

# Ava Man: The Heartbreaking and Inspiring Story of a Life Well-Lived

In the small Appalachian town of Piedmont, Alabama, there lived a woman named Ava Man. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was also a devout Christian and a pillar of her community. But Ava Man's life was not without its challenges. She faced poverty, illness, and the death of loved ones. Yet through it all, she never lost her faith or her love for life.

Rick Bragg's *Ava Man* is a heartbreaking and inspiring story of a life well-lived. Bragg, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author, paints a vivid portrait of Ava Man, a woman who faced adversity with courage and grace. Bragg's lyrical prose and storytelling skills bring Ava Man to life, and readers will find themselves rooting for her every step of the way.



## Ava's Man by Rick Bragg

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Ava Man was born in 1926, the daughter of a sharecropper and a millworker. She grew up in poverty, and her family often struggled to make

ends meet. But Ava Man never let her circumstances define her. She was a bright and curious child, and she loved to learn. She attended school in a one-room schoolhouse, and she was always at the top of her class.

After graduating from high school, Ava Man married her childhood sweetheart, Bill Man. They had two children, a son and a daughter. Ava Man and her family lived in a small house in Piedmont, and she worked as a waitress at a local restaurant. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother, and she always put her family first.

In 1965, Ava Man's life was turned upside down when her husband was killed in a car accident. Ava Man was devastated by her husband's death, but she knew she had to be strong for her children. She continued to work as a waitress, and she raised her children on her own. Ava Man's faith in God helped her through this difficult time, and she never lost her belief that everything happens for a reason.

In 1972, Ava Man met a man named Jim Gilbreath. Jim was a widower with two children. They fell in love and got married. Ava Man and Jim had a happy and fulfilling life together. They enjoyed spending time with their children and grandchildren, and they were active in their church.

In 2007, Ava Man was diagnosed with cancer. She fought the disease bravely, but she passed away in 2009. Ava Man was 82 years old. She was surrounded by her family and friends when she died, and she left a legacy of love and kindness that will never be forgotten.

*Ava Man* is a beautiful and moving tribute to a life well-lived. Rick Bragg has written a story of love, loss, grief, and courage that will stay with

readers long after they finish reading it. *Ava Man* is a woman who faced adversity with grace and dignity, and her story is an inspiration to us all.

### **Praise for *Ava Man***

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"*Ava Man* is a must-read for anyone who has ever faced adversity. *Ava Man*'s story is an inspiration to us all, and it will remind you that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope." — *The Huffington Post*

### **About the Author**

Rick Bragg is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author. He has written six books, including *Ava Man*, *All Over but the Shoutin'*, and *The Prince of Frogtown*. Bragg's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Sports Illustrated*. He lives in Alabama with his wife, Paula.

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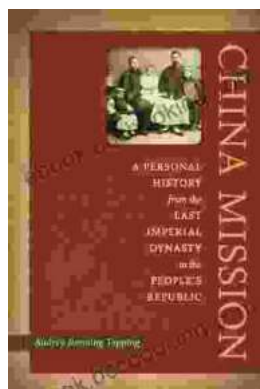
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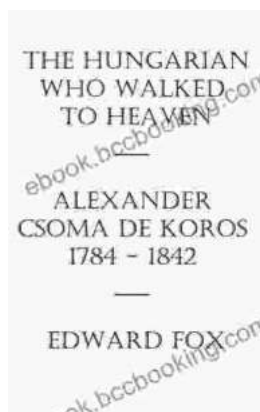


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