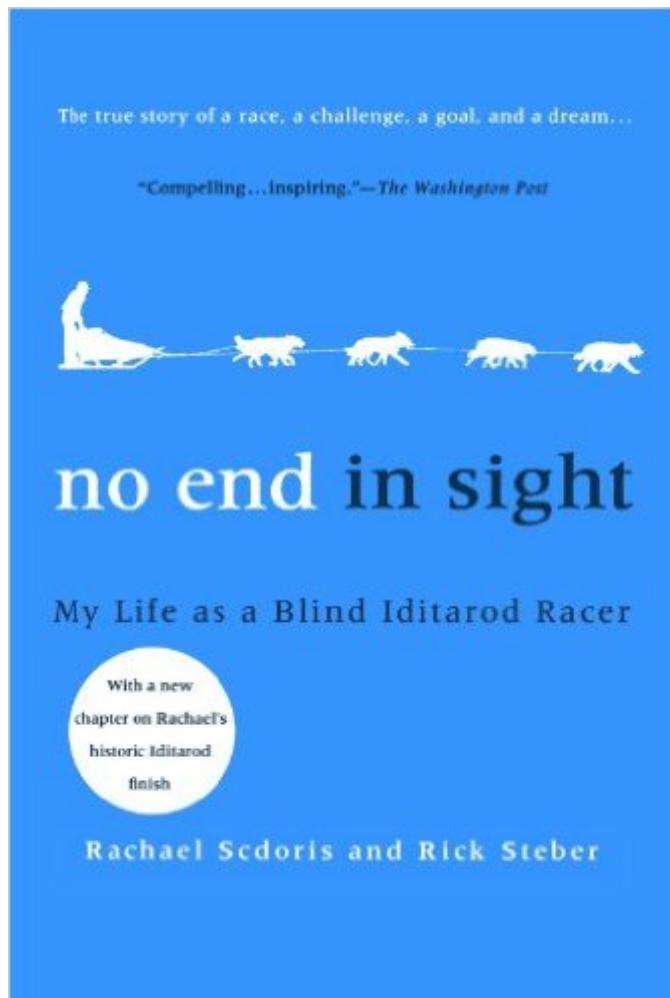


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No End In Sight: My Life As A Blind Iditarod Racer



Synopsis

No End In Sight is the first-person story of a young sled dog racer who had to overcome an incredible obstacle to compete. Born legally blind, Rachael grew up amid the taunts of classmates who made fun of her until her innate athletic talent gave her an arena in which to shine. Rachael was the youngest athlete ever to compete in a 500-mile sled dog race, but her dream goal was to participate in the sport's top competition: the Iditarod Trail International Sled Dog Race across the wilderness of Alaska. She faced stiff opposition from the organizers of the race because of her disability, but she never gave up and finally was allowed to compete with the help of a visual interpreter. No End In Sight is a story of athleticism and the grace that comes from working with animals. It is also a stirring memoir about how an unwavering inner compass can propel anyone to achieve even seemingly insurmountable goals.

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I don't know much about dog racing, but this story had me mildly interested all the way through, and I learned a lot, not only about the sport, but about blind people and how one girl's courage catapulted her into a 500 mile, grueling endurance race across the wildest parts of a wild countryside. Rachel speaks candidly about how, when she was young, she wanted to be part of the clique of "popular girls" who ruled the roost at school, and how these uncaring girls mocked her and humiliated her for even trying. She didn't like being treated as some sort of second class and in a way, you can see the whole of her subsequent career as a sort of insolent salute to the girls who made her life hell. Her family was supportive, up to a point. But the challenge of the Iditarod Trail

frightens even the most dedicated guides. And some unimaginative, if concerned, fellow sledders told her she was crazy, being blind to attempt such a physical feat. For even strong men with both eyes sometimes went mad along the trail. The ITC wasn't helpful, and she had to appeal to them in person. What would she do if she had to go to the bathroom, for example? Rachel answers these questions with the frank good humor for which she has been known all over the world of sled racing. One indication of the deeper pain involved is that, usually, Rachel cries sometime during a race. But finally she's at a point where she's having fun and it shows not only in her work, but in the pages of this delightful book. My brother who gave me NO END IN SIGHT knows of my love for the books of David Sedaris, and he thought that Rachel might be some relation!

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