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I enjoyed this memoir and appreciated the jumping back and forth in time to tell his life story. Kevin Kling is inspiring in what he has accomplished and how he has moved on beyond his disabilities. The stories were at time brutally honest and yet gentle in tone and he had me laughing often and deeply touched from time to time as well.

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