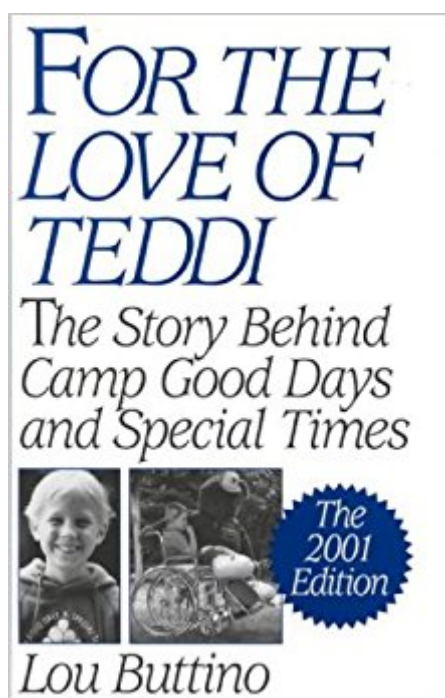


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# For The Love Of Teddi: The Story Behind Camp Good Days And Special Times The 2001 Edition



## Synopsis

Teddi Mervis lost her fight with cancer when she was 12 years old. Beginning with the diagnosis of her brain tumor, the story tells of her three-year battle for life--a struggle she eventually lost. Although Teddi passed away, her memory inspired those who had helped her to deal with her suffering to band together to aid other children who are facing cancer. These people and thousands of others inspired by Teddi's story--from construction workers to college students to bank presidents--helped form an organization whose primary purpose is to make the lives of children as happy and rewarding as possible. The organization, Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc., has become one of the largest and most successful organizations of its kind in the world. It is credited with breaking down the barriers for children with cancer and creating pioneering new programs. The 2001 Edition carries the story forward from 1990 with new photographs and an afterword. This book serves to teach and guide those who must cope with the devastating ordeal of childhood cancer.

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In recounting the story of Teddi Mervis, who died at age 12 in 1982 from a brain tumor, Buttino, professor at St. John Fisher College in New York State, takes the reader on a three-year journey through many lives. We share the fierce love of Teddi's mother and father, parents of two other children, as they battle the inevitable. The family circle widens in the search for a cure, and then for accommodations for their dying child. This led to the establishment of Camp Good Days and Special Times in upstate New York, begun by Teddi's parents, friends and medical support

personnel to provide a place where cancer-ridden children might experience an enjoyable normalcy in their brief lives. Teddi's story will offer strength and inspiration to others undergoing the devastating ordeal of childhood cancer. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This is a very touching story of a child who has bravely fought a malignant brain tumor-she passed away, but her story goes on! Children like Teddi are heroic and really set out to prove that in spite of the gravity of the illness the child has, that particular child shows determination to do whatever they can for themselves! That is the main reason for reading about books like this! Dawn E. Lowenstein

Do not pick up this book if you are not prepared to weep...and be inspired as well. One cannot help but be moved by the story of a young girl (Teddi) who faces cancer with the strength and dignity rarely seen in adults--much less children. This book is wonderfully written and I was left wondering how I could feel so sad for the plight of this girl and so inspired at the same time. A must read.

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