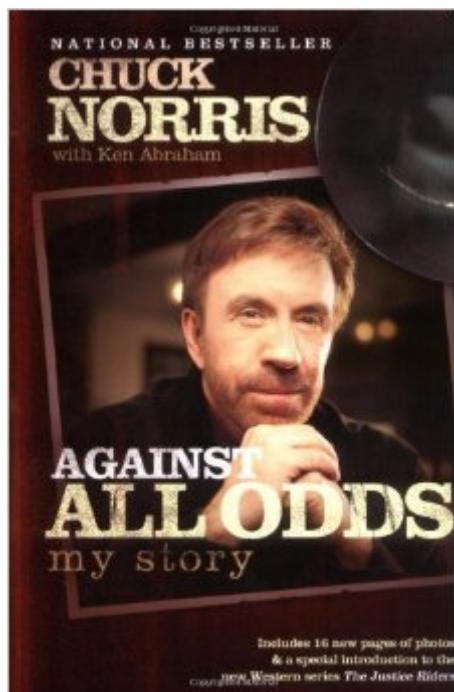


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# Against All Odds: My Story



## Synopsis

A New York Times best seller. Millions of people worldwide know Chuck Norris as the star of more than twenty motion pictures, a martial arts expert, and the only man in the Western Hemisphere to hold an eighth degree Black Belt Grand Master in Tae Kwon Do. Countless others see him daily in syndicated reruns as the hero of the longest running CBS series to date, *Walker, Texas Ranger*. What many don't know is that Chuck Norris is a sincere Christian "a man whose faith plays a role in everything he does. *Against All Odds* is the inspirational story of how Norris overcame abject poverty from childhood, the effects of his father's alcoholism and desertion of the family, and his own shyness and lack of strength and ability early in his life. Norris writes candidly about the past and gives God full credit for where he is today.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed Chuck Norris's action movies when I was growing up in the 80s. They were a pretty good diversion for a teenager intrigued by the martial arts and longing for adventure. But eventually my interests turned elsewhere. Twenty years later, I've been reading books by and about various martial artists. So when I saw "Against All Odds" at a Christian bookstore, I was intrigued. I had no idea that Chuck Norris was a God-fearing kind of guy, so I had to find out more about him. "Against All Odds" is a Christian-themed autobiography (written with Ken Abraham) that covers Mr. Norris's life from a difficult childhood to his present day success as a martial artist, actor, and businessman. It's an easy and interesting read (although there are way too many exclamation points). However, I

ended up reading his other two books first. They augmented this book and gave me a more comprehensive perspective on Mr. Norris's life journey. "The Secret Power Within" is a 1996 self-help book advocating a Zen-based approach to living. It contains several anecdotes from Mr. Norris's life illustrating the benefits of the Zen philosophy. It's somewhat similar to Joe Hyams's classic book "Zen and the Martial Arts." The second book is Mr. Norris's prior autobiography "The Secret of Inner Strength," written in 1988 with Joe Hyams. The philosophical focus of "The Secret of Inner Strength" is more cognitive, based on achieving goals using positive thinking and visualization. Each chapter ends with a couple of bullet-point principles for the reader's personal application. In light of this newest book, I found it intriguing that a relationship with God was not a major theme in either of Mr. Norris's previous works. My curiosity stoked, I dove into "Against All Odds" to see how Mr.

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