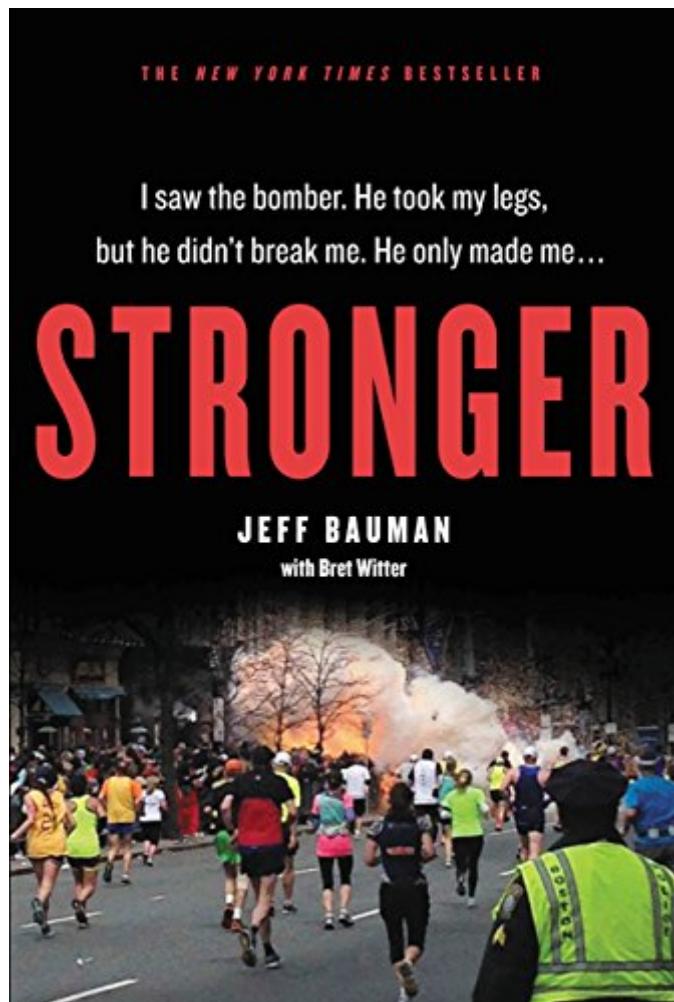


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# Stronger



## Synopsis

When Jeff Bauman woke up on Tuesday, April 16th, 2013 in the Boston Medical Center, groggy from a series of lifesaving surgeries and missing his legs, the first thing he did was try to speak. When he realized he couldn't, he asked for a pad and paper and wrote down seven words: "Saw the guy. Looked right at me," setting off one of the biggest manhunts in the country's history. Just thirty hours before, Jeff had been at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon cheering on his girlfriend, Erin, when the first bomb went off at his feet. As he was rushed to the hospital, he realized he was severely injured and that he might die, but he didn't know that a photograph of him in a wheelchair was circulating throughout the world, making him the human face of the Boston Marathon bombing victims, or that what he'd seen would give the Boston police their most important breakthrough. Up until the marathon, Jeff had been a normal 27-year-old guy, looking forward to moving in with Erin and starting the next phase of their lives together. But when his life was turned upside down in ways he could never have fathomed, Jeff did not give up. Instead he faced his new circumstances with grace, humor, and a sense of purpose: he was determined, no matter what, to walk again. In **STRONGER**, Jeff describes the chaos and terror of the bombing itself and the ongoing FBI investigation in which he was a key witness. He takes us inside his grueling rehabilitation, and discusses his attempt to reconcile the world's admiration with his own guilt and frustration. And he tells of the courage of his fellow survivors. Brave, compassionate, and emotionally compelling, Jeff Bauman's story is not just his, but ours as well. It proves that the terrorists accomplished nothing with their act of cowardice and shows the entire world what Boston Strong really means.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the amazing story behind "that picture" that we all saw on that awful day of the young man with his legs blown off by a bomb. I have no connection to the Boston Marathon or even to Boston, but like millions of others, i'm sure, i was heartbroken by the event and captivated particularly by Jeff and the hero Carlos who saved his life. (The story of Carlos is also heartbreaking). This book is written in a charming, easy style. You feel you know Jeff while reading this. I'm writing this review on the off chance that he himself will read his reviews here on . He is struggling to understand why everyone thinks he is a "hero". I have often thought about why we make heroes out of victims of violence and terrorism, in particular. While reading his book, it came to me. They are heroes because the bombers are targeting all of us. He could have been my son, or husband. Any of them could have been our friends, wives or children. Any of us could have been these victims. Jeff represents the thousands or millions of people who could have been in his place instead. He and the other injured and dead took the brunt of the assault. He represents us all. He and the others suffered in our place, that makes him a hero. This is a book that gave me goose bumps, made me laugh, made me cry and left me feeling in awe.

What a great book. Jeff is your average person..who lived an average life. His story about his life before, after and AT The Boston Marathon will send chills down your spine. What an amazing person, with an amazing personality and an incredible ability to tell his story. He's very humble.. doesn't like to take credit for being a hero, but he is! He was the ONLY ONE that stared the bomber down and thought there was something off about him. He saw the backpack, he was about to move to another spot to view the marathon but then the unthinkable happened. One of the best books I have ever read. Boston is Bauman Strong!

If you read only one book by a survivor of the Boston Marathon Bombing, make it this book. It is rare that I cannot 'put a book down", but you will find yourself riveted to this story. I cannot recommend it highly enough. The writing style is such that you truly feel as if you are conversing with Jeff yourself. His description of the day of the bombing and the life-altering challenges he faced as a result of his

injuries, and still faces today, will leave you forever impacted by his story. He credits the heroes, his family, friends and countless supporters and well-wishers who did not even know him prior to this tragedy as instrumental in his recovery. His extreme courage and relentless determination to face the pain and struggles to recover are things I will never forget.

Would like to give this 4.5 stars; wish that gave the option. Being from the Boston area, I always wanted to learn more about Jeff's experience after following his story on the news and on the internet. I started and almost finished the book on a flight from Boston to New Orleans (needed one night in the hotel to finish) and couldn't put it down. Really interesting to learn about what rehab entails for an amputee, and all the challenges that would never occur to an outsider like me. Just amazing. I teared up at a few spots. Hope more people read this book as a lesson about human endurance. We all have a lot to learn from this guy and from the others who were senselessly injured- physically and emotionally- from the marathon bombing last year. Jeff does not portray himself as an angel, nor as a superhero whose progression moved steadily upwards. To me, this makes him all the more real- and it's another reason why he represents the best of our great city. Reading this story makes me proud to call myself a Bostonian. All the best to Bauman, who is now indeed Stronger.

I am so glad I read this e-book! I loved it so much, I plan to buy the hard cover so I can share it with people. Mr. Bauman's story was so moving and was written straight from his heart, I hope he keeps writing now that he has found his "voice"! It would be a shame to waste your talent as a writer. I really admire his strength and was reminded of a saying to the effect that heroes can often be found in every day people, and I really do believe that Jeff Bauman is a hero in every sense of the word! Thanks for writing, I couldn't put this down once I started....take care & xxx

I bought the book for my husband and he was disappointed in the book, felt like Jeff was unappreciative for everything that was done for him. (My husband is quadriplegic so he sees it through a different set of eyes)

I couldn't put this book down. I bought it on 11:00AM on a Thursday and was done by 12:00 the next day. Jeff is an inspiration and true hero to all who experience traumatic and life changing events. His courage, fortitude and bravery is clear once you have read this book. A moment on the news, a brief article in a magazine ....often we never know the 'behind the scenes' of what happens

to those who are caught in life changing history. The trials and triumphs...its all here. This book is an absolute must read.

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