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The Purple Butterfly: Diary Of A Thyroid Cancer Patient



Synopsis

'The Purple Butterfly' comes a year in the life of a thyroid cancer patient. Restrained and sparsely written, it gives the reader a deep insight into the mind of someone who is balancing on the edge of hysteria, yet still feels an obligation to 'put on a brave face'. A 'must-read' for anyone supporting a friend or relative through a serious illness - this book tells you what he or she never will. The volume also contains 'Flying with the Purple Butterfly', which is a manual for those about to undergo radioactive iodine treatment. Based on personal experience, this is the first time this information has been published in the UK. Background: 'The Purple Butterfly' is not a work of fiction. It is the real diary kept by Susan from March 2003 to February 2004, and charts her personal thoughts and feelings from before diagnosis, through four operations, and two bouts of intensive radio-iodine treatment. Although the book ends on a positive note, it was not until two years later that Susan's blood results fell within normal limits. She is now able to look with optimism towards the future.

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I read this journal during the 3 weeks between my biopsy and my total thyroidectomy. I must say it was in my hand when I had a spare minute. I educated myself to the point of the extreme and joined an online support group on facebook: "Light of Life Thyroid Survivors" Even with all of that, it was this book that helped me the most during my pre-op period. I highly recommend it for patients and their support system.

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