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Whether we're blind or not, our vision is limited by our past experiences, biases, and emotions. Lidsky shows us how we can overcome paralyzing fears, avoid falling prey to our own assumptions and faulty leaps of logic, silence our inner critic, harness our strength, and live with open hearts and minds. In sharing his hard-won insights, Lidsky shows us how we too can confront life's trials with initiative, humor, and grace.

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"Moving and empowering."

—**Susan Cain, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Quiet***

"Throughout his entire life, Isaac has proven time and time again that anything is possible, no matter the circumstance. His story is one of true strength, perseverance, and hope—one that we can all learn something from. Isaac's journey will encourage many to think with limitless boundaries and go after their dreams, no matter how big."

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"In the face of great challenges, Isaac Lidsky has repeatedly chosen to take responsibility for his life and his happiness. In *Eyes Wide Open*, he teaches us how, inspiring us to envision and create the lives we want for ourselves. His insights are practical and powerful, pure and profound."

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"Without sight to guide him, Isaac Lidsky gives us a book of extraordinary vision about how to make best use of our talents. Read, savor, and grow!"

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About the Author

Isaac Lidsky "may possess the most eclectic resume in entrepreneurship" according to *Inc. Magazine*. He played series regular "Weasel" on *Saved by the Bell: The New Class*; graduated from Harvard College at age nineteen with a degree in mathematics and computer science; graduated from Harvard Law School magna cum laude; served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg; argued more than a dozen appeals in federal court on behalf of the United States and never lost a case; started a tech company that sold for \$230 million; transformed a struggling \$15 million concrete subcontractor into an industry-leading \$150 million construction services company in five years; and founded Hope for Vision, a nonprofit organization that funds the development of treatments and cures for blinding diseases. Lidsky was born with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a rare degenerative disease of the retina that caused him to gradually lose his sight. Lidsky lives in Windermere, Florida with his wife, Dorothy; their triplets, Lily Louise, Phineas, and Thaddeus; and baby Clementine.

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