

Blessed by the Best: My Journey to Canton and Beyond *FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

HALL OF FAME SAFETY BRIAN DAWKINS GETS CANDID IN NEW MEMOIR The Obstacles that Propelled Him, the People Who Inspired Him and the Light That Guides Him.

Like the Phoenix rising from the ashes, Brian Dawkins' life story is one of constant renewal and rebirth. Often the underdog and challenged by mental health struggles early in his career, Dawkins used every ounce of his mental and physical strength to become one of the most feared competitors in the NFL and an exclusive member of the NFL Hall of Fame.

He could have easily been pulled down the wrong path, but the guiding presence of his family, friends and faith served as a constant beacon of light in the darkness. Coaches became mentors who pushed him beyond his limits and the naysayers emerged as a driving force in his life and career - "Haters are my elevators!"

This book is about adapting, overcoming and conquering the challenges life throws at you by looking at pain and discomfort from a more enlightened perspective. It will leave you inspired and motivated to perform at the highest level possible, whether that's on the field or away from it.

The book will also support Brian's mission to provide resources and inspiration to help young people on the path to positive futures and to give back to the communities that supported his journey. 50% of the net proceeds received by Brian from book sales will be pledged to the **Brian Dawkins Impact Foundation** to help support mental wellness, financial literacy and family assistance programs.

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