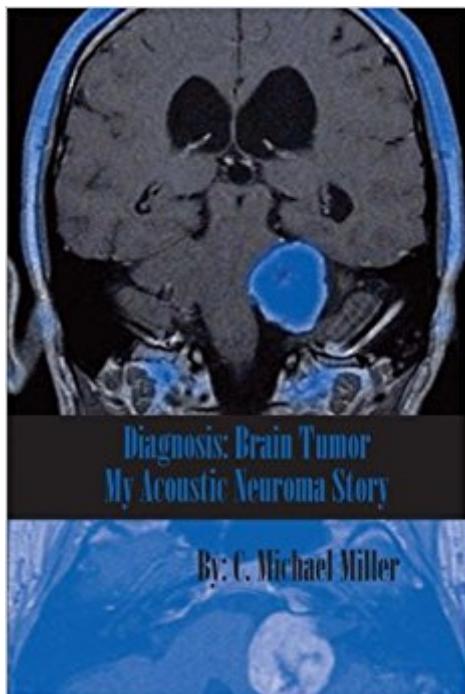


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# Diagnosis: Brain Tumor: My Acoustic Neuroma Story



## Synopsis

Since I wasn't allowed to move my head or upper body at all, I was watching my toes wiggle a little dance in my sneakers while I sang, in my head, the song that the Typewriter Guy used to sing on Sesame Street. Nooooney, Noooney, Nooney, Noo... T. Toes. I chuckled a little. I was in the middle of getting a cranial MRI scan and was watching my toes do their little dance in my sneakers in the angled mirror that I think was supposed to make me feel less claustrophobic. I just thought it was handy for keeping an eye on my toes while they wiggled and danced to the song I sang in my head. I'm guessing that's not what the company who designed the MRI machine really had in mind, but I wasn't worried about it. A sudden movement in the smoked glass window beyond my feet caught my eye. The silhouette in the control room was pointing and gesturing at something. There were quickly other shadows that came over to gather around and see what had attracted the first silhouette's attention. My song faded off into nothing and my toes stopped dancing as the profile of a man wearing a tie came into view and started pointing and gesturing as well. This can't be good, I thought. Pointing and gesturing during medical tests like an MRI is generally bad, even if it's just pointing done by silhouettes and shadows. Little did I know what the future held in store for me.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book. My sister was diagnosed with the same type of brain tumor and asked me to read this book which I did. Then I explained it to her and it helped me understand what she will be going through. It takes about 20% to read before the story becomes fast paced. I highly recommend to anyone wanting to understand the journey of someone with this type of brain tumor. The author

keeps it real and he's entertaining while giving good information of his needs, expectations, and process. Great help to me in helping my sister.

After being diagnosed with an Acoustic Neuroma, I wanted answers. I needed to know what to expect, the reality of it, and as much accurate information as possible. C. Michael Miller did an awesome job recreating his own experience in this book. Reading his book really opened my eyes to the importance of recovery and an awesome support system. This is a great read if you or someone you care about has or knows someone who has an Acoustic Neuroma.

I found the story of his journey to be well written and engaging. It was of special interest to me as acoustic neuroma is a possibility in my life. I would say anyone facing a "scary" diagnosis should give it a read. The author very ably tells us that we need to advocate for our selves when able and have others do so for us when we cannot. The story provides perspectives that we might not otherwise consider when it comes to our health. Thank you C. Michael Miller for being brave enough to share your story.

Loved his dry sense of humor and totally appreciated how the author/survivor came back to tell us the reality of how hard this whole thing is. Just the right amount of wit and raw honesty. I am inspired to "pick a goal" for myself again for after my surgery. Definitely recommend to those facing acoustic neuroma and their loved ones. Thank you for sharing your story!

This is a great read, and an interesting first-person account of dealing with an Acoustic Neuroma. It is a well written account of the facts of diagnosis and treatment as well as insight into how it feels to find out you have a tumor in your brain, that you need surgery, and recovery. A must read for anyone who is facing Acoustic Neuroma, or has a loved one suffering from it.

Amazing story of a man and his journey through diagnosis, surgery and recovery. Recommended for anyone going through or knows someone going through the same process with AN.

Very informative book. I purchased it because I also had an acoustic neuroma and I wanted to know how others coped with the before and after surgery and recovery.

The author gives us a candid, personal look into a world most of us will, hopefully, never

experience. A young man in his prime goes to the doctor for a stuffy ear and winds up undergoing a horrendous, complex brain surgery for a tumor that, left unchecked, most likely would have killed him. Miller's powerful account chronicles his shock at his original diagnosis, his fight through a rocky recovery and his success at ultimately living with permanent hearing loss and learning to cope with and ultimately embrace his "new normal." And it also recounts the impact his illness had on his wife and close friends, and how their love and support helped him deal with his diagnosis, surgery, convalescence and his quest to rebuild his life and health. Miller recounts his experiences with candor, humor and a healthy dash of self-deprecation. Beyond being a simple tale of a man's journey back from the brink, it gives the reader a road map for compassion--insights into the small things we can do for ailing friends, family members and even total strangers that can mean so much as they cope with serious, life-changing events. Miller's tale is well-written and insightful. It is a "walk a mile in my shoes" story that has much to teach us all.

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