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Rise Up

Life isn't a paved road. It has trials and bumps, and ups and downs. Along the way, though, we meet extraordinary people that can help smooth the path that we're headed down. But sometimes, if you're lucky, you'll find that one person that changes the way you think about something. That one person that makes you believe you can do anything. That one person helped me become a writer.

As a writer I see the world differently than most people. Not how it is, but how it could be. My favorite thing is to sit down and let my creativity run free. But then came the day that I wrote the first sentence of my first book. I started creating characters and plots, but my enthusiasm for the book started to drift as self-doubt crept in. Would my book get published and be good enough? That's when I met a girl named Taylor Lee. I proposed this book idea to her and she just absolutely loved it. Her encouragement brought my confidence back. Taylor taught me to believe in myself, and from that day on I have.

Life is a race. Sometimes you are fast and sometimes you run out of breath, but no matter how hard it is you never quit. Sometimes it's hard not to quit, because we have all heard it is easier. However, when I am tempted, I think about my characters, and the promise that I made to them with the first sentence of my first book. I promised with that sentence that I would make them a story that isn't to be forgotten. Though they are fictional they help me realize that there is no such thing as failure except for quitting. This is why I took up the challenge of never quitting, and as long as I hold true to that, I'll always succeed.

Through my experience and challenge of writing my first book, I've learned that life is hard and unexpected, but I've also learned that no matter what happens friends and family are always there to help. They've helped me see that I can always rise up as long as I never quit and believe in myself.

