

## 'A Second Chance': Author shares story of recovery after near-fatal accident

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Author Russ Scannavino shares the inspirational story of his plummet from success and his eventual rise to overcome seemingly impossible odds in his new book, "A Second Chance" (now available through AuthorHouse).

At 23 years old, Scannavino began working part-time at a convenience store chain. Naturally inclined to management, he rose through the ranks to become manager of the store quickly. Scannavino was the best of the best. Consistently honored for the appearance of his store and his performance as a manager throughout his two years of service, Scannavino loved his job and looked ahead to a continually successful career in his field.

He could not have foreseen the turn of events that would take place. On the way home from an outing with his girlfriend, Scannavino's car was struck on the driver's side by a reckless driver. After a 12-day coma, he awoke to find that the trauma to the left side of his brain had left the entire right side of his body paralyzed. Faced with the difficult task of relearning simple tasks such as walking, talking and relating to people, Scannavino used the skills he acquired in his management career to rebuild his basic skills for life.

As he recuperated, Scannavino was soon hit with another obstacle. He attempted to return to the job that he loved too soon, and was promptly fired. The challenges seemed almost unbearable. "[I] felt like [I] was on top of the world before [the] accident, and no one could knock [me] down, only to have [the] accident, which was not [my] fault, knock [me] down. [I] felt like [I] would never get up again," he says.

Through perseverance and the support of a woman he met as he struggled to recover, Scannavino found the strength to make a full recovery. He shares his story in the hopes that it will encourage others to persist through trying times. "I went beyond these obstacles and many others to get to where I am today," he says. "I'm going to tell you how I did it, and maybe you will be able to overcome the obstacles that you are confronted with, whatever they may be, if you read this book."

After his recovery, Scannavino struggled to find a career that suited him. He spent two years job-hopping before obtaining a position with the U.S. Postal Service. He married the woman he met during his recovery

process. Together, they have a daughter and a son. In addition to his job with the U.S.P.S., they run three profitable home-based businesses. "A Second Chance" is his first book. More information is available at <http://www.rscannavino.com/>.

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