Love and Lists

CHRISTINE SHIELDS CORRIGAN

DESCRIPTION

A breast cancer diagnosis at forty-nine forces Christine Shields Corrigan, a wife, mom, and meticulous list-maker, to confront her deepest fears of illness, death, and loss of control as she struggles to face cancer again. From the discovery of a “junk” cyst, to chemotherapy and surgery, sleepless nights filled with rosaries and “what ifs,” and shifting family dynamics, her adult experience mirrors her teen bout with Hodgkin’s lymphoma, with one exception—she no longer has parents keeping her in the dark.

With the ghosts of cancer past hovering around her, Chris falls into the same overprotective traps her taciturn Irish-Catholic parents created, striving to keep her family’s life “normal,” when it is anything but, and soldiering through on her own, until a neighbor’s unexpected advice and gift move her to accept others’ help. With fierce honesty, poignant reflection, and good humor, Chris shares a journey filled with sorrow, grace, forgiveness, and resilience, as she wends her way through cancer for the second time. *Again* offers practical guidance and hope to individuals that they have the strength to forge a path beyond a diagnosis.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- More than 1.7 million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in the U.S. this year.
- *Again’s* down-to-earth account of Corrigan’s experiences will resonate with anyone who suffers illness and must learn to navigate and survive in a world vastly changed after diagnosis and treatment.
- Provides practical, experiential guidance that may support others confronting cancer or facing similar life challenges.

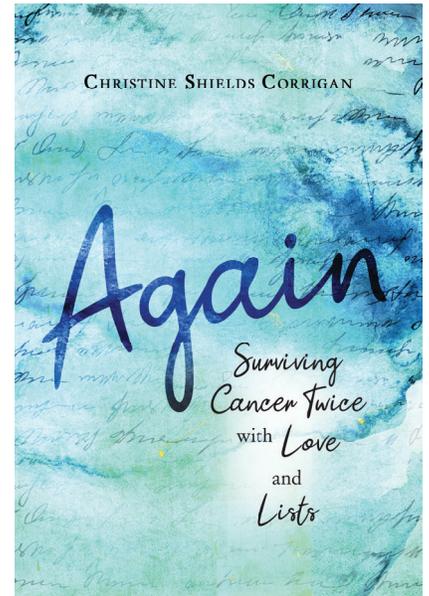
MARKETING

- The author will tap into her existing networks of cancer support groups, influencers, alumni networks, and literary communities to promote *Again*. The author is at a point in her life where she can travel and give her full attention to the promotion of *Again*.
- The author plans to send out a periodic e-newsletter through her branded website.
- The author has a publicist to reach a larger audience and national outlets.
- The author has established commitments to New Jersey community business and organizations to promote her book.
- The author has a strong social media presence to already promote her book including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.
- The author will hold traditional book signings at independent bookstores and local branches.

AUTHOR BIO

Christine Shields Corrigan, a two-time cancer survivor, wife, and mom, gives voice to the beautiful ordinary in her lyrical and practical essays. Her work about family, illness, writing, and resilient survivorship has appeared in *The Brevity Blog*, *Dreamer’s Creative Writing and Anthology*, *Grown & Flown*, *The Potato Soup Journal and Anthology*, *Purple Clover*, *Ravishly.com*, *Wildfire Magazine*, and the *Writer’s Circle 2 Anthology*. Corrigan’s essay about how her cancer experiences helped her cope with the COVID-19 pandemic is included in *(Her)orics: Women’s Lived Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic*.

A graduate of Manhattan College and Fordham University School of Law, Chris teaches creative nonfiction writing for an adult education program, provides writing workshops for cancer support groups, and serves on the programming committee of the Morristown Festival of Books. She lives in Somerset County, New Jersey, with her family and devoted Cavalier King Charles spaniel.



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- Memoir/self-help readers
- Medical professionals
- Physicians, nurses, and other health professionals

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